

Rock Creek Hills Citizens' Association

Minutes of the Meeting on October 12, 2023

Hill Carter, Acting President, called the meeting to order and introduced the other members of the RCHCA Board. He reminded those attending that they needed to check in at the entrance if they wished to vote during the meeting.

Minutes of the May 17, 2023 Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023 meeting.

Vote: Approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mike Baker, Treasurer, submitted his report. He reported that on May 1, 2023, RCHCA had a total of \$7,534.96. Between May 1 and October 1, 2023, we received a total of \$1,396.53 in dues, contributions, and interest. In the same period, we had expenses of \$2,206.37. This leaves us with a total of \$6,725.20 on October 1st. The full treasurer's report will be posted to the website (<https://www.rchca.org>).

Covenants Report

Sudhir Shetty, Secretary, presented the report on behalf of John Robinson, Covenants Chair. During the period Oct. 18, 2022 – Sept. 30, 2023: (i) Two fences were approved. One of these is in process, pending the move-in of new owners. The second turned out to be a safety railing rather than a fence; (ii) Three house construction or improvements were approved, two of which had been constructed without formal approval but were reviewed with site visits and did not involve any complaints from neighbors. For one shed, the owner was directed to apply for a county permit; and (iii) The parking of a large tow truck on an RCH street was resolved informally based on the County's residential zoning code since the covenants were not involved. It was also suggested that residents recognize that enforcement of the covenants depends not on policing by the Board but rather on residents letting the Board know when they have specific concerns which the Board can then follow up as needed.

Other Updates

- *Recent Robbery in the Neighborhood:* Mike Baker updated the meeting on the investigation into this incident in which a resident was followed into a driveway and was robbed of her cellphone before the assailant escaped in a car. Although the police located the getaway car and confirmed it had been stolen, neither the assailant nor his accomplice has been identified. Residents were asked to be aware of their surroundings and to secure their possessions while walking around the neighborhood, even during the day.
- *School Bus Routes:* Mike Baker informed attendees that in response to concerns expressed by residents about congestion and speeding along Old Spring Road, the Board had contacted Silver Creek Middle School to ask whether school buses could revert to their original routes (before construction of the Beach Drive bridge over Silver Creek) along Kensington Parkway. The school informed the Board that they preferred the Old Spring Rd routing but would bring up the issue at the next Route Review meeting.
- *M&T Bank Breach:* The meeting was informed that during a recent online breach of M&T Bank, where RCHCA holds its account, it has been confirmed that no information about RCHCA members was

released. RCHCA has signed up for free credit monitoring offered by the bank following discovery of the breach.

Proposal to allow local political representatives to have moderated access to RCHCAnet

Hill tabled a proposal to allow local representatives who are not resident in Rock Creek Hills to have moderated access to the neighborhood listserve (RCHCAnet). After a brief discussion of the proposal in response to questions from the floor, Hill proposed a motion that this proposal be implemented on a trial basis and experience with it evaluated at the RCHCA Spring meeting. At that time, there would be a vote on whether to retain this provision. This motion was voted on and passed, with the additional clarification that during the trial period access would be provided only upon request by local representatives.

Call for Volunteers for Traffic and Sidewalk Committee

In response to recent concerns expressed by residents about traffic safety and the need for sidewalks, Hill asked for volunteers to look at options to address these issues. Following a brief discussion, a sign-up sheet was circulated during the meeting. It was agreed that there will be two groups constituted under the Transportation Committee (one focused on Traffic coordinated by Trevor Crowley and the other on Sidewalks coordinated by Kar Dobinski). Each group will seek additional volunteers, and will work together in canvassing residents for inputs with the aim of making a consensus set of recommendations to the RCHCA.

Call for Volunteers for a Nominating Committee for the Spring 2024 RCHCA election

Hill reminded attendees that in advance of the Spring 2024 election for all RCHCA officers, the Board is seeking volunteers for a nominating committee. Those interested should contact the Board.

Rock Creek Hill Halloween Party and Parade

Hill reminded attendees of this event, which will be held between noon and 3 pm on Sunday, October 29, and thanked the volunteers who have taken the lead in organizing it. An email has since been sent out on the listserve from one of the organizers.

Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn

Vote: Approved