

Brookdale Citizens' Board Minutes of Meeting held on October 29, 2022

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

Administrative

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

A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded and approved.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September meeting. The motion was approved.

Next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 17th at 7 pm.

Treasurer's Report. Total balance as of October 2022 is \$15,363.00 of which \$5,552.05 is in checking and \$9,810.95 is in our CD. Expenses this past month were \$354.00. Credits were \$3,037.39 (of which \$1,000 came from Compass Realty (Dominique) for Abner's music charity efforts, as well as collective Pay Pal transfers.

Over 128 residences have now paid dues, and therefore roughly 31% of residents have paid their 2022 dues based on a calendar year tally.

Brookdale Bugle

The fall edition is in process. Lisa expects that it will be ready for distribution in early November. Lisa will write an article on PorchFest.

Brookdale communications

- Motion was made, seconded and approved to publish Board minutes on the website but only after the minutes have been approved.
- Lisa has obtained Paul Rispin's thumb drive on the directory. She continues to solicit information from residents. Adrienne offered to help Lisa with the directory. The Board set a goal of January 31st to complete the directory update.
- Heather and Dick are writing an addendum to the *Brookdale History*. They will include an addendum with a map showing the expansion of Brookdale Citizens' neighborhood and an obituary for Amy Rispin, the author of *Brookdale History*. Upon its completion, the *Brookdale History* will be posted on our website.
- Lisa will post *Welcome to Brookdale* on our website.

Status of tribute to Amy Risen

Mike Makuch will be meeting county officials soon to finalize plans for installation of bench.

Planning for future events

-Halloween

We will hold a parade on Sunday October 30th. Mike is lending his sports car to Dick to use in the parade. Maha volunteered to judge costumes. Someone volunteered Heather. Four or five Board members volunteered to judge spookiest Halloween decorations. They will meet at Dick's house at 7:30 pm on October 30th.

-Luminary

Stacey Yochum is on board to lead caroling the night of Luminary (December 4). Lisa promised to send out a save the date reminder soon. Maha suggested getting teenagers involved in preparation for the event and volunteered to spearhead the effort.

-At Home events

Dick has unsuccessfully tried to contact a resident magician and will continue to do so.

Development issues

-Proposed dog park. Given that the entire Planning Board recently resigned, it is unclear when the county will act on the proposed dog park.

-Thrive 2050. This is coming before the County Board soon.

The County has designated River Road as a "growth corridor" meaning that it is suitable for high density commercial and residential development.

-5500 Wisconsin Avenue Development- Friendship Heights Village and developer reached a settlement so the proposed development will move forward.

-Proposed bike lane on Western Avenue. Dick promised to see how we might influence the District's decision to build a bike lane on Western Avenue. He is concerned about how the bike lane might affect parking and residents' ability to turn into the neighborhood from Western Avenue.

-Peter said that Washington Gas will be replacing a valve near the corner of River and Western. Washington Gas intends to park six trucks on Park Place for six weeks, thereby preempting parking on the street. Peter will contact his neighbors to inquire as to whether they will object to losing the parking space. He will also contact Washington Gas to inform them of the need to keep the dead-end clear to allow drivers to turn around their vehicles.

Respectfully submitted,

Darcy King-Leatham