

BLUERMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
January 18, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order and Attendance

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m. Present in addition to Judah were 1st Vice President George Rovder; Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Alternate Representative Mark Haynes; and Civic Federation delegates and alternates Suzanne Sundburg, Bob Atkins, Sam Ferro, and Dean Foster. Treasurer Judy Collins and NC Representative Larry Smith joined the meeting a few minutes after it began. Others in attendance included Newsletter Editor Carla dal Cais, NC Plan Update Committee Chair David Van Wagner, and BCA members Marilyn Foster and Alan Sundburg.

Suzanne Sundburg took notes in the absence of Secretary Chitra Kumar.

Approval of Executive Board Minutes for December 2011

The officers unanimously approved the December 14, 2011, Executive Board meeting minutes as drafted; no changes were discussed.

Officer-Delegate-Representative-Committee Reports

In response to a request from Chitra, Judah asked that officers and representatives give a high-level overview of their reports during the Executive Board meeting and save the detailed reports for the general meeting in order to eliminate some of the repetitiveness.

Treasurer Judy Collins noted that approximately 120 members had renewed for 2012–2013; approximately 170 still need to renew. She presented a brief written financial report for 2010 and 2011 (see attachments/inserts below). For both years, association expenses were roughly \$4,000, and revenues (dues and advertising income) were roughly \$4,000, leaving a surplus of approximately \$8,000 in the checking account. Judy suggested that dues could be reduced because the surplus had grown so large.

Civic Federation delegate Suzanne Sundburg noted that she had brought written minutes for the January 3, 2012, Civic Federation meeting, which she would review in more detail at the General Membership meeting to follow; delegate Bob Atkins mentioned that at its March 6 meeting the Civic Federation would host a candidates' debate for those running to fill former County Board member Barbara Favola's seat in the March 27 special election.

President Judah dal Cais reported that the first Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) meeting for the Goodyear Tire & Auto site (650 N. Glebe Road) would be held on January 23, 2012, 7–10 p.m., in rooms 109/111, Courthouse Plaza, located at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. Judah said that a Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) officer or Executive Board member should attend the meeting.

In response to an e-mail query from BCA and Transportation Commission member Ellen Armbruster, Judah also noted that JBG had submitted a site plan amendment (SP #401) for the new building on the Bob Peck Chevrolet site (800 N. Glebe Road) to convert ground-floor retail space to office space. He asked whether anyone else knew about the amendment, and when no one else acknowledged having received notice, he forwarded the message electronically to Executive Board members.

Judah noted that the proposed amendment was scheduled to go to the Planning Commission in January and to the County Board in February. NC Representative Larry Smith and 1st Vice President George Rovder volunteered to attend those meetings.

The group discussed various strategies to address the site plan amendment. The options discussed included writing a formal letter from BCA, mounting an online petition drive (and turning in the signatures with the letter), and asking individual BCA members to write letters to the County Board to counter the amendment request.

In response to a question about the association's status (it doesn't have a status), Civic Federation alternate Dean Foster, a retired attorney, said that he would investigate and report on how much it would cost and what would be involved if the group were to apply for 501(c)(3) or (4) nonprofit corporation status.

NC Plan Update Committee Chair David Van Wagner outlined the process for rolling out drafts of the various chapters for the revised NC Plan documents. He noted that his committee had met the previous week and that it would continue meeting monthly through June. David anticipated that the Introduction/Executive Summary/History section and the Urban Forestry section would be ready for review in February, the Housing and Commercial Development section in March, and the Streets and Transportation section in April. He said that all sections would be posted to the BCA Website in portable document format (PDF) files for members and Bluemont residents to review.

First Vice President George Rovder noted that Democratic primary candidate Kim Klingler had sent an e-mail to the BCA president back in November 2011 asking to speak to the BCA membership about her candidacy. Although Democratic candidates Melissa Bondi and Terron Sims were invited to speak at BCA meetings, Klingler was not given the same opportunity. Rovder stated that he thought denying Klingler the opportunity to address the membership was unacceptable, reflected badly on the board and the association, and was non-neutral, nonobjective, and nontransparent. He asked how the group could do things differently in the future to avoid a repeat of this situation. Judah said he hadn't excluded Klingler on purpose, and he suggested that a possible way to prevent such mistakes in the future would be to grant more people access to the President@BCA inbox.

General and Executive Board Meeting Schedule for 2012

Newsletter Editor Carla dal Cais noted that she was gathering articles for the February 2012 newsletter. Judah stated that it was time to begin forming a nominating committee to prepare for the June election, and he asked those present to send him suggestions for possible speakers.

David Van Wagner asked whether the Executive Board was aware of the County Board's new Open Monday initiative, in which County Board members would meet with residents on Monday nights at various locations across the county.

The meeting concluded at approximately 7:30 pm.

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Apr. Two Checks for April 2011 (60); Mr Spafty (125 for June 2011 and Sept 2011); FurGetMeNot for April 2011 (200)
May Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 1
Junk Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 2; Fed Lock & Safe
July Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 3
Aug Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 4; Fed Lock & Safe for September 2011
Sept Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 5
Oct Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 6
Nov Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 7
Dec. Calvert Custom Homes--payment # 8

***Additional postage in June because of FAO mailing (71-28) and I also bought stamps for that purpose that were not used until later in the year

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Reimbursement of \$107,73 to DVW actually was made in Jan 2010, but posted in 2009 when the cost was incurred

*****Reimbursement of \$230 to Judith actually made in Jan 2010, but posted in 2009 when costs actually incurred**

Therefore checkbook shows \$7283.89 at end of year 2009, rather than \$8,826.26

Fab postage shows in check book as my purchase plus as part of payment to David for both Feb printing and \$4.40 worth of stamps.

March postage shows in checkbook twice: I bought \$178 worth and David bought \$132 worth (which I paid him for along with March printing).

Printed for May, June and November. SurveyMonkey costs plus \$78.20 for postage. In November was not reimbursed to DVW until Jan. 2011—total of \$488.30.

Therefore balance in checkbook at end of 2010 shows \$7709.24