

## **Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association (HHVCA)**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Leo Milanowski, HHVCA President, at 7:00 PM on ZOOM. There were 31 people in attendance, including board and committee members. Leo Milanowski opened by introducing the guest speaker, Fairfax County Police Officer Marvin Goodley, who promptly began his presentation.

#### Fairfax County Police Officer Marvin Goodley

Officer Goodley presented a map of Hollin Hall and the associated crime statistics. He reported that there were 17 “big” crimes during the past 5 months in Hollin Hall, not including any crimes involving commercial businesses. He noted that during the past year, because more residents are home due to COVID, residents are increasingly calling in suspicious behavior and noise disturbances; however, burglaries for example, have gone down. He encouraged everyone to keep reporting suspicious activity.

Leo Milanowski inquired about the status of the burglaries that recently occurred at several businesses located in the Hollin Hall shopping center. Officer Goodley reported that they arrested the group of men who were responsible for those burglaries, along with a string of other burglaries that they committed in several other states.

Officer Goodley was also asked about the deceased body that was found on Paul Spring Parkway in 2020. He reported that the victim had overdosed from drugs and was dumped there by unknown individual(s). The victim was from Reston, and it was unknown why Paul Spring Parkway was chosen as a location, or if the victim/responsible party is/was connected to Hollin Hall.

Upon receiving a question about speeding vehicles, Officer Goodley noted that they have had some issues with Amazon and other delivery drivers, and if residents report that, Fairfax County Police can usually work with those delivery companies to quickly address the issue. He added that speeders are often residents, so it helps if residents can talk with their neighbors about the concerns about speeding.

Officer Goodley offered the following tips for crime prevention:

- 1) Know your neighbors, so you are able to recognize unusual individuals or activities
- 2) Call Fairfax County Police with any concerns

#### Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes from the last HHVCA meeting were approved.

### Committees

#### Transportation Committee

During his presentation, Gary Drane relayed the following:

- Support continues for the improvement of the Rt. 1 and Ft. Hunt Road intersection
- The Mount Vernon Council of Citizen's Association (MVCCA) website has most of the updated information - <http://www.mvcca.org/>

### **Environment and Recreation**

Dorothy Keough reported that planning for the Paul Spring Restoration project is still moving along and the planners will likely do a site visit for residents to come down and learn more about what will be done. She noted that the erosion is known and significant, and this project will likely address it.

Leo Milanowski raised the issue about poor storm water drainage, an issue that is of concern to many Hollin Hall residents. A resident on Lafayette Drive shared her story about significant water issues in her yard and crawl space following a home renovation next to her residence. She was dismayed by the support of Fairfax County to address the issues with the construction company. Leo Milanowski reported that he would be working on this issue with all concerned residents in Hollin Hall, as it is impacting many.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Bryan O'Connor reported that Fairfax County's ZMOD, which is expected to streamline the planning and zoning (P&Z) process, is now summarized in a 600 page document. He added that there were several issues raised recently that were of concern to residents. Additionally, there were concerns that the County could make P&Z-related policy changes without the community's consultation.

Don Martin reported the following:

- River Farm, which was put up for sale by the American Horticultural Society for 32 million dollars, includes 14 acres that could be developed for residences at 3 homes per acre.
- The Gateway project on Rt. 1, which includes the construction of additional residential buildings, is moving forward.
- The Huntington Club 2010 project is moving ahead with construction.
- The North Hill project started construction this year.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The HHVCA 2021 budget was approved, no questions were asked.

### **New HHVCA Website**

Ted Godbout, HHVCA Treasurer, reviewed the new HHVCA website. Based on questions, HHVCA will consider allowing HHVCA residents to provide information about their local businesses on the website. The attendees were pleased with the improvements to the website.

\*Please note that associated slides presented during this meeting can be found on the HHVCA website.

***Respectfully Submitted by Carrie DePoto, Secretary.***