

**Greater Wilton Woods Citizens' Association Meeting--Minutes
February 8, 2005**

Sam opened the meeting by announcing that the Garden Club made over \$1000 for the Memorial Garden by selling holiday wreaths and kissing balls over the holidays.

Sam introduced Supervisor Dana Kauffman of Lee District, who brought Bill Shoup, Zoning Administrator for Fairfax County, to speak on zoning issues.

Sam announced the appointment of a new chairperson of the Community Improvement and Welfare Committee, Melissa Lakey. Melissa has taken over for Dan Franklin. Sam also announced that the Chair for the Liaison and Legislative Affairs Committee, Miguel Acevedo, resigned, and that the position is open. Sam asked the membership for more involvement—we need more volunteers to keep this organization working. Bonnie Clark, our Public Relations Chair, stood and agreed with Sam's point, and encouraged more participation.

John Nyere went over minutes from the last GWWCA meeting. He noted that when the meeting schedule was changed last year, the Board had overlooked bylaws requiring a membership meeting in January. John moved to change the meeting schedule officially as follows: February, May, September, and November. The move was seconded, the membership voted, and the motion passed to change the bylaws to reflect this new schedule.

The directory for the membership will be updated and printed. Please submit changes to your information so that they will be reflected in the new edition. A few members asked about the cost of printing the directory, and whether providing it electronically would be a viable solution. Sam replied that a significant number of members do not have electronic access. In addition, some members would not want their information being provided via e-mail for privacy reasons. The membership approved funding the directory.

Sam asked Melissa Lakey to speak briefly. Melissa talked about the need for traffic calming, deaf child signs, and sidewalks on School St. She and Sam sent a letter to the county on behalf of the residents of this part of GWWCA asking to be considered for a traffic calming initiative. Melissa also stated that she will head up a committee to work with the Morgan Group. Since the land in question will be developed, we need to become involved now to have a voice in this project. Melissa's e-mail address will be made available on the website.

Melissa asked Dana for his position on the Morgan Group's quest for an out of turn amendment in the County's Comprehensive Plan. Dana replied that he won't support it unless the GWWCA and Jefferson Manor associations support it.

Sam stated that he had some county pamphlets on home occupancy limits, if anyone was interested.

The GWWCA received an invitation to the Transportation Summit at the Government Center. Contact Sam if you are interested.

John Nyere accepted nominations for the four officers for 2005. The membership reelected the incumbents. Sam, John, and Bonnie announced that this is their last year in their positions.

Supervisor Kaufman introduced Bill Shoup, who spoke on the current issue in Fairfax County regarding zoning and requests for variances. Currently all variance requests are at a standstill due to a state Supreme Court case which originated in the McLean area of the county. (For information on this complex situation, please refer to the history and Q&A paper prepared and provided by Supervisor Kauffman to Sam, which Sam sent out via e-mail to the membership on January 25, 2005.) Supervisor Kauffman and Mr. Shoup took questions from the membership.

A member asked what the Board of Supervisors can do about this zoning situation, since many residents are currently unable to move forward on renovations, additions, etc. Supervisor Kauffman replied that he would bring this up with the County Board of Supervisors.

Melissa Lakey asked Bill Shoup about zoning in regards to the Morgan Group's proposed development. Many of us are still not clear about the whole process, and would like to be education on it as we work with the developer. Supervisor Kaufman offered to give a basic lesson on land use in the near future for anyone interested. For the purposes of this development project, he offered this brief explanation of the current status: because the out of turn amendment was not support by the community, the Morgan Group must request an amended plan request by September 2005. Then the Land Use Committee would make a decision on the request sometime in late 2006.

Supervisor Kauffman provided some updates on other areas in Lee District. The area of Telegraph Road between Farmington and the Beltway, which is known as "Happy Valley," holds much interest for developers, so if anyone is concerned about what type of development goes in, stay informed. A note if interest--the Hispanic Church in this area is owned by the community. The fenced-in buildings on Telegraph Rd due for demolition for beltway improvements are scheduled to be demolished summer or fall of this year. The Shaffer Dr. traffic calming is next in the county queue, which means this spring.

Finally, Supervisor Kauffman distributed a letter he wrote on his new chairmanship of Metro and his plans while in that position. He also distributed a paper on changing demographics in the county, and how that will affect county services.

The 50/50 raffle was held proceeds going to the Wilton Woods Memorial Garden maintenance fund.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.