

BCA Executive Board Meeting
October 24, 2012

In attendance were Judah dal Cais, President; George Rovder, 1st VP; John Herickhoff, 2nd VP; Mark Haynes, Secretary; Larry Smith, Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Representative; Sandy Munnell, Treasurer (resigned); Suzanne Sundburg, Dean Foster and Ed Fendley, Civic Federation delegates and alternates; and several BCA members, including David Van Wagner.

President dal Cais called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m..

The Executive Board voted to approve the September 27, 2012, Executive Board meeting minutes.

Dal Cais noted that Sandy Munnell (Treasurer), Dave Leichtman (Webmaster) and Kate Mesches, (Parks and Recreation Liaison) had resigned. Haynes noted that Laura Brothers volunteered to be webmaster on at least a temporary basis. Rovder noted that there had been two applications for Treasurer: Nancy O'Doherty and Nora Palmatier.

Munnell noted that a written record of the appointment of the new treasurer must be included in the meeting minutes in order to make that person "official" so that the bank would recognize the change and permit the new treasurer to access our bank account.

Rovder moved to hold a special Executive Board meeting to take place immediately after the evening's general membership meeting to elect the new treasurer, parks and recreation liaison, and webmaster. The notion was seconded and approved.

Dal Cais noted that he wanted to remove his name from the website domain name (hosted by Network Solutions) and to add Rovder as the new point of contact.

The board discussed the fast-approaching November newsletter deadline and identified the following articles:

- Safeway redevelopment update
- Beaver pond update
- Bluemont trolley history (Part II)
- Tree planting proposal
- Nature article (Caroline Haynes)

Sundburg gave a brief Civic Federation update, which she had distributed by email earlier. No questions posed by board members.

Munnell gave the Treasurer's report: Membership stands at 246 households.

Member David Van Wagner remarked that he wouldn't be available for the November newsletter distribution and asked for volunteers to help.

Haynes reported that at the general membership meeting, David Van Wagner would describe and discuss the proposed amendments to the Safeway Task Force's charter to expand the group's scope of work and extend its lifespan until November 2013.

Dal Cais reported on his October 23 presentation to the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding his bocce court Parks Enhancement Grant (PEG) application. He noted that at the November commission meeting public comments will be taken: 20 minute total allowance for each project—up to 5 comments for and 5 against each project will be permitted.

NCAC Representative Smith reported that despite previous majority approval of block residents, after the county released plans for the curb and sidewalk NC project for the 1000 block of N. Edison Street, only 4 out of 10 residents now support it. Smith asked the County to work on some alternatives to address neighbors concerns (loss of mature trees, etc.), but was not optimistic. He urged the board to identify a second-priority project quickly.

Munnell raised the suggestion of a stop sign at 8th Road North and N. Kensington Street. Smith recommended that the neighbors consult him about the process for distributing a petition. Munnell noted that this project is included in the draft NC plan.

Smith had no news on the installation of the new notice kiosk for the bike trail that was funded under the county's NC Micro Projects grant program.

Dal Cais dispelled the rumor about Ashlawn teacher parking spaces being eliminated, saying it was not true.

No unfinished or new business was discussed.

Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.