

Quarterly Meeting 3/11/2020

Start: 7:00 pm

Adjourn: 8:40 pm

Board Members Present:

- Richard Skolasky
- Paul Miller
- Jennie Spratt
- Katrina Raysor
- Lynnette Dodson
- Purnell Saunders

Introduction and Housekeeping:

- Round Robin to intro folks (see attached list of attendees)
- Not enough members to vote.
- Email approval will be sent to approve the February minutes.

Open Forum:

- Stephanie Murdock (~~sp~~) intro to the group. Platform = People, Parks, and Progress. Work to simplify interactions with the City government. Increase the budget for Recs and Parks (it's been \$50m for the past 40 years). Here to listen about our community concerns.
- Will we be holding any forums or town halls prior to the election? Most have been canceled. Richard will investigate this to see what events are still taking place. As a board, we have not set anything up (although we have had some in the past). The 14th district forum will take place tomorrow. On April 4th the League of Women Voters will be taking place at Keswick MultiCare.

President's Report:

- Northwood Shopping Center – the developer is in the middle of the abatement process. GNCA request to make modifications to the covenant has been made. Most were taken care of in the community benefits agreement that was originally signed, but an emergency meeting took place last week to review. GNCA attorneys were not privy to the agreement. Developer must look through our covenant and work with the GNCA attorneys to make sure that the protections of the neighborhood are maintained. The goal is for the community to have a continued say in what will occupy the new shopping center.
- GNCA quarterly meeting. New trustee in Ednor Gardens. The GNCA parcel in Northwood Commons has annual assessments. They are currently in arrears to the tune of \$40,000 (shopping center, apartments, and gas station). Developer has agreed to pay for the center's debt. The other two will be invoiced. Moving forward it will be determined how these funds will be returned to the GNCA.
- LNYW – covers the south side of our neighborhood. Working to arrange a tour with JHU (May 12th). A host is needed for light refreshments. Open houses, etc., would be a great way to showcase the neighborhood. Marvin Perry (who lives in our neighborhood) is our new contact at Morgan – conversations are taking place to support this program.

- Officer/Chair Responsibilities – Richard has shared a google doc with roles and responsibilities outlined. Feedback has been requested so that adjustments can be made by the next meeting. These will be posted to the community website for public comment and consideration. A committee will be formed to solicit nominations and serve on a nomination committee to help streamline the process for continued board membership.
- ONA Dues – Dues letters will be going out. Board members were asked to help deliver the letters to houses who have yet to pay dues. The highest percentage of dues paid will host the block party.
- 90 for 90 – Special project for the Vice President with board’s help.

Vice President’s Report:

- Request – Info to be included in the Spring Newsletter and on the Website.

Treasurer Report: (see handout)

- \$17k average balance in the ONA. Current balance approx., \$20k
- In previous years, the fiscal year was based on the calendar year. We have changed this to coincide with the board elections (October to September).
- On average we spend around \$5k and take in the same amount.
- Dues and social events are the primary form of revenue for the association.
- Pay HOA option has been a positive way to increase our overall due payments.
- The number of households on the Alameda has been different based on the source. 57 are mentioned in the deed – this is higher than originally thought. When you look at the deed the entire odd side of the street is included. We need to do a better job of reaching out and including them in our community efforts. GNCA have been sending out welcome packets. They haven’t sent out for ON because of outdated information. We are on track to get welcome packets out –maybe we should include the houses on the Alameda that have been left out to date? Consensus of the group – include all Alameda homes that have not been included to date and try to engage with them to make them feel like a valid member of the ON community.
- We would like to suspend the use of PayPal (due to the charges associated with it) and streamline the number of ways dues can be paid. This will be communicated via the newsletter.

Communication’s Chair:

- Website has issues with accessing documents. Html code needs to be updated so that documents can be accessed. Richard will update the code so that they can be accessed. Payment information will be updated.
- Newsletter: deadline for items to be included must be provided by Friday. Lena has offered to print the newsletters for the community. Tabled for vote - conflict of interest for Lena to print the newsletter for the community?

Covenant Chair:

- No new applications for exterior modifications.
- Working on specific language to clarify regulations. Community input and board approval will need to take place before the association adopts the new regulations.

- MD Historic Trust will present loan & tax credit programs at our June Quarterly Meeting, June 10, 2020.

Maintenance Chair:

- Registered for the Mayor's clean-up activity. We have had issues with dumping on the Alameda and alleyways.
- Tree survey will take place in the Spring. We have two dead trees and many others dying from ivy. The board hopes to use the survey to make recommendations to the community.

Safety Chair:

- Reached out to Patterson Park Association to learn about their camera registry proposal.
- HB1640 – Morgan State police powers. Currently, they have jurisdiction over campus and university owned property. This bill would allow the Morgan State Police to exercise their rights beyond the boundaries of Morgan at the request of the governor. There was no community input to the proposed bill, and it was not requested by the Mayor. More information has been requested along with a forum for questions and answers. The date of the hearing is unknown, but Richard will investigate. (The hearing took place on 3/10/2020.)

Social Chair:

- Block party dues contest – the side who pays the most dues will host the block party. Statistics will be used to garner enthusiasm and build momentum. Permit must be filed two months in advance.
- Social calendar has 6 social events supported by the community. Informal social events: Monthly Bourbon and Bow Ties event (BYO) and Dinner au Blanc (Potluck/BYO) – these are being created to be more inclusive of the community.

Request:

- Can we get the Maryland Department of Transportation to assess, paint crosswalks & provide crosswalk signs? Can we leverage our two city council members? We will follow-up with the department of transportation. Jeff will need to be brought up to speed on previous efforts around this issue.
- Dog poop issues on the corner of Argonne and Round Hill. This is an issue throughout the community. Board will add information to the newsletter and on Next Door to remind people to pick up after their animals.