

HCA Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
10202 Lariston Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20903

Attendance:

Margie Goergen-Rood (President), Kimberly Pfirrmann-Powell (VP)*, Andrew Harris* (VP-Programs), Ken Harringer* (Treasurer), Heather Thomas (Secretary), Luann Spiller* (Past-President), Jeff McNeil (At-Large OH), Virgil Tudor (At-Large WH), Tom Helfand (At-Large WH), Ava Penny* (At-Large HF), Lillie Brown (At-Large HF), Ross Sutton* (Bulletin/Garden), Russ Harris* (Web), Eileen Finnegan (Zoning), Bill Thomas (Developer Liaison), Shana Davis-Cook (Bylaws)

** Not present*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

- Updates:
 - Replacement “Welcome to Hillandale” sign was paid for by the insurance of the driver that hit the old one. It’s on order to be remade, delivered and installed.
 - Andrew put the speed signs up on Royal Road
 - A small batch of directories was ordered and delivered for handing out to new residents who join the HCA. Lillie found going door to door in her area worked well.
 - NNO was a success, although it was not as well attended as other years

- Meeting dates & topics for the September general meeting
 - **Margie will invite Mike Durso & Brenda Wolfe** (the outgoing and incoming District 5 School Board Representatives) to speak on current school board priorities and directions for the future; particularly as it relates to the local schools -- Nix, Cresthaven, Key & the Consortium.
 - **Margie will book CHI for October 17th** (with backups for 18th, 24th, 25th)
 - Other topics considered
 - FDA/GSA - current issues, new development (better to wait for their master plan meeting which should be happening soon)
 - HF Traffic - (we need more information and must have time to adequately prepare it) - probably best for a stand alone meeting with affected residents
 - Emergency Preparedness (not local enough)
 - We need to do more advertising. This will be in our one printed mailer for the year. **Heather will also send multiple emails,, and make sure it is on the Google calendar on the webpage. Additionally Heather & Shana will ask the schools to put it out.**

- This is the only planned Bulletin to be mailed this year; Articles should include
 - A note that this is the only mailer with instructions for getting information electronically

- Information about the General Meeting
 - If applicable, information about GSA/FDA public meetings
 - Updates on the welcome sign, speed sign campaign
 - Directions for signing up (we still have directories for new members)
 - The Budget to be approved at the next meeting (**Eileen**)
 - **Article about what HCA has done for the last year and does with budget (Shana)**
 - Save the date for Holiday Party
 - **A note about the open committee chair positions and calls for volunteers to join any of the committees (Heather)**
- Budget
 - Budget - **Eileen will prepare a draft** based 2018 expenses provided by Ken, presuming a membership drive and some rent to CHI.
- We will not have the second general meeting for Fall 2018. **Margie will email proposed meeting dates for the first half of 2019.**
 - The Holiday Party is to be scheduled for December 2nd
- Hillandale Park - Shana provided an update from Linda Komes from Parks; construction plans should be out in November/December timeframe, and they have offered to provide an electronic copy. There is no news on dates of start as it is dependent on the facility in Wheaton to move the Parks staff from our building that is to be demolished.
- **Heather will send an email asking each committee chair to write a few sentences** about what each role is responsible for. Ideas for what the role of the empty chair positions should be can be submitted as well.
- New Zoning Legislation for consideration
 - Accessory apartments - this law would make the application a make certain waivers procedural rather than by special exception -- on street parking; and additional apartments within 300 ft of another one. The hearing for this is scheduled for September 11th.
 - **Eileen will write a letter on behalf of the board** in line with our past positions - keep the existing special exception process. Additionally, we'd encourage them to do a better job of publicizing and explaining the existing process if they really want to encourage more accessory apartments as an affordable housing alternative.
 - Legislation upcoming to allow developers to credit transportation improvements to both the local and regional transportation taxes.
 - We need more information if we are to have a board opinion, **Eileen will send out additional information.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm