

## **Minutes of Jan 28 2006 RCHCA Meeting**

Joe Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm  
Approximately 23 residents attended the meeting

Treasurer's Annual Report for 2005:

Beginning balance	\$18,813.73
Ending year 2005 balance	\$23,924.33
Designated reserves	\$10,000.00
Ending year 2005 balance - reserves	\$13,924.33

Expenses for this year will include a new RCHCA Directory, traffic triangle improvements at least for Haverhill and Littledale, and possible distribution of covenants to all residents.

The report was approved unanimously.

Elections - Shannon Hamm presented the current slate of officers, with the change of Mike Baker from Secretary to Transportation chair and Alexa Freeman as Secretary.

Shannon asked if there were any nominations from the floor. None were presented.

A motion was made for approving the current Board. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Park Improvements - The Board has been working with Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission to have improvements made at the park at Saul and Haverhill Roads.

Dr. Parviz Izadjoo from MNCPPC attended the meeting and presented a proposal for building a pavilion, installing a water fountain, sheltering the Porta Potty, adding grills and picnic tables, new benches and installing shade trees. In addition, RCHCA will install the Mutt Mitts for dogs.

In addition, Dr. Izadjoo proposed a sidewalk extension along the park side of Haverhill to extend it to the track. This is a county project and Dr. Izadjoo will contact the county.

The proposal is posted to the RCHCA website.

Construction of the water fountain will begin very soon, depending on weather. The pavilion will be bid out in April. All work should be done by the summer.

Traffic Report – Alexa Freeman reported on the Department of Public Works and Transportation's Traffic Calming Program. The program includes various traffic calming devices and streets must meet certain criteria to qualify. As a first step, the Citizen's Association representing the street must request that DPTW perform a traffic survey to see if the street qualifies. The DPTW has asked RCHCA to be as specific as possible by identifying particular streets and blocks to be studied. Citizens should submit proposals for streets to be included in

the request to the new Transportation Committee Chair, Mike Baker, for inclusion in the spring newsletter and/or present them at the May meeting. We will vote at the May meeting on what we want included in our request to DPTW. This is a vote for a study, not a vote committing RCHCA to any traffic calming plan or device.

Train Noise – Joe Rosenberg reported that a consultant study was completed to find solutions to replace the mandatory sounding of train horns at the Linden Lane rail-grade crossing. A 4-quadrant gate system was considered the most feasible solution, but at \$300,000 it is more expensive than other less feasible solutions. Funding sources are being considered before a formal application for a Quiet Zone will be made.

Community Improvements - Shannon Hamm reported that she is working with a few residents near the Haverhill and Littledale triangle to ensure that the renovations take place this year.

At the May meeting a new proposal for expenditure of funds and commitment from neighbors to maintain the triangle will be put up for a vote. This will appear in the Spring '06 newsletter.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. The meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Alexa Freeman**  
**Secretary**