# BURKE STATION CITIZENS ASSOCIATION BSCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

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# BSCA COMMUNITY ROOM May 29, 2025

## 1) Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by Susan Carter

### 2) Board Members Roll Call

In attendance:

Susan Carter, President

Ali O'Connell, Vice President – Swim Club/Community Center Committee Co-chair Rachel Lynch, Treasurer

Patrick Kirby, Architectural Standards – Architectural Committee Co-chair Juan Masias, Safety and Security/External Affairs

Holly Hobbs, Secretary

Deirdre Daumit, Swim Club/Community Center Committee Co-chair (non-voting) John Medeiros, Infrastructure consultant (non-voting) Richard Rodriguez, infrastructure

# **Homeowners Represented:**

13 households were represented in person.

#### 3) Proof of Notice of Mailing and Verification of Quorum

Proof-of-annual-meeting notice was established as received via post mail on April 23, at least 30 days prior to the date of the meeting. A confirmation was provided of homeowners in physical attendance as well as proxies being received via scan and/or via hand by the start of the meeting. Verification of quorum was not met by persons attending combined with proxies. The meeting will be non-voting, there are no motions on the table.

# 4) Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the last annual meeting, held in May 2024, were introduced. Community members in attendance reviewed the minutes and a short time for questions/concerns was communicated. Barring any resident concerns, the Board will approve in June.

# 5) Introduction and Reports of Officers/Board of Directors

**Susan Carter, President**, opened the meeting by noting that the annual minutes are available on the website. She then invited Board members to introduce themselves.

Susan provided a comprehensive overview of the Association's structure and operations, including:

- Volunteer opportunities, with priority given to the Events Coordinator role
- Board member election procedures (internal and external)
- Distinction between the Burke Townhouse Homeowners Association and Burke Station Citizens Association (BSCA)
- Composition of the community (single-family homes, townhouses, and common areas)
- Relationship with the Swim Team (a separate entity not affiliated with BSCA)
- Financial services, landscaping, and insurance responsibilities
- Annual communications to residents:
- December: Goals and year-end summary
- April/May: Accomplishments update

She also noted that the Board approved a 3% increase in the annual assessment last year, in accordance with the bylaws.

# Vice President's Report – Ali O'Connell

Ali discussed the Swim Club's operations:

- The Pool Operations Contract is in its second year of a three-year term
- 184 memberships have been registered for the current season, slightly below expectations, but additional sign-ups are anticipated
- In comparison, 193 memberships were recorded in 2024
- The community and Swim Club cleanup day was successful
- Opening Day (May 24) was well attended
- Upcoming events:
- June 12: Open House with Swim Team bake sale
- July 4: Community celebration and open house (BYO dessert)

Susan added that both the community and Swim Club have online resources available.

## **Treasurer's Report - Rachel Lynch**

Rachel confirmed that all members received the balance statement in the annual meeting notice. She provided an updated financial report through April:

- The Association is on track financially
- Capital improvements are being addressed incrementally

The annual budget is available on the website

## **Capital Projects – John Medeiros**

John reported that in 2024, the Association managed a total of \$60,000 in capital projects, including nine pool-related initiatives. Major projects exceeded \$10,000.

He referenced the Association's planning binder (version 2.0), which guides annual assessments:

- Over a 30-year span, projected expenditures total \$2.2 million
- As of 2023, the property was valued at \$1.97 million
- Construction costs are a key driver in project planning

**Resident Question:** There appears to be a discrepancy between the 2023 valuation and version 2.0 projections. Has the Board considered this?

**Response:** Susan acknowledged the concern, noting that with 505 households, there are many perspectives on assessments. The Board is actively reviewing the issue. Any increase above 3% would require a formal meeting.

Assessment and Delinquency Management

Susan reported that:

- A 2023 Board resolution encourages timely payment of assessments
- 12-month payment plans are approved on a case-by-case basis to assist residents
- The Board continues to address delinquency and non-payment issues
- \$98,000 has been spent on tree maintenance

John and Susan emphasized the shared maintenance responsibilities between the Burke Townhouse Association and BSCA.

#### **Burke Curve Project - Juan Masias**

Juan provided an update on the county-led Burke Curve project, which includes:

- Drainage improvements
- Bridge reconstruction
- Curve flattening
- Addition of a bike trail for enhanced safety

## **VRE Parking Lot – John Medeiros**

John noted that a resident initiated efforts to remove buses from the VRE lot. A drainage and capacity improvement project is expected to begin within 12 months. He also mentioned:

- The bridge project is not currently planned or designated as an Eagle Scout project
- Estimated cost for the bridge is approximately \$30,000
- A potential substantial increase in assessments is under consideration

## **Architectural Standards – Patrick Kirby**

Patrick clarified that BSCA does not enforce strict architectural standards. Residents may direct questions to: BSCA.architecture@gmail.com

## **Resident Questions & Board Responses**

- Parking on the street at the entrance to the neighborhood: Most vehicles belong to residents. Townhouses lack designated visitor parking. Long-term parked vehicles may be reported and towed.
- Off-season parking in the community center lot: Liability concerns and towing costs are factors. Residents are encouraged to submit formal proposals for Board review.
- Responsibility for trees behind townhouses: This area falls under the Burke Townhouse Association.
- **Tree removal noise:** Fairfax County permits work starting at 7:00 AM. BSCA may consider stricter standards.
- **Gas line insurance:** Coverage is a personal decision.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.