

Rock Creek Hills Citizens Association Spring General Meeting – 5/5/2011

Grace Episcopal Day School

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by president John Robinson. There were circa 65-70 attendees.

The Treasurer's report was accepted. We presently have a fund balance of circa \$22,000.

Montgomery County police officer Denise Gill of the Bethesda district (which we are in) provided a talk on the Neighborhood Watch Program. This program is primarily an anti-burglary program that involves active participation by residents of the neighborhood. This was followed by a rather lively question and answer session. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allocate up to \$500 for additional neighborhood watch signs. The county will supply two. We would need to pay for any additional that we might want.

Next we moved to land use issues; specifically the proposed plans for the Chevy Chase Lake area and then the Kensington and vicinity sector plan. As the plans for Chevy Chase Lake were discussed at the winter meeting, this evening was concentrated on the plans for the 'downtown' area of Kensington.

Speakers included first Fred Boyd who was the lead developer for Montgomery County. Information can be found at <http://montgomeryplanning.org/community/kensington/index.shtm>

Town of Kensington Council Member Lydia Sullivan followed up with the view of many in Kensington who would prefer less aggressive development – i.e., less density and lower building heights. Information can be found at <http://kensingtondevelopment.info/faqs/>

Lastly, John Robinson led a discussion on the new proposed middle school that would be north of Saul Road and would take over the park, tennis courts, playgrounds, playing fields presently located there. There is a lot of information and misinformation on this. While some people are in favor, many are opposed – and almost unanimously people are outraged at the process.

A Special Meeting of the Rock Creek Hills Citizens' Association has been scheduled for 17 May at North Chevy Chase Elementary School located just east of Connecticut Avenue on Jones Bridge Road. The only item on the agenda is the proposed school. It is expected that RCHCA will vote on what the position of the RCHCA will be. Only paid up members of RCHCA will be eligible to vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted
Ken Sanford
Secretary, RCHCA