

**Brookdale Citizens' Association Board
Minutes of Meeting on December 6, 2022**

Those in attendance: Dick Podolske, Thomas Husted, Lisa Clark, Manuel Ochoa, Jack Morton, Heather Paul, Mike Makuch, Maha Haddad, Peter Biersteker and Darcy King-Leatham. Absent: Adrienne Nassau and Sibyl Erdman.

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October meeting. The motion was approved. No Board meeting was held in November.

Next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7 pm.

Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer Heather Paul stated that as of December 6, 2022, we have a balance of \$14,908, of which \$5,086.57 is in checking and \$9,817.51 is in our CD. Expenses last month were \$121.99 for Halloween costs.

Only 34% of Brookdale households (135 out of a total of roughly 400) have paid dues in this calendar year. Heather stated that she would send an email to the list serve reminding Brookdale residents to pay their dues.

Discussion

Timing of *The Brookdale Bugle*. Editor Lisa Clark said that due to computer problems, she has been unable to complete the fall edition of *The Brookdale Bugle*. She expects it will be done and ready for distribution by mid-January. The Board decided that it would publish three instead of four editions of *The Brookdale Bugle* this year. After the January edition, we will publish the next edition in April.

Status of Tribute to Amy Rispin. Mike Makuch said he had received word that the county had received a shipment of benches and anticipated that one would be installed in January. No date for a dedication has been set.

Updating the Brookdale Directory.

Lisa said she has been unable to complete her work on the directory due to computer problems. She expects that she will have entered updates before our January 31 deadline at which point she will ask Vice Presidents to canvass their respective areas to fill in missing data.

The Vice Presidents will have until March 1 to complete their work so that we can distribute updated directories at the next annual meeting in May 2023.

Comments on recently held and upcoming events.

The Halloween parade and party were a success. The Luminaria and caroling events won high praise. The Board decided to defer holding *Brookdale at Home* events this winter due to concern about covid.

Thrive Montgomery Committee - Manuel Ochoa is leading a study group to evaluate what Thrive 2050 means to our community.

Other developments affecting our neighborhood.

-Dick received confirmation from Montgomery County that they would post new 20-mile-per-hour signs at all entrances to Brookdale except at Newport.

-Status of dog park. No news. The MoCo planning board is undergoing significant change.

- Boundary Park. Peter reached out to MoCo regarding (1) the status of the agreed-upon removal of a mound of vegetation near the boundary marker; and (2) the replacement of trees that had been cut down [by a chainsaw wielding weed warrior] near the fire hydrant.

-Proposed bike lane on Western Avenue. Dick and Peter will reach out to DC Transportation to learn more about this proposal.

-Blocking access to neighborhood via Harrison. Dick promised to contact DC transportation about cross hatching on Western at the intersection with Harrison to keep motorists from blocking the entrance to Harrison.

-Proposals for Little Falls Parkway - discussion deferred to next meeting.

-GEICO related improvements

- Pathway from Willard to Saratoga - discussion deferred.
- GEICO promised to remove a dead shrub that blocks sightline along Cortland.
- GEICO also promised to improve pathway from Cortland to GEICO.

Other Brookdale communications.

- Lisa will send an email to Gabe, with a copy to Heather, to ask him to create a new folder on the website for monthly board meeting minutes.

- Update on status of Amy's history of Brookdale for website and printing. The Brookdale History with an addendum indicating an expansion of our neighborhood and a tribute to Amy Rispin will be added to our website. *[According to our July 22, 2022 minutes we will spend \$687 to print 50 copies. No decision was made on whether to charge for the copies.]*

- Status of posting *Welcome to Brookdale* on our website. Lisa's computer problems have preempted progress.

Darcy volunteered to serve as the Board's representative at CCCFH meetings pending approval of the Board.

Adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy King-Leatham