

## **Rollingwood Citizens Association Board Meeting**

February 6, 2012

Present: Fritz Hurst, Gaby Gandal, Cathy Jones, Martha Jones, Johanna Kramer, Florence Lourie, Susan Merewitz, Phil Sturm, Ganon Rich, Mike Hottel.

Absent: David Putnam, Sue Ducat, Gilda Zimmet.

### **Introduction of New Members**

Ganon Rich and Mike Hottel were introduced to the board. A motion was made and passed enthusiastically to appoint Ganon and Mike interim board members. Both will be on the ballot at our annual meeting in May.

### **Minutes**

The January minutes were approved with one correction. On page 3, the language should be changed so that it does not imply that the Board is endorsing just one vendor.

### **Old Business**

#### **Chevy Chase Post Office**

The post office has been saved. It will remain open.

#### **East-West Highway Crosswalk**

Susan Merewitz presented her draft letter regarding neighborhood safety concerns at East-West Highway, Brookville Road and Rocton Avenue. Susan asked for content suggestions. The question was raised to whom the letter should be sent. It was agreed that it should go to District 18 House of Delegates members, State Senator Rick Madaleno, the Montgomery County Western Area Citizens Advisory Board, and the Pedestrian Safety Board. It was agreed that the letter should focus on asking for their help with respect to how to accomplish the safety goals.

#### **2012 Operating Budget**

David Putnam was not at the meeting to give a complete budget report. Fritz estimated that there are 138 household members with \$4080.00 in the checking account. It was suggested that the board should present a budget report at the annual meeting detailing operating expenses. That would give the community a better understanding of how dues are spent.

It was also suggested that a welcome mailing be sent to all real estate transaction addresses in June to cover the period from January to June.

### Chevy Chase Lake

Ganon Rich will be the new board representative to the Chevy Chase Lake project. Ganon reported that density, height, and traffic issues were raised at the last meeting. Ganon feels that the Planning Board is listening to the community and that their plan is smaller than the one recommended by the Land Company.

The committee is scheduled to meet on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Susan Merewitz will attend that meeting because Ganon cannot be there. It is expected that a plan will be ready and will be presented to the committee in late February or early March. A public hearing will take place in April. The RCA should have testimony ready for the public hearing.

The Board thanked Ganon for taking over this very important issue for the Rollingwood community.

### Middle School #2

The next meeting of the BCC Middle School #2 Site Selection Advisory Committee will take place on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will discuss the site options that are still being considered.

### Community Signage

Fritz passed out six possible designs for Rollingwood community signage. After some discussion, the following decisions were made:

- The word “Village” should not appear because we are not a village.
- “Chevy Chase” and “established in 1933” should be included.
- The font and dots that appear in 1E are preferred.
- The border on 1E and 1C are acceptable.
- An oval shape is acceptable.
- The signage possibly could include a tree and a hill or stream if that can be done in clean simple form.

These suggestions will be provided to the graphic designer so they can be incorporated into the second draft of signage.

### Constant Contact

Our one-year Constant Contact contract is about to expire. Fritz asked and received permission to renew our contract for a cost of \$312.00.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm. The next meeting will be held on March 5, 2012.