

# Minutes of Seminary Ridge Civic Association Board (SRCA) Meeting JULY 28, 2020

**In Attendance:** Don Frahler, President; Paul Judge, First Vice President; Jeanne Jacob, Second Vice President; Elizabeth McIntyre, Secretary; Mike Brookbank, Parliamentarian; and Beth Chase, St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School (SSAS), CFO.

**1. Call to Order- Frahler:** Called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**2. Secretary's Report – McIntyre:** The May 2020 minutes had been previously reviewed, comments accepted, revised and distributed previously. McIntyre agreed to redistribute.

**3. No Treasurer's Report.**

**4. Seminary Hill Association (SHA) Report - Judge:**

4.1. SHA sent a letter to the City about the Strawberry Run and other waterway projects and received a quick response from the Mayor.

4.2. The City is also working to allow increased density and housing at other school properties.

4.3. Judge attended the virtual Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations (AFCA) meeting. This meeting approved the new slate of AFCA officers.

4.4. The Board discussed SHA's on-going FOIA efforts and will develop a summary to be included in the next newsletter.

4.5. Jacob mentioned that a non-covenant (NC) neighbor mentioned that the City informed the resident that his home was the last residential construction to be approved with an attached garage. Jacob will talk to the NC resident and ask for a City POC and Judge will then inquire further.

**5. SSAS Update - Chase:**

5.1. The school decided to delay their in-person graduation ceremony from July to sometime this fall.

5.2. The school plans to open all three campuses in the fall. The children will be at the school with appropriate social distancing and classes will be taught with a combination of on-line and in-person instruction.

5.3. The Methodist church project is still in review with the City. The next step is public comments.

5.4. The school is open with limited summer programs and athletes are to start training soon.

## **6. Featherstone Update- Jacob:**

**6.1.** Met with Featherstone families. They made some recommendations to the City to reduce disturbances and removal of trees by the Strawberry Run project. The families would like SRCA to notify neighbors of this project. Joe Sestak has volunteered to get involved with this issue.

**6.2.** McIntyre will send out a notice to all residents. Jacob to draft the notice.

**7. Directory Update - McIntyre:** Stated that she has finished proofreading the excel spreadsheet and sent out an email to obtain the most recent versions of the word documents to be inserted before and after the excel spreadsheet information. Learned that Ann Henshaw and Mary Doane may have the requested documents and will contact them. Jacob stated she is updating the Block Captain listing and will provide shortly.

## **8. Amending Constitution and Bylaws to allow virtual meetings - Brookbank:**

**8.1.** Determined that there is no prohibition against holding virtual meetings therefore, there is no need to amend the Constitution or Bylaws. Suggested we amend our documents to eliminate the Community Committee and have those duties assumed by the Board. Once changes are made, the revised documents need to be filed with the City.

**8.2.** Discussed a desire to have a monthly newsletter. There was general concession from the Board, including a summary of the minutes of the last Board meeting.

**9. Annual Meeting - Frahler and Jacob:** The SRCA annual meeting is still tentatively scheduled to be an outside meeting held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, but it depends on the State's response to COVID and the current recovery phase. The Board reiterated its decision to cancel the picnic. Chase stated that SRCA could use the SSSAS Zoom account to hold our annual meeting if we decide to hold our meeting virtually.

## **10. No Nominating Committee Report.**

**11. SRCA Masthead Discussion - Jacob:** Jacob is working to develop a masthead that will feature Bradford pear trees and will have SRCA prominently displayed and the acronym spelled out in small print below.

**12. Adjournment:** Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19, 2020 at 7 PM on Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.