

Brookdale Annual Meeting – 7PM June 9, 2020

Welcome:

Dick Podolske, President, initiated Brookdale's first Annual Meeting conducted via Zoom and welcomed new Brookdale residents.

Treasurer's Report:

Heather Paul, Treasurer reported on the current financial condition of the Brookdale Citizens' Association:

As of May 1, the total balance is \$15,663.72 of which \$5,883.85 is in checking and \$9,779.87 is in our CD. Thirty percent of 400 families have paid 2020 dues (122 of 400 families).

Review of the Year:

Dick Podolske summarized significant Brookdale accomplishments during the past year

- Creation of a new "IO. groups" means of communication for Brookdale residents
- Two block parties & Halloween
- Several at home events
- 3 Bugles sent to our neighborhood
- Little Falls Village – eligibility for membership
- Western avenue signalized crossing
- Continued Boundary park maintenance
- GEICO smoke shack Improvements

Constitutional Amendments:

The Brookdale Board proposed amendments to the Constitution and ByLaws to permit five Vice Presidents:

(1) Amendment to Section 2 and Appendix A of Article IV to permit five Brookdale vice presidents:

*Section 2: The elected officers of the Association, who constitute the Executive Committee, shall be a President, **five** Vice-Presidents representing each area identified by Appendix A, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. As an option annually, upon recommendation of the Nominating Committee defined in the By-Laws and approval by majority vote of the members, one additional person may be elected as a representative at large.*

(2) Amendment to Section 2 of Article II to permit the Nominating Committee to include a Vice President for the new Brookdale area called Park-Newport

*Section 2: The geographic boundaries of the Association's region are shown by the map in Appendix A. For organizational purposes, the region of the Association is composed of **five** areas described in Appendix A, which are called Brookdale North, Brookdale South, Orcharddale, Wohlshire, and **Park-Newport**. [See map below]*

The amendments passed unanimously by voice vote.

Nomination and Election of Brookdale Officers:

Mike Makuch introduced the Nominating Committee, consisting of Lisa Blacker (Brookdale N.), Abner Oakes (Brookdale S.), Celinda Pena (Wohlshire), and Ian de Cruz (Orchardale). The recommendations of the committee for Brookdale officers was as follows:

President, Dick Podolske
Vice President, Brookdale North, Mike Makuch
Vice President, Brookdale South, Jack Morton
Vice President, Wohlshire, Tom Husted
Vice President, Orcharddale, Manuel Ochoa
Vice President, Park-Newport, Federico Glucksmann
Secretary, Amy Rispin
Treasurer, Heather Paul
Representative-at-Large, Adrienne Nassau

The slate of officers was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Upcoming Events:

- a. 4th of July – the Board is looking into whether we will be able to hold an event this year and will keep the community informed.
- b. Fall and Spring Block Parties for 2020 will be combined – planning to hold an event, probably east of River Road, contingent on Montgomery County planning this fall during the pandemic.
- c. At-Home presentations are planned to be arranged using Zoom.

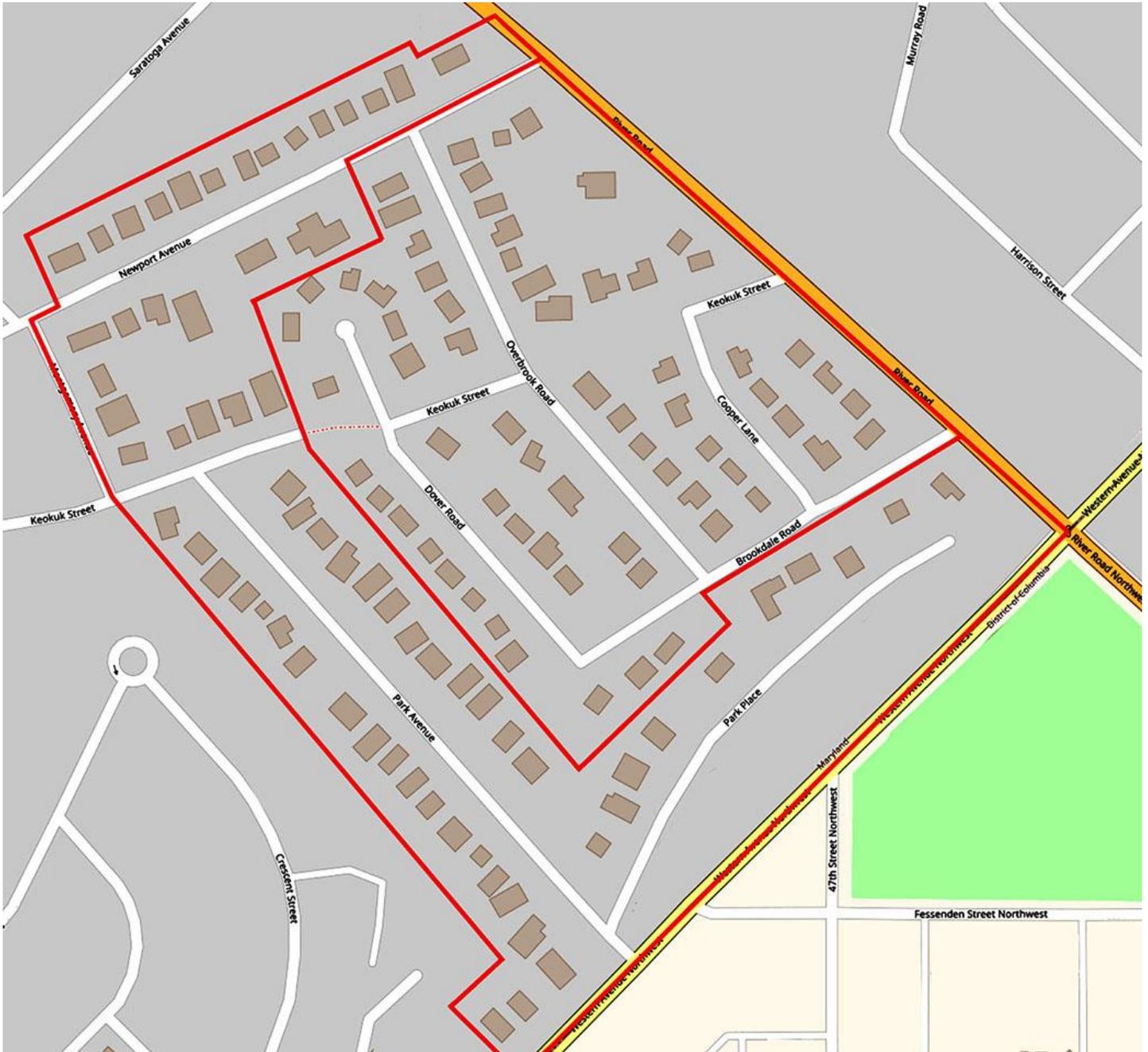
Current condition of commercial establishments in the Brookdale area:

Manuel Ochoa highlighted the fact that because Friendship Heights is at the jurisdictional boundary of Bethesda and DC, and does not have a unified group marshalling commercial viability, it is losing traction to other areas. We would like to encourage the County to help develop a retail strategy for our area, perhaps including reaching out to the District of Columbia for assistance. The objective is to achieve an organization to market our area. President Dick Podolske asked Manuel to flesh out a plan and bring it back to the Board of Brookdale for consideration and promotion. Adrienne, and others on the board might join a subcommittee with Manuel Ochoa.

Open Discussion:

Denise Holmes indicated that she was uncomfortable with any possible suggestion of starting a neighborhood watch. She also explained that the complete lack of diversity among faculty and administrators at Westbrook, coupled with an inappropriate remark by a former Westbrook principal, had led her to enroll her children in private school instead. Discussion ensued about how others might address diversity issues at Westbrook and more broadly, particularly in light of the current national climate. She said that during this time of pandemic, combined with national social protest, it is important for the Brookdale community to look out for the safety of all children.

MAP



Brookdale South is the inner section, surrounded by Park-Newport