

Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association (HHVCA)

Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Ted Godbout, HHVCA President, at 7:25 pm at the Hollin Hall Senior Center (HHSC). The agenda for the meeting was established. There were approximately 14 people in attendance, including board and committee members.

- The agenda for the meeting was set: committee reports and general business, followed by a discussion of the Hollin Hall 75th Anniversary Celebration.
- Treasurer Leo Milanowski processed 29 new membership dues and there is \$6,026 in the HHVCA account.

Committees

Consumer Affairs: Committee chair vacant

Budget: Not present

Education: Not present

Environment and Recreation

Dorothy Keough reported that the Environment committee is concerned about the EMBARK project on Rt. 1 (which will be covered by transportation) and the environmental impacts. Separately, there are two upcoming projects that were discussed:

- 1) The county obtained land behind the Walmart on Rt. 1 and Quander Rd., which will be developed into a public park.
- 2) There is a funded plan to extend the Potomac Heritage National Trail from the Grist Mill down Rt. 1, and will include a 10-foot wide trail for biking.

Neighborhood Watch

- Property theft from vehicles continues to be an issue in Hollin Hall and surrounding neighborhoods. Citizens in Hollin Hall are strongly encouraged to lock their vehicles at night to prevent further criminal activity.
- The value of having a Neighborhood Watch committee was discussed, particularly with the widespread use of the NextDoor online application. Participants noted that there was still value in having a central POC to interact with Police outreach and look for trends that might not be captured on NextDoor.
- The option of holding a National Night Out was discussed. The event is already on the pool's calendar; participants noted that it is an opportunity to bring the community together and that kids seem to enjoy it.

Transportation Committee

Jeremy Sturchio expects the upcoming meeting to focus on EMBARK, a study of the GW Parkway, and airplane noise. Vincent Fusaro – former Transportation Committee Chair - briefed on the recent meeting, noting that the Mt. Vernon Council is considering speed cameras on the GW Parkway, re-engineering the roadways around the Riverside apartments and the Rt. 1/Huntington Ave. intersection, and there will be a study on the effects of salt on the roadways. Regarding the EMBARK project on Rt. 1, the proposal involves the following:

- There will be 3 traffic lanes in each direction with a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) down the center, from Huntington Ave. to Ft. Belvoir. Additional BRT stations will extend beyond Ft. Belvoir.
- Cost estimates range between 800 million and 1 billion.
- Concerns about additional traffic that will spill over from the development onto Ft. Hunt Road and

surrounding neighborhoods were raised during the February meeting held by Supervisor Storck; however, Ft. Hunt Road falls to VDOT's jurisdiction.

- Funding for EMBARK has not yet been approved.

Planning and Zoning

Don Martin provided updates on the following:

- The Jan/Feb meeting was not held.
- The land owners of the area near the Evolution Antique store off of Rt. 1 plan to develop the 16 acres.
- A re-zoning application was submitted for the Woodlawn Firehouse to be expanded and re-built to a 2-story, 4-bay structure.
- The non-operational Sunoco Station near the corner of Huntington Ave. and Rt. 1 was purchased by VA State during the construction of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, and was sold back to the company after completion. However, due to egress/ingress issues with the surrounding roads, it remains non-operational. The Riverside apartment complex, which is expanding, may look to purchase it.
- The 8800 Richmond Hwy area includes 7 acres that may be developed into 60 townhomes; it is a 3-year old proposal that is now being discussed again.

Ted Godbout noted that the attorney for the owner of the commercial building at the corner of Lafayette Dr. and Ft. Hunt Rd. contacted the HHVCA about their submitted application to change the zoning of the building from C-2 to C-5. The attorney is seeking approval from HHVCA. The change would enable the owner to lease to more business types than under C-2. Ted will invite the attorney to speak at the June HHVCA meeting.

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/sites/planning-zoning/files/assets/documents/zoning/zoning%20ordinance/art04.pdf>

Membership

Membership Coordinator Gretchen Walzl reported that 177 homes paid dues this year, including 29 new memberships.

Hollin Hall 75th Anniversary Celebration Plans

Ted Godbout proposed forming a planning committee for the 75th anniversary celebration. Several participants volunteered to serve on the committee. The following ideas were proposed:

- An October celebration in the area in front of the Senior Center:
 - o Bands
 - o Food trucks
 - o Tents for cover
 - o Moon bounce
 - o Face painting
 - o Popcorn, soft-drinks
 - o Media/politicians to present proclamation
 - o Areas to present historic photos and memorabilia
 - o A parade including historic cars
- An April meeting will be held for further planning
- Fundraising will be necessary; commemorative t-shirt sales were proposed, as well as local business donations.

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie DePoto, Secretary.