

Minutes

College Heights Estates Board Meeting, Monday, March 12, 2018

Present:

Ron Browning, President; Chris Oehrle, Vice President; Jie Zhang, Treasurer and Membership Database; Pat Cunniff, Secretary; Ron Blunck, Webmaster; Don Hein; Matt Kinnard; Jean Lee; Ric MacPherson; Joe Novello; and Jean Pirovic.

Treasurer's Report:

Ron Browning opened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. by welcoming all and distributing the agenda. He then passed out copies of the Treasurer's Report which indicated that CHEA has a balance of \$10,296.59, as of March 12, 2018. This compares to a balance of \$10,011.12 as of December 31, 2017. CHEA currently has 216 members. In 2017 89 members paid. Many of these individuals paid after distribution of one of the Newsletters, or at the Annual May Meeting, or at CHEAFest in October. CHEA's financial year is January to December. Expenditures to date are \$1317.32.

Old Business:

CHEA Website: Ron Browning mentioned that the CHEA website needed to be updated with newsletters and minutes from earlier meetings. He asked Pat Cunniff to send these to him. Ron Blunck would then place them on the CHEA website.

Water Main Replacement Schedule: Ron Browning noted that there had been a water main break on Partridge Place. WSSC fixed it but it broke again. WSSC has now come back and done some work here, but the street is still not level.

WSSC has provided the following dates for water main replacements: Hunter, 4/24; Remington Court, 6/5; Southwark, 6/26; Clagett, 7/25; Partridge, 8/28; Eversfield, 10/2; and Wells 11/6. Residents will be notified should there be any changes from these dates.

Street Signs: Ron Browning noted that the street sign bracket at Commander and Wells is bent and the sign at the bottom of Partridge had come loose from the heavy winds and that he and Joe Novello would be handling the repair. He also asked Board members to bring to his attention any other street signs that needed repair. Joe Novello noted that he would be doing a cleaning of the signs once spring arrives.

Possible Insurance to Cover Water Pipe Breaks: All CHE residents received a mailing from a company describing insurance that would cover water pipe breaks on one's property. There was some discussion as to the value of such insurance. Jean Pirovic noted that the insurance does not cover cosmetic repairs on lawns. Two board members indicated that they maintain this insurance, but they both indicated that it may not be worth the cost.

Possible Email Blast to Get More Dues: Ron Blunck raised the issue that we could raise more money by sending out an email blast. He indicated that with our databases, it is relatively easy to target those individuals who have not paid their dues. Ron Browning noted that he felt that we had sufficient funds to handle our needs. Other Board members felt that it would be good to have a greater number of members, not just to increase our treasury, but to increase engagement in our community.

New Business:

Annual Meeting: Ron Browning asked for ideas about timing for our annual meeting. The consensus was that we should try for May 15 or May 17 if the University Park Elementary School is available. We will be sending out a spring newsletter in early April that would include information about our Annual Meeting. It was also noted that last year CHEA distributed a flyer throughout the community a few days prior to the Annual Meeting. Pat Cunniff, Jean Pirovic and Chris Oehrle said they would help with the distribution.

Ron Browning asked for ideas about topics and possible speakers for our Annual Meeting. Topics that were mentioned included: Dannielle Glaros, our County Council Representative and currently Chair, County Council; the MAGLEV Project; the University Park Traffic Study; Need for any Street Repairs; Purple Line Update; the possible Gilbane Project for in an apartment complex with retail stores, slated for Campus Drive that would utilize a portion of the property of The University United Methodist Church and St. Mark's Catholic Church; Other Planned Real Estate Development; Need for quicker response by the county for replacement of failed trash and/or recycling cans; Adam Ortiz, PGCC County Government; and Local Real Estate Trends. On this latter topic, Jean Pirovic noted that inventory is quite low.

There should also be some input at our meeting from WSSC personnel who are handling the water main replacements in our community.

Ron Browning then asked for confirmation from Board Members who are willing to continue serving on the Board for 2018-2019. Board members who do not wish to continue serving should contact Ron Browning directly.

Ron Blunck asked if we had a Welcome Letter that is being sent to all new CHE residents. Ron Browning said that he would welcome seeing the letter that Ron Blunck had used and that we could do this in the future.

Review of 2017 CHEAFest: Ron Browning noted that attendance for the 2017 CHEAFest was very high. We had excellent weather and the turnout was very good. Children enjoyed the balloon twister. Some discussion occurred about the site for the 2018 CHEAFest. The consensus was that we should continue it at the same site. One other possibility for CHEAFest would be to invite a few musicians from the University of Maryland School of Music to provide entertainment. Another thought was to add a magician to our program. Ron Blunck said that

he would not recommend putting balloons on our CHEAFest signs since they often come off and stay as “eye sores” on power lines in the community.

Actions:

1. Bring website up to date – Pat Cunniff, Ron Browning and Ron Blunck.
2. Reserve UPES and chair set-up – Ron Browning
3. Produce Spring Newsletter – Pat Cunniff
4. Contact Guest Speakers
5. Update and Produce New CHEA Useful Numbers List – Ron Browning. Ric MacPherson and Board Member Don Hein will collect inputs and update the frig magnet list. Ric MacPherson will look into getting new ones made as he has done in the past. (These would be handed out at our Annual Meeting in May.)
6. Prepare and distribute Annual Meeting Notices – Jean Pirovic, Chris Oehrle, Pat Cunniff and possibly Kimberly Nugent
7. Set up PA System at UPES

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Cunniff, Secretary