

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order and Attendance

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Carl Drummond, Sam Ferro, Suzanne Sundburg and Mary Thorne.

Approval of Minutes for 4/8/08

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 4/8/08 Executive Board meeting. A motion to approve the 4/8/08 minutes was made and seconded. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the 4/8/08 minutes. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting on the BCA Website.

Neighborhood Conservation (NC)

Carl Drummond reported that NC has \$3 million to spend in the June funding round. NC has \$12 million available over the next four funding rounds (two years) beginning in December 2008 and has \$10 million that has been committed but never spent. The Frederick street project won't be funding in the June funding round, but BCA should get new projects in the queue. In the June newsletter, members should be asked to review the Neighborhood Infrastructure Plan (NIP) list and e-mail projects that they see as priorities that they would like to add to the NC Plan and, ultimately, to BCA's NC funding queue. Members should also be informed in the May newsletter that they could submit their block for the Missing Link program if it meets the criteria. The deadline for Missing Link submissions is June 12. The connector trail could be a candidate for the NC list.

Truck Parking

Suzanne Sundburg reported that Robbie Guenther was shocked to learn that neighbors are angry about the parking location of his rental trucks. He has not been confronted directly and makes the point that his trucks are legally parked on Frederick Street. He would like neighbors to contact him directly with their concerns about his rental trucks. Lisa Byington has identified the person at Safeway who should receive the letter she drafted regarding Robbie's trucks. Judah dal Cais will sign and send the letter.

Meeting Announcement Sign

Sam Ferro has been working on designing a meeting announcement sign that will be clearly visible to the average motorist or pedestrian. He will get a cost estimate for his design. He will also forward his mock-up to dal Cais who will forward it on to the County Department of Environmental Services for approval.

Elections

The slate needs to be published in the June newsletter for voting at the June annual meeting. Bob Atkins will ask for volunteers to serve as officers, committee chairs, and representatives for the coming year at the May 28 general membership meeting.

Membership

Treasurer Judy Collins reported via e-mail that there are 245 members of BCA. Dues for the remainder of 2008 plus all of 2009 are set at \$23 per household.

Other

Neighborhood Day was an enjoyable event despite the cool, threatening weather. Approximately 30 neighbors ate hot dogs and burgers thanks to the hospitality of the fire department and the contributions of various volunteers. The tree whips were connected with those who had ordered them. Newsletter editor Sundburg will ask a couple of businesses if they would like to place ads in our newsletter.

President dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.