Ravensworth Farm Civic Association General Membership Meeting Minutes October 28, 2010 – 7:30 PM

Introduction

The October general membership meeting was held at the Ravensworth Elementary School. Marty Robinson called the meeting to order. The May 27, 2010, general membership minutes were approved.

New Community Web Site

Cathy Riedel presented an initiative to develop a new web portal for use by the Ravensworth community. She explained that the portal would allow the community to communicate more efficiently and in a more timely fashion than the current web site. Groups, such at the Neighborhood Watch, Fabulous Fridays, the Garden Club, could establish forums and share documents. Other features could include a community calendar, e-mail distribution list, member directory (not meant to do away w/the paper directory), electronic membership registration, neighborhood watch log, etc. Pending budget approval, the portal could be developed in phases, for example: Phase I – April 2011, could include a community calendar, email distribution, newsletter, and neighborhood watch activity management. Phase II - September 2011, could include picture and video gallery, committee blogs, forums and the directory. Phase III -Optional could Integrate the portal with the current web site. Q&A: How much will it cost? High end 15K, bare bones 5K-7K in addition to maintenance. Where will the money come from? Expense will come from the association reserves, to be voted upon/approved by the membership. Will it replace the current paper copy of the newsletter and directory? No. How soon will be vote on it? Tonight.

FY2011 Budget Approval

Richmon Tun, Treasurer, was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence, Katherine Craig reviewed the FY 2011 proposed budget which included the new, one time expenses for the development of a new web portal, and legal consultant fees. The budget was approved by the membership.

Directory Status

Ginger Rogers advised that the 2011 Directories had arrived and distribution would begin next week, November 1, 2010. She asked for volunteer block captains for unassigned blocks. One person volunteered.

New Business

Be a Santa for a Senior

Amy Reynolds, Home Instead Senior Care, announced a program to provide seniors living in facilities such as Leewood with a holiday gift. Local merchants will have a tree in their shops with a senior's name and what he or she is requesting for the customer to purchase. The gifts will be collected Dec. 10, wrapped Dec. 14, and then delivered to the seniors.

FLAP - Friends of Lake Accotink Park

Jim Hickey announced that a Dog Contest will be held on Saturday, October 30, 2010, from 2 – 4 pm. Other activities include Goblin Golf, a Bon fire, and Run/Walk Fundraiser. If anyone is interested in joining FLAP, see Jim.

Neighborhood Watch

Dan Bennett distributed safety belts for those interested in walking neighborhood watch patrol.

Community Concerns

Farm animals kept by resident – two chickens and a rooster. Katherine will call the county.

Resident selling firewood. Neighbor concerned about the aesthetics of the neighborhood. Matter could be referred to the zoning committee.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.