

**Greater Wilton Woods Citizens' Association Meeting--Minutes
May 18, 2004**

Sam announced that the date of the GWWCA picnic had to be changed. The date is now Sunday, June 13. The GWWCA Board will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, etc., and will ask each family to bring a dish to share. The picnic will be on the Browne Academy grounds. The Board also decided to try something new—we will invite heads of local government (such as Supervisor Kauffman and Delegate Sickles), chiefs of local police and fire departments, and principals of our local schools. They will be welcome to attend with their families for a fun afternoon and an opportunity to meet some of the residents they serve.

Kyle Spencer, a student at Mark Twain Middle School, asked to speak at the meeting. His purpose for speaking was to bring attention to the condition of the basketball hoops behind the old Wilton School (note to Board: what's this place called now? I've forgotten). They are in severe disrepair, and Mr. Spencer asked for the GWWCA's endorsement in asking Fairfax County to consider funding repair of these hoops for local children. The GWWCA agreed to provide its endorsement.

Melissa Lakey, head of the Shaffer Drive Traffic Calming Task Force, spoke at the meeting to announce results of the balloting phase. Out of 166 homes eligible to vote, 122 voted in favor of the traffic calming and 8 voted against, which results in approval of implementing traffic calming devices. VDOT plans to implement the devices around the end of the summer. Melissa also thanked the residents of School St; for their overwhelming support, and commented that they could use the help of the association should they decide to initiate their own traffic calming project.

Suzie Baird of the Fairfax County Land Use Committee came to present updates to the GWWCA on Route One area revitalization projects. She passed out information on planned projects and projects that are being considered, including Kings Crossing, a hoped-for development at the current site of Chuck E. Cheese, as well as development at the Huntington Metro on Kings Highway, which has been approved and is scheduled to begin soon. Suzie stated that Route One development, particularly residential development, will affect schools and how neighborhoods are zoned for schools. Suzie encouraged people who have strong opinions on specifics of development to become involved as early as possible, to ensure having a voice in the decisions during the early stages of planning. One such opportunity is a Town Meeting, scheduled for October 12 from 7:30-10:00 at Hayfield High School. If anyone has additional questions, please feel free to send her an e-mail at William.baird4@verizonmail.com

John Nyere reviewed the minutes from the last meeting.

Dan Franklin spoke again about pedestrian safety in our area and the need for planning for better access and safety in the future as road projects and development occur.

Sam motioned for the GWWCA to vote on annexing the School St neighborhood (including its cul de sacs) and Poag St. as residents eligible to join the association. Votes were in favor, and the motion was accepted. Sam will send a letter of invitation to those residents. One current member expressed concern that, with annexing more houses, the GWWCA may get

bogged down helping the many individual sections of GWWCA with their projects rather than focusing on the overall association. Sam replied that the GWWCA will deal with everyone fairly and give all members their fair voice. Someone asked if Governor's Grove residents are aware that they are eligible for membership. The process of officially inviting them to join had not yet happened, so a present GWWCA member and resident of GG agreed to make sure the invitation is published in the homeowner's association's next newsletter.

Bob Heittman, who worked with Dana Kaufman's office and helped with many traffic calming projects (including Shaffer Dr.), died after a brief illness recently. Sam announced a memorial service scheduled for the evening after this meeting, May 19, 2004. Bob will be remembered as a very kind man who was committed and eager to help citizens.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, March 16.