

GWWCA Membership Meeting – Tuesday, February 19, 2013

Larry opened the meeting at 7:30.

- He mentioned the GWWCA newsletter that recently went out.
- He reminded everyone of \$15 dues for 2013.
- Larry also described GWWCA.nextdoor.com. It currently has 140 members in 122 households. It is a great way to share information and request information, such as for recommended service contractors.

GWWCA Business

- Elections. All current board members agreed to run again, with no new nominations offered. The election was unanimous. Larry (President), Parry (Vice President), Monica (Secretary), and Carol (Treasurer) remain on the Executive Board.
- Traffic calming projects for School St. and Wilton Rd. Melissa Lakey, GWWCA Neighborhood Liaison, provided an update. She also updated the membership on the proposed K-12 school at Lighthouse Baptist Church. There will be a zoning meeting on March 6.
- Treasury report. Balance is \$5110.72 as of 01/31/13. Larry showed a slide with detail on the year's expenditures.

Supervisor Jeff McKay attended the meeting and discussed the state and county budgets, as well as a variety of road and construction projects, among other county happenings:

1. There may be a transportation bill passed in Richmond this year, which is good news.
2. FC budget process is beginning. It is in better shape than it has been in several years. Property values are up and job opportunities are increasing. However, there are serious concerns about the implications of the sequestration. The goal is to pass a flat rate, as in recent years.
3. Nearby road projects: 1-Mulligan Rd. is scheduled to be finished in a year or so. 2-Telegraph Rd/Kings Hwy/Van Dorn area. 3-Widening of Richmond Hwy at Ft. Belvoir. It is completely funded, but a couple of years from construction.
4. The county is in the process of hiring a new police chief due to Chief Rohr's retirement. The interview process will happen in late spring to early summer; a new chief is expected to be hired by the end of the year.
5. The FC fire chief also retired and a new one was just hired from Montgomery County. He has expressed a goal to be visible to the community.
6. Other county retirements are coming up in important positions.
7. Jeff discussed some area development projects. Insight is one of the developers of the properties at N. Kings Highway and Poag St. This project has begun.
8. School St. traffic calming. Although this is a VDOT project, the county is now responsible for funding it.
9. The Penn Daw development by Combined Properties (see below).
10. With the Silver Line going in, Huntington Metro is being looked at seriously by many developers now after years of not noticing it because it is the end of a metro line and has a lot of growth potential. A positive result of area developments is that new developments are required to adhere to current standards for environmental issues, which includes updated approaches to storm drainage, green space, etc.

Questions:

1. What is currently funded for mass transit in our area? The county has funded bus shelters throughout the county, including Route 1, which has been paid for by the companies that advertise on the shelters. Jeff fully supported funding the silver line to Tyson's, because Tyson's is the economic center of the county. We all pay lower taxes because of the vibrancy of Tyson's. The county makes a huge investment in mass transit, although we are very behind many other cities, especially overseas, where those governments have put a lot of money into mass transit.
2. Spraying for inch worms? Wilton Woods is not currently part of the map. The spraying is closer to Lee District, as well as down near Ft. Hunt and also Franconia Rd. All affected residents will receive a letter. The treatment is non-chemical.
3. Property taxes. Where can citizens go to weigh in on this? The Board of Supervisors takes testimony on four nights in April each year. Each citizen is permitted to appeal his/her property assessment.

Combined Properties presentation on Penn Daw—presented by Randy Kenna, Combined Properties' Senior Director of Development and Acquisitions, and Mark Looney, a land use attorney with Cooley LLP

- Comprehensive Plan Amendment adopted by county April 10, 2012
- During the plan amendment, the community expressed desire for fewer residential units, more retail, height and density transitions to the existing neighborhood, and gathering areas. As result, the following changes were made: 12% reduction in residential units, 30% increase in retail, and more space for gathering.
- 34 townhouses, 397 apartments, 34,000 sq ft retail, overall FAR 1.08

Questions

- Can Combined provide a link to all of the drawings presented tonight? They will give this to Larry to put on the GWWCA website.
- Will there be screening between the development and the neighborhood behind? Yes.

Fast Eddie's site—Capital Investment Advisors

- Residential and retail
- Underground parking for residents
- Developer purchased about twelve houses on Jamaica Dr.

If you have any questions for GWWCA, please feel free to contact Larry at gwwca.president@gmail.org.

No 50/50 Raffle.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2013. Josh Smith of the FC Disease Carrying Insects Program will present.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35.