Ravensworth Farm Civic Association Board Meeting Final Minutes

September 3, 2008 – 7:30pm

Attendees

Laura Asiello Steve Beste *Katherine Craig* Ruth Hartman Jim Hickey Luis Londono Kathleen Powers Brent Reynolds Dick Sargent

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Introduction

The September board meeting of the association was held at Ravensworth Elementary School. B. Reynolds called the meeting to order. It was decided that the April 30, 2008 Board Meeting minutes and May 22, 2008 Membership Meeting minutes would be reviewed for approval at the next Board Meeting in October.

Green Committee

J. Hickey provided an update for the Green Committee. Hans Jensen is still looking for additional homes to evaluate energy efficiency and provide suggestions on where savings can be attained. H. Jensen charges \$35 per household for this service.

The Green Committee, in conjunction with the surrounding neighborhoods, will be performing another Braddock Road cleanup in November. Most likely, many signs will need to be collected from the road after the presidential elections.

The Park Authority is considering de-staffing many of the lake front parks, including Lake Accotink. This would mean there would be no activities at Lake Accotink, and illegal activities might become prevalent at our neighborhood park. J. Hickey will draft a letter to Fairfax County informing them that Ravensworth Farms is in support of continued staffing at Lake Accotink. K. Powers will include an article in the Farmer about the Park Authority's proposal to de-staff the lake front parks, including the dates for the public meetings on this subject.

General Election

R. Hartman discussed the up-coming Presidential Elections.

The Farmer

K. Powers reviewed the first page of the Farmer to ensure the Ravensworth Farm Committees Chairs were listed correctly. She reminded everyone that the due date for all Farmer articles and information is the Board Meetings. She needs everything to be provided to her before the meetings in order to ensure they are included in the next issue of the Farmer.

^{**}Board Members are denoted in italics

Halloween Parade/Party

K. Craig informed the group that the Ravensworth Farm Halloween Parade and Party would be held on October 19 (rain date, October 26) from 1:00 to 3:00 in the Ravensworth Farm Pool parking lot. R. Tun confirmed that \$700 was budgeted for this event. K. Craig will look into renting a storage facility to house all Ravensworth Farm Civic Association documents and supplies.

Entranceway Beautification

K. Craig presented the revised bid obtained from Betty's Azalea Ranch for landscaping the neighborhood entrances. She suggested minimal landscaping, power washing, and painting. K. Craig will obtain final bids for the landscaping, power washing the two brick walls, and painting the wood signs white with black lettering, which the Board will make final approval. K. Craig will also obtain a bid for maintaining the entrances for a minimum of two years.

The Farmer – Flyers

L. Asiello reported on the number and who has paid for their flyer in the Farmer.

Directory -- Distribution

D. Sargent, on behalf of Julia Johnson, discussed block captains and distribution of the neighborhood directory. Julia needs help pulling together the directories and distributing them to the block captains. *K. Craig volunteered to assist with this task*.

Directory – Advertising

B. Reynolds discussed the directory advertising. He believes to have the same amount, if not more, advertising as last year.

Treasurer's Report

R. Tun reported on the annual budget projections and expenditures. R. Tun will ensure the budget continues to be available to the public via the website. Next month the Board will need to approve the 2009 budget. S. Beste will double check to make sure \$3,100 is a good estimate for the directory. K. Craig will provide R. Tun an estimate for the recurring cost for entrance maintenance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15p.m.