

Minutes

College Heights Estates Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Present: Ron Browning, President; Chris Oehrle, Vice President; Jie Zhang, Treasurer; Ron Blunck, Don Hein, Matt Kinnard, Jean Pirovic, Pat Cunniff, Secretary.

The meeting opened at 7:35 pm at the home of President, Ron Browning.

Treasurer's Report

Jie Zhang, Treasurer, indicated that only 57 residents had paid dues this year. However, it was noted that our treasury is quite adequate for the present. A discussion occurred as to how to ensure a better participation rate. Board members felt that having a greater participation rate for dues would ensure greater involvement of the community in the activities surrounding CHE. Pat Cunniff noted that the CHE database developed by Ron Blunck is not up to date. Jean Pirovic will send all changes in CHE real estate to Jie for updating the CHE database, but Jean noted that real estate sales data is often up to six months late in terms of being recorded. Ron Blunck pointed out ways in which we could keep the database more current.

Water Main Replacement

Ron Browning said that the tie-ins to Partridge/Clagett and Eversfield/Wells were due to be completed by April 17, 2019. Curbs will still need to be fixed and the old fire hydrants will need to be removed. Ron indicated that the streets impacted by this project will be paved later.

Gilbane Development

Chris Oehrle brought the group up to date about the planned development. Some suggested that CHEA go on written record opposing the project due to increased traffic, additional noise and additional lighting issues for CHE residents.

Chris noted that The Windsor community has been meeting in an attempt to make this project more amenable to their residents. A traffic study will need to be done. Chris indicated he would draft a letter from CHEA regarding the Gilbane

Project and the Traffic Study. Some indicated that it seemed to be unacceptable to have an exit onto Adelphi Road through the former “St. Mark’s” property which has been purchased by Gilbane. Gilbane is looking to develop an optional exit onto Campus Drive through church property there. Ron Blunck stated that CHEA should be thinking ahead and be aware of large parcels of land near CHE that could be developed. We should then attempt to get involved in these planned projects at the beginning. Chris felt that Dannielle Glaros, our County Council representative, had been supportive, but that it was likely that the County Council would approve the project eventually assuming that the Traffic Study was acceptable.

Purple Line

Pat Cunniff said that work was progressing on campus, on University Blvd., on Campus Drive, and on River Road near the College Park Metro Station. She noted that Campus Drive between Baltimore Avenue and Kenilworth Avenue will be closed this summer to allow for alignment work between the Purple Line and the College Park Metro Station.

Annual Meeting

Ron Browning announced that the annual meeting will be held Monday May 20, 2019, 7 pm, at Word of God Baptist Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road. Ron Browning asked for suggestions for speakers and topics. The following were suggested.

- a. Dannielle Glaros, County Council
- b. Purple Line
- c. Gilbane Development
- d. Baltimore Avenue development and road changes
- e. Crime Problems in areas adjacent to CHE
- f. Real Estate Trends

Ron asked Pat Cunniff to see if we could get a Purple Line speaker and someone who could speak about development along Route 1. Chris Oehrle will handle the Gilbane project. Jean Pirovic will handle Real Estate Trends. Other topics are most welcome.

Board Members.

Ron asked Board members if they wished to continue serving on the Board. All except for Pat Cunniff indicated a willingness to stay on the Board.

Other Items

Ron Browning indicated that we could handle dues payment at the Annual Meeting. CHEAFest will be held next fall with date to be determined by new officers and Board. Pat Cunniff agreed to do the Spring newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.

Ron Browning noted that The Purple Line is distributing a Purple Line Corridor Coalition Affordable Housing Survey. .

The Annual Meeting with slate of officers will be posted in the Spring Newsletter. Ron will send out a CHEA Alert about the meeting. Finally, a paper flyer will be distributed throughout the community. Ron Browning will take Partridge; Chris Oehrle will take Commander. Jean Pirovic and Pat Cunniff will assemble a team to distribute the flyer to the other streets in CHE.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Cunniff, Secretary