

HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE CITIZENS ASSOCIATION (HHVCA)

MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:20 PM by Ted Godbout, HHVCA President. The meeting was held at the Hollin Hall Senior Center (HHSC).

There were 26 members and neighbors in attendance.

The meeting's agenda, as previously published in the newsletter, included committee reports, review and approval of the meeting minutes of June 18, 2018, meeting, and a discussion of traffic safety in HHV.

The June 18, 2018, meeting minutes were approved by voice vote without correction or objection.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Godbout noted that it has been a very busy year in HHV, especially with the 75th Anniversary celebration and the Lafayette re-zoning issue.

He informed the attendees that Vinny Fusaro had resigned from the Vice President position, and Jeremy Sturchio had resigned from Transportation Committee Chairperson. He thanked them both for their service. He also noted that the Budget and Consumer Affairs committees were without leadership at the current time and asked that people consider taking these positions.

He reviewed the current status of the Lafayette Drive rezoning proposal, noting that the County Planning Commission had, after initially deferring decision, voted against the rezoning, but the Board of Supervisors had indefinitely deferred any action on the matter. Mr. Godbout stated that we would continue to monitor any activity on the classification of the property. He thanked those involved in working on the issue, including the petition drive, discussions with public officials, and Planning Board testimony.

Mr. Godbout also noted that revisions to the County's zoning ordinances were underway, and that Bryan O'Connor, had volunteered to monitor activity surrounding the changes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget (Committee chair vacant) – Mr. Milanowski (Treasurer) reported that HHVCA was in good financial condition. He noted that the 75th Anniversary celebration had paid for itself through donations and book sales. He solicited inputs for the 2019 budget to be presented at the March 2019 meeting. Finally, he noted that interest was strong to provide an electronic method, such as PayPal, to pay dues. Claudia Girerd offered to look into issues about using electronic means.

Planning & Zoning (Don Martin) – Gretchen Walzl, who serves as the MVCCA P&Z chair, gave an update on Route 1 EMBARK Project. The project is scheduled for completion in 2026, and as currently designed will have a bus rapid transit (BRT) lane in the middle and economic centers at specific sites along Route 1. One area of discussion is the “undergrounding” of the utilities along the

project route. Dominion Energy has provided cost estimates to the planners with a substantial increase in cost to the project. The County continues to ask for comments on the project.

Ms. Walzl also noted that the US Park Service was about to start (January 2019) a George Washington Parkway traffic study and hoped to have it completed in April 2019. The Board agreed to monitor this as it progresses.

Transportation (Committee chair vacant) – No report but see below.

Consumer Affairs (Committee chair vacant) – No report

Education (Karen Hertel) – No report

Environment and Recreation (Dorothy Keough) – No report

Public Safety (Leslie Atkinson) – No report

Membership (Gretchen Walzl) – Ms. Walzl stated that HHVCA current membership stood at 221.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

National Night Out – Margaret Keagle asked that we participate in the annual NNO observation in August 2019 and provide a budget for the festivities. All agreed that we should continue this celebration and provide funding.

Traffic Safety in HHV – Addressing traffic safety issues in HHV has been and continues to be a primary concern for HHVCA. Increasing automotive and pedestrian traffic in and around HHV has raised the concerns, especially speeding and disregard for posted signs.

Mr. Milanowski provided a short history on HHVCA's activity on traffic issues, including installation of four-way stops on Paul Spring Parkway, the 2010 Shenandoah Road traffic study by VDOT, and the 2017 activities to install stop signs along Shenandoah and at Wellington and Lafayette roads.

Recent activities by individual neighbors are pursuing traffic calming devices (speed bumps) on Wellington and on Shenandoah. Mr. Godbout asked Kenan Carraway, who is leading an effort to have the devices installed on Wellington to speak about his efforts. His main concern was rate of speed on Wellington and child safety. He engaged the county for help, brought the effort to the near point of installation, but the County has stepped back to review its viability, because they had used wrong maps. Mr. Carraway said he would keep us apprised of his efforts as they continue. Mr. Godbout offered assistance where needed. Others mentioned that the issue of traffic safety should be addressed as a community-wide effort, rather than about a specific street, to avoid unintended consequences, such as traffic diversion.

Respectfully Submitted by Leo Milanowski, Treasurer.