

Minutes of Seminary Ridge Civic Association Board Meeting

APRIL 23, 2020

In Attendance: Don Frahler, President; Paul Judge, First Vice President; Jeanne Jacob, Second Vice President; Maria Browne, Treasurer; Elizabeth McIntyre, Secretary; Mike Brookbank, Parliamentarian; Sue Goodhart, and Beth Chase, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School, CFO.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by President Frahler.
2. **Secretary's Report – Liz McIntyre:** The February 2020 meeting was informal. We did not have a quorum, and there are no minutes. The January 2020 minutes were distributed electronically during meeting and need to be accepted at next meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report as of April 23, 2020 – Maria Browne**
 - 3.1 Browne reported that our current balance as \$16,373, including two outstanding checks of \$319 and \$273.44 that have not been cashed.
 - 3.2 Browne reported that the Directory Printing budget is \$2500.
4. **Directory Update – Liz McIntyre and Jeanne Jacob**
 - 4.1 We have a total of 314 residents on our spreadsheet. We have confirmed directory information for 130 individuals.
 - 4.2 McIntyre reported have unconfirmed directory information for 184 households, including 64 for whom we had no email address.
 - 4.3 McIntyre and Jacob attempted to call the 64 SRCA members. They left messages, obtained email addresses or confirmed directory information but were unable to contact 43 households due to incorrect/disconnected phone numbers, no phone number or inability to leave a message. We will need send out some mailers.
 - 4.4 Sue Goodhart stated that she has some information, and McIntyre, Jacob and Goodhart will meet on Monday to address the 184 unconfirmed households.
5. **Seminary Hill (SH) Report – Paul Judge**
 - 5.1 No virtual SH meetings, but there has been significant email traffic.
 - 5.2 Single Family Zoning or ADUs – All SRCA Board members reviewed the City's presentation and agreed that the city did not state its goals or strategy for the program. Each Board member is to respond to the city's survey on ADUs. Board members agreed that SRCA does not have the budget to file lawsuits to enforce SRCA covenants that may become more restrictive than City's zoning requirements.
6. **Scheduling Upcoming Events – Don Frahler**

6.1 **Annual picnic:** The picnic will be held on 9/20/2020. Beth Chase confirmed the School's calendar will allow our usage, and we will have the picnic in the same area as last year. **Garage Sale** and **Screen on the Green** have been cancelled.

6.2 Jacob suggested SRCA arrange for a neighborhood-wide pick-up of yard waste. Goodhart has been contacted by 1-2-3 Junk and will follow-up with them to get pricing.

7. Arborist Update and Neighborhood Beautification Update - Jeanne Jacob

7.1 Jacob had no information on the arborist. Judge agreed to contact city arborist to get an update on the city's plan for our neighborhood's Bradford pear trees.

7.2 Jacob stated that neighbors on Featherstone are still upset with city's Strawberry Hill plan. The SRCA Board signed a petition against the Strawberry Hill plan that has been submitted to the city. Jacob informed the neighbors of SRCA Board's action and suggested that each affected neighbor contact the city directly.

8. SSAS Update – Beth Chase

8.1 The school has moved to distance learning. Prom cancelled; graduation will be cancelled. Summer activities through 6/10 have been cancelled and future activities will be decided upon and parents notified 30-days before anticipated start dates.

8.2 The school submitted documentation to the city regarding the purchase of land from St. Andrews United Methodist Church. The school is slowing its construction process and now anticipates construction to start in May of '22. The school's special use permits requests increasing enrollment from 480 to 500 students and increasing on-campus parking by 20 spaces.

8.3 The School has Security and maintenance employees on-site from 7 AM to 8 PM. They enforce social distancing and disperse groupings of more than 10 people.

9. New Business

9.1 Jacob suggested that the SCRA sponsor one day of meals for Alexandria City's 90 firefighters and EMTs. The cost will be approximately \$1000. The Board approved this expenditure. Jacob has authority to proceed with the effort. Thanks Jeanne!!

9.2 Judge requested update on Carraig Estates. Goodhart stated that the developers were engaged in arranging financing before COVID-19, and it is more difficult now. She learned that developer will start by building at the back of the lot first.

9.3 Frahler requested SRCA Board start to think about new officers for September meeting. Please come up with possible candidates for next meeting.

10. **Adjournment:** Next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2020 at 7 pm on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

