

**Brookdale Neighborhood Citizens Board
Minutes of Meeting on January 11, 2024**

Members in attendance: Dick Podolske, Mike Makuch, Heather Paul, Maha Haddad, Peter Bierksteker, Jack Morton, Matt Paccinelli and Darcy King-Leatham. Abner Oakes was also in attendance.

Absent: Adrienne Nassau and Manuel Ochoa.

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 last meeting. The motion was approved.

Next meetings will be held on Thursday, February 8 and March 21st.

Treasurer's Report.

Total balance as of January 11, 2024 is \$11,252.22 of which \$3,286.52 is in checking and \$7,965.70 is in our CD. We had to dip into our CD. Dues included \$490.00 and expenses were \$520.52 (including Web and Bugle costs). We ended the year with roughly 42% of residents having paid dues.

Cost of website and listserv (\$162 per quarter)

Abner mentioned that he pays far less for his website. The Board decided to continue with the same provider.

Recent Events

Eric Sanne and Mike Makuch recently gave a presentation on their recent trip on the Camino Santiago. They are giving a repeat performance soon.

Recent survey about The Bugle

Abner gave us then results of a recent survey. The majority of those who responded indicated that they preferred to receive a hard copy of the newsletter rather than a digital version. Abner noted three reasons for going digital: save money; sustainability; and be current with the times. The Board voted to issue both a digital and a print version and reevaluate in a year's time. The survey responders also provided suggestions for future content.

Discussion

Traffic issues: Dick has asked the District Dept of Transportation to paint cross hatching at Harrison and Western. Matt offered to file a "311 ticket." Peter will receive news on the Western Avenue bike plan. Darcy gave a report on the Little Falls Parkway.

Brookdale at Home Events

Dick will contact Deb Kalb for dates. Maha has been communicating with the Friendship Heights Alliance (FHA) about co-hosting a future event.

Development issues

Manuel Ochoa called in to inform us that Montgomery County has budgeted for a revised sector plan in 2025.

WMATA Bus garage/Lord and Taylor site. Heather and Peter have drafted a letter asking DC Planning and WAMATA to consider our input with respect to proposed bus garage. The letter will also be sent to our council member Andrew Friedson.

The new Giant at Westward opens January 26th. TJ Max pulled out of the new Mazza Galleria. Total Wine will open a store at Mazza. Across the street from Mazza, a Trader Joe's will be built.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Darcy King-Leatham