

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 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, Judy Collins, Mary Thorne, Sam Ferro and David Van Wagner.

Approval of Minutes for 3/9/2010

The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the March 9, 2010, Executive Board meeting minutes. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting to the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

BCA Barbecue

The BCA barbecue is scheduled for May 15 but Judah is still awaiting confirmation from the fire station. Judah sent an e-mail to the county asking them to put our barbecue on the County calendar. Mary Thorne and Judah will coordinate on the purchase of supplies and food. A budget of \$100 was approved by the membership at the March 24 meeting. There was a suggestion to hang the BCA sign at the corner of George Mason and Wilson, where it would be more visible on the day of the barbecue, instead of on the bike path.

May Newsletter and Meeting

Articles are due to Suzanne Sundburg on May 7. Sam will get the copy on May 14. The newsletter will be mailed on or about May 21. There is no speaker scheduled for the May meeting.

BCA Website

The new improved BCA Website is almost ready for launch thanks to the hard work of Dave Leichtman and Sam Ferro. BCA will use a content management system that will give certain individuals access to the Website for uploading and editing purposes. Members will be encouraged to keep up on the latest news through Facebook and share photos of the neighborhood through Flickr.

Old Business

Judah will follow up with Bob Atkins regarding names of volunteers who have stepped forward to run for BCA offices. The Neighborhood Conservation (NC) surveys were given to the newsletter distributors to be delivered with the newsletters. An electronic version of the survey is also available on the BCA Website. Six people have completed the online version as of this meeting. It was suggested that there be a reminder in mid-May for BCA residents to complete the survey by June 1, 2010. The Board of Zoning

Appeals hearing for D&V Auto (Texaco) matter was scheduled for April 13 unless the date was postponed again.

New Business

There was extensive discussion regarding reducing the number of BCA meetings. There was a feeling among those present that the needs of the community could be met while lightening the burden on BCA's small group of volunteers. It was proposed to hold general membership meetings every other month from September through June. Executive Board meetings would be called on an ad hoc basis only. This suggestion will be discussed at the April 21 General Membership meeting.

In keeping with this theme, the number of newsletters would also decrease. Members would get the option of receiving the newsletter electronically. There are companies (e.g., Constant Contact) that can distribute newsletters. Printed versions would still be used for the two general distributions in September and April.

The Ashlawn PTA has requested financial support in the amount of \$150 for their FunFair that is scheduled on May 15. The two other neighboring civic associations, Boulevard Manor and Dominion Hills have already made contributions. This event conflicts with the BCA barbecue. The decision as to whether or not to contribute to the FunFair will be made by the membership at the April 21 meeting.

Updates from Officers and Representatives

Sam Ferro reported an unofficial pond at the corner of Harrison and Wilson on a construction site. Ferro doesn't want mosquitoes breeding there. Judah will contact the developer responsible for the problem to ascertain the plan for the property. Judah will propose construction of a bocce court at the corner of Bluemont Drive and North Emerson Street at the next meeting. He will also revisit holding a fundraiser in mid to late September to benefit the local food bank.

April Meeting

Officer James O'Daniel, Tim McIntosh and Jane Kim will all be presenting at the April General Membership Meeting. They will speak in the order listed above. Sam will talk about changes to the BCA Website. The concept of fewer meetings and newsletters will be discussed. A vote will be taken on whether or not to support Ashlawn's Fun Fair with a monetary donation. Judah will speak about the bocce court and fundraiser.

Judah dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:35 pm.