

RCA Minutes for Meeting of November 5, 2012

Present: Matha Jones, Florence Lourie, Mike Hottel, Gaby Gandal, Ganon Rich, Fritz Hirst, Gilda Zimmet, Cathy Jones, and Sue Merewitz

Treasurer's Report: David reported the following balances: \$9,706.10 in the checking account and \$11,930 in Gypsy CD Account.

The prior meeting Minutes were approved.

There was general discussion of the picnic. Despite the bad weather, it was successful and well executed. Fritz also noted that Nancy Floreen and Jeff Waldstreicher attended the picnic. Set up this time was easier. A few new members joined at the picnic. There was discussion of moving the picnic back in the hope of better weather and the Board voted to move the date of the picnic back.

There was discussion of whether or not Sue Choi would continue to do the Halloween Party. Pictures and some content with regard to the Halloween Party will be posted on the RCA website.

Chevy Chase Lake: Ganon and Fritz spent many hours at the Planning Board Meeting. It was delayed and as a result Ganon had to leave. Fritz delivered Ganon's lecture. Both Ganon and Fritz took notes and paid close attention. Many of our neighboring communities also gave testimony. Chevy Chase Hills had the strongest turn out. The next step is that the Planning Board give its preferred model to the County Council. Then they will have open work sessions. The general message at the meeting was that there should be no development beyond the 250,000 square feet without the Purple Line. February is the next important date in this process. Section 3 testified that it was opposed to a proposed traffic light at Brockville Road and East West Highway. Sue Merewitz agreed to look into this. Ganon was thanked for his work on this matter.

Community Signage: The results from the post cards were read. There were some negative comments on the list serves. The results were consistent with the electronic feed back. Design 2-Tree won out. The next phase will be placement. Fritz discussed the roles of Department of Transportation and D.S. There will likely be many agencies involved (County, State and federal). There are very specific rules on location, installation and materials. At the next meeting, the Board will discuss locations. There was discussion of having a grander sign at Leland and Beach Drive. Fritz reached out to Keith Compton about who governs this plot and he has not yet responded,. There was discussion of the per sign cost which was estimated to be about \$300 per sign (not including a larger one for Leland). A resident has requested a Woodbine speed hump and the petition was filed by RCA and the County will do a count.

New Business: The dues solicitation will be early in the New Year. Discussion of listing all current Members on the cover letter. Reminders should be sent to nonmembers. Another idea was to list the number of member households per street which would provide more privacy. There was discussion of the use of Pay Pal.

There was discussion of the current state of our Bylaws. They are 20 years old and the Board will review them and determine if changes need to be made to keep them in line with current practice.

New State Law: There was a new law passed which applies to Municipalities. It requires the disclosure of financial information of Board members and spouses. Kensington obtained an exception.

The next meeting will be in January and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm