

## **Little Run Citizen's Association, Inc. Meeting Minutes**

February 11, 2008  
8929 Maurice Lane  
Annandale, VA 22003

### **Board Attendees:**

Nancy Hahn, Nancy Gordon, Connie Griffin, Ivan Dietrich, Frank Judnich, and Derrick Chamlee

Guest: Gayle Blewis

Regrets: Dave Bailey, Maryann Fox, Linda Smith, Anne Richardson, Bob Kachur

### **1. Review Minutes Of January 14, 2008 Meeting**

The minutes were reviewed, accepted and seconded as written.

### **2. Treasurer's Report – Linda Smith via handout**

The balance as of January 31, 2008 was \$15,302.51

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed, accepted, and seconded as written.

### **3. Neighborhood Watch Report – Bob Kachur**

The six new magnetic neighborhood watch signs will be delivered to Bob Kachur.

It was reported that kids are leaving beer in the creek by Ilda pool.

Bob, if you are still leaving we need to find another Neighborhood Watch Captain.

### **4. Mastenbrook Grant Proposal Update – Bob Kachur via email the boards decisions are indicated in *italic*.**

The following is a condensed version of emails back and forth between Bob Kachur and Derrick Chamlee regarding his meeting with the parks department. In attendance: Bob Steven – Parks, Mark Rogers – Parks, Charles Smith - Resource Management, Dave Hahn – LRCA, Ivan Dietrich – LRCA, Bob Kachur – LRCA

#### **FALLEN TREES**

The county will remove the fallen trees and the tree blocking the stream. They said they were going to take care of the trees right away and on their own. Free of charge.

*They have already removed the trees.*

#### **THE TRAIL**

The trail through the park is not recognized and it means they won't be doing work on it...although they will clear the trees. As for woodchips, those are a non-starter according to the parks department. They suggested stone, but my guess is that would be cost prohibitive. The woodchips clog the sewers and need to be replaced. The Department of Resources guy said the natural trail is actually our best bet.

## THE FENCE

Plant shrubs from the park along the areas where we were going to put in fences. They had no problem with a fence but thought that planting shrubs would be a better option. It would necessitate a minor tweaking of the path away from the stream.

***The board decided if the Parks Department would identify bushes to be moved we would transplant them.***

## THE BENCHES

We can add benches from the approved list. The benches would be part of the Mastenbrook proposal.

***The board will get bids for purchasing and installing the benches.***

## ASPHALT PATH

We can repave the asphalt path that cuts across the park from Rosedale to Canterbury Woods Elementary School. The repaving should/could be part of the grant.

***The board decided not to seek bids to repave the path. It's not in that bad a shape.***

## THE BRIDGE

The tough part starts at the other end of the park. The sidewalk is not country property, so if we were to open it up we would have to "negotiate" with the owner, who they said was very nice lady. A second "downside" is that a bridge across the "creek" would probably cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. He suggested hitting up Sharon Bulova for support but added that there was not a lot of spare funding. They also suggested rock stepping stones, but this would not make it passable to all members of the community. Any bridge would also have to be cleared with the Dept of Sanitation because the sewer runs underneath the "creek".

Q. It sounds like building a bridge has a few challenges associated with it.

A. Yep, right now it looks like it's way over our budget and I don't see much of a point in clearing a path to a location that can't be easily crossed when you get to the end.

***The board decided to ask if the Parks department is willing to clear the trees blocking the last third of the path.***

## **5. Community Affairs Report – Ivan Dietrich**

**Braddock District Council Meetings Kings Park Library Meeting Room**

## OTHER MEETINGS

The **Braddock District Community Workshop on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**, replaces our normal February BDC meeting. This year's topics focus on the future of Braddock District: the **“Putting Green Into Braddock” Project and “Building the Future Braddock Community within a Community.”**

On **Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM**, the Fairfax County Park Authority will host a **Great Parks, Great Communities Workshop** in the Kings Park Library Meeting Room. If you cannot make the meeting, your comments are welcome on-line; go to <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/greatparks.htm>.

The BDC program for **Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in Braddock Hall** will be our **annual Fairfax County Budget presentation**. We will have a short administrative meeting, so that you can hear the budget details in depth. We invite any and all who are interested.

## **6. LRCA Link**

Search continues for newsletter layout replacement

Nancy Gordon has agreed to lead an editorial board for the LINK. The goal is to build a roster of people who can write articles for the LINK that pertain to the community.

Derrick, email Nancy the names and contact information of those who indicated they want to help with the LINK.

*Articles for newsletter:*

Tour of Homes

The difference between a civic association and a homeowners association.

## **7. Membership Report – Frank Judnich**

We currently have 431 members

The board has authorized Frank to spend up to \$200 for a mailing to LRCA residents who have not renewed or joined LRCA

## **8. LRCA Directory Production Update – Nancy Hahn**

Nancy has not received any photos or artwork for inclusion in the directory. She needs them soon or they won't be any in the directory.

Nancy also needs the president's message and the treasurer's report for inclusion in the directory.

## **9. LRCA Website Update – Derrick Chamlee**

[www.lrcaonline.org](http://www.lrcaonline.org)

Add latest community meetings update.

Sent list of emails to Judy S. so everyone can have an LRCAONLINE.ORG email address.

### **10. Upcoming Event Planning**

We were planning on holding a spring party at the Oak Hill property. The property is under contract and cannot be rented for parties.

#### **Tour Of Homes**

The Tour of Homes is being planned for April 13. Nancy Gordon and Connie Griffin will plan the event.

#### **LRCA Yard Sale**

The yard sale is being planned for May 3 the same day the Garden Club is holding its plant sale.

Connie will place ads in newspapers to advertise the sale.

Ilda will not have a spring yard sale but Tim offered the parking lot as a staging area for people to sell stuff.

### **Annual Meeting Planning**

#### **Date: Friday May 9**

- Strawberries and cream
- Board Business
- Speakers – ???
- Political Panel
- Any positions up for reelection?
- Any other ideas?

**National Night Out** – Connie has requested information from the organization but has not received any so far.

Potential for a pre-pool opening party? Connie work with Janice Viola??

### **11. Concerns about potential zoning/construction violations in the neighborhood.**

There was a discussion about an unoccupied home in the neighborhood having work done that either violated county code or did not have the proper permits. The county has been called to investigate. We will get an update once the inspection is complete.

### **12. Next Meeting**

Monday, March 10 – 7:30 p.m.