

Minutes of Brookdale Citizens' Association Board Meeting on February 21, 2023

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

Administrative

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 2022 meeting. The motion was approved. Minutes were posted to our website.

Next meeting will be held on March 21st.

Treasurer's Report.

Our total balance as of today is \$15,832.70. There is \$5,994.45 in our checking account and \$9,838 in our CD. Expenses for the past month (which includes Bugle expenses) were \$500.86. Pay Pal transfers for past month amounted to \$495.93. As of today, 20 residents have paid their 2023 dues.

Discussion

The question was raised as to what interest rate we were earning our CD and the length of its term. Heather promised to report back to us.

Brookdale Bugle. We will publish three issues of the Bugle each year (not 4). Lisa expects that the next issue will go to the printer on May 1 so she wants submissions by April 1. In the past, the Board discussed what topics it hoped to include in the next issue. We will resume that practice at the March Board meeting. At Heather's suggestion, we will resume inserting an envelope to facilitate paying dues. We generated a few ideas such as reviews of new local restaurants, commercial development, and a summary of March 8 meeting.

Mike reminded Board members that they need consider whether they intend to run for reelection at the May Annual Meeting.

Status of tribute to Amy Rispin. Mike received word that the bench has been made and will be installed. The county told Mike that they have a backlog of similar requests.

Updating Brookdale Directory. Vice-presidents completed their assignments to elicit directory information. Lisa will input the information. Heather suggested that once she has done so, we should meet to compare the current directory with the new.

At a recent meeting, the Board decided to ask Paul Rispin to donate original source material Amy amassed for her *History of Brookdale* to the Montgomery County Historical Society. Paul is willing to do so. Dick will remind Paul.

Status of other publications

Amy's History will go to the printer next week. Gabe is waiting for Lisa to send an electronic copy to him to post on our website.

The Board decided to abandon the *Welcome to Brookdale* publication as it is too difficult to keep current.

Board member Maha Haddad edited a documentary titled *Last Battle for the Vote*. It aired on public TV.

Thrive 2050 Committee. The committee is sponsoring a public forum on March 8 at 6:30 pm at Wisconsin Place. All Brookdale residents are invited.

Other Developments

The county has installed 20 mph speed limit signs and removed the 25 mph speed limit signs.

We have no news on the proposed dog park.

Dick contacted DC Transportation to ask that they paint crosshatching on Western/Harrison to stop cars from blocking Harrison entrance. They will paint it.

Peter contacted the county Parks about cleaning up the Boundary Park. They have agreed in principle to do so but did not say when it would be accomplished.

After two queries, Darcy did not receive a response from the Kenwood Association regarding the Little Falls Parkway survey. She hoped to learn how Brookdale residents responded to the survey. She and Heather will discuss how to engage residents in a discussion of the issues (road diet, linear park).

Status of bus garage at the Lord and Taylor site. Several Board members attended a recent meeting by DC Planning. DC considered alternative sites but have decided that the Lord and Taylor site is the best option. The garage will be underground with a capacity for 120 electric buses. In the future, the Board may try to influence the placement of entrances to the garage.

Proposed bike lane on Western Avenue. Dick or Peter will inquire as to when plans are formulated and open for public comment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy King-Leatham