

Browntown Community Center Association

Minutes of May 10, 2021 Public Meeting

In attendance:

John Bell	Allan Brockway
George Hodgkiss	Mary McGlaughlin
Jackie Hodgkiss	Marianne Thomas
Jayne Guilford	James Sylvester
Linda Glavis	Cheryl Cullers
Warren McCormick	Carroll Wingfield
Tom Lacombe	Alice Grumbly
Jennifer Castillo	Patsy Pennington
Robert Castillo	

The meeting was convened by President, John Bell, at 7:39 p.m.

Minutes of the April public meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance	\$30,981.81
Income	523.00
Expenses	<u>7,721.74*</u>
Ending balance	\$23,783.07

*Note: \$6,375 was for the repair & painting of the community center building roof.

Treasurer's report was approved as read.

Trustees, (Buildings & grounds), had nothing to report

History committee had nothing to report.

Ways and Means: Jackie led a discussion of plans and needs for the upcoming Browntown Summer Days Festival. While many of the jobs have been assigned, a request has been sent out seeking volunteers for the remaining unfilled jobs. Clean-up will be done on Sunday. Early voting for the calendar contest is scheduled to occur at the center on Thursday, June 17th, starting at noon. Mary McGaughlin suggested that she could handle selling redbud tree seedlings from the Updike building, amidst her building tours.

Supervisor's Report: Cheryl Cullers discussed some of VDOT's plans for the Browntown area, including speed limit signage, pothole repairs and road resurfacing. She also reported that the Department of Wildlife Resources is planning to propose legislation to implement a "permit process" for the use of their public boat launches. Without the proper permit/authorization, such as a hunting/fishing license, a boating license, a special permit or membership of certain wildlife groups, you would be ticketed and/or fined. The proposal has been put on hold due to many unanswered questions. John Bell plans to follow up with a message to Tod Gilbert on the subject. Cheryl is in favor of squashing the proposal, and invites the public to contact the legislators to express their thoughts regarding the matter.

BEARSS Report: Mary McGlaughlin reported on 3 items discussed at the Bearss group meeting:

1. Plans for implementation of broadband data services in the Browntown area
2. Concern for the lack of water available for fire suppression, (i.e. tanker trucks)
3. Encouragement for residents to obtain and install proper reflective house number signs

Historic District report: Tom Lacombe reported that there will be a public hearing, by invitation, on May 11 at 7:30, at the community center for affected property owners. Then the state will have a meeting in June; 30 days hence we should be declared an Historic District.

Old business: Alice Grumbly reported that the Browntown Baptist church buildings and grounds committee has decided they cannot afford to pay the extra amount required for mowing the area around the Primitive Baptist church building. It appears that the issue of who will do the mowing is not yet resolved.

New Business: Jim Sylvester made 3 motions as follows:

1. Proposal for the installation of a water faucet on the south side exterior wall of the community center to accommodate watering of plants and trees. His motion also specified that, should estimates come in at or below \$200, the installation be authorized to proceed immediately.
2. The addition of a new page on the BCCA web site to include names and contact information of local contractors who wish to list their skills and/or services that would be available for choosing by local residents. Contractors must be appropriately bonded and insured. Also, it must be stipulated that the BCCA does not endorse those contractors who are listed.
3. A listing of new neighbors to the Browntown community be published in the "Along the Gooney" newsletter; if agreeable, they should have their name and address listed, and possibly the name of the area from which they came.

All three above motions were seconded and were carried by unanimous approval.

Allan Brockway reported on a meeting of the fire marshal, the fire chief and the board of directors to discuss recommendations for replacement equipment for the South Warren station. Initial recommendation is for a pumper/tanker truck with a capacity of at least 1,800 gallons of water to be housed in Bentonville, and that the current rescue engine be housed at the Browntown sub-station. Also, the Loudoun County fire chief will make a future visit to provide recommendations about what equipment Warren County might need as well as what might NOT be needed.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

George Hodgkiss, Secretary