

RCHCA meeting 10 October 2013

Vice President Sam Statland called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Minutes of previous meeting (4 April 2013) were read and approved.

Maria Marzullo gave the treasurer's report, reporting \$8500 in income (primarily dues) and expenses of \$3900. Expenses included gardening maintenance at one of the triangles and rent for our meeting room at Grace Episcopal School. This leaves a cash balance of \$18,000. The balance left in the litigation fund is \$1300 and there is an outstanding bill of \$2700.

Old business none.

Sandra van Bochove gave a report of the litigation efforts to save our park from the Board of Education. No big news to report. The process is now before the Court of Special Appeals. All are in the process of getting records straight. Good news is that there is no conflict from any of the seven (7) parties involved. The schedule for oral arguments and the submission of briefs will be determined – but likely no sooner than March 2014. No actual construction (ie digging) should happen before 2015. After the ruling at the Court of Special Appeals it is expected that the losing party will appeal to the Appellate level. It was noted that expenses thus far (all paid exclusively from the litigation fund) have exceeded \$70,000. It was noted that Sandra van Bochove, John Robinson, and Tom Sisti have given many volunteer hours of work to the effort. Additional donations are requested from RCHCA members and other neighbors.

Sam Statland and Vince DeCain conducted a brief discussion of the covenants. There are few issues at present and Vince (our lead on Covenants issues) feels that they can be resolved. Some changes are being considered to the Master Plan. One of these concerns livestock (ie chickens), and the other being a rental unit inside a single family dwelling (not permitted under our covenants).

Next Fifi Chase (who resides in RCH) introduced Miriam Kelty who talked about the Village Movement. Miriam heads up a village type organization in the Bannockburn neighborhood called NAN (Neighbors Assisting Neighbors) which has been functioning for about five years. She described the different types of organizations within the Village Movement and what they do. Usually these are volunteer organizations that help out neighbors when requested. Most needed services are for occasional driving and ways to promote social interaction.

Announcements

1. The annual Halloween Parade and Picnic will be held on Sunday October at the corner of East Bexhill and Saul Roads, between noon and 3 pm. The children's Parade begins around 11:15 at Rock Creek Hills Regional Park. Marilyn Emery needs volunteers to help set up at 11 am, and volunteers now to make up posters. Call Marilyn at 301-949-1542.
2. RCHCA \$40 annual dues are due. Please make out check to RCHCA and mail to Maria Marzullo, 9801 East Bexhill Drive.
3. We are updating our Association Directory. Please email John Robinson any updates at jmarkrobinson@verizon.net
4. Association President John Robinson and Vice President Sam Statland have served for the past 3 years and feel that it is time for some new blood with fresh ideas to take over. Please give some thought for whom you would like to nominate or to volunteer yourself.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Respectfully submitted

Ken Sanford