

## Minutes – CHEA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2018

Members Present: Ron Browning, President, Chris Oehrlie, Vice President, Pat Cunniff, Secretary, Matt Kinnard, Joe Novello

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. at the home of President Ron Browning. The Agenda included a discussion of needs for CHEAFest and a review of local development and the Visualize 2045 program.

### A. CHEAFest

1. Date and Location: The group ,after checking the Redskin Schedule and activities sponsored by University Park, determined that CHEAFest would be held Sunday, October 7, 2018, 2-5 p.m., at the intersection of Commander and Windsor. Chris Oehrlie will check with nearby neighbors to make sure they are aware of this planned event.
2. Purchase or Donate Food: The group decided that CHEA members could bring a dish if they choose. Additional food will be purchased as noted below.
3. Entertainment: Ron Browning will contact the balloon twister to book him for the event. The group felt that no additional entertainment would be needed. The group also felt that the balloon twister was not really needed for the first 30 minutes or so of CHEAFest.
4. Publicity: Ron Browning indicated that he had the signs for CHEAFest which are normally staked at intersections in the neighborhood along with purchased balloons. He indicated that he would seek help with putting these out. Ron will also contact police and county officials to invite them to this event. The community will receive a CHEA alert about the date, time, and location. The CHEA Newsletter will go out around October 1<sup>st</sup> to all residents. Flyers will be distributed to all CHEA residents a few days before the event.
5. Photos: Joe Novello will take photos at the event.
6. TASKS
  - a. Distribute signs and flyers. Ron Browning will seek help with distribution of signs and balloons. Pat Cunniff will seek help with distribution of flyers throughout the community. Ron Browning indicated that he would do Partridge Place.
  - b. Registration and dues collection. Matt Kinnard and Jean Lee indicated that they would handle this task.
  - c. Tables and Chairs. Matt Kinnard, Ron Browning and Pat Cunniff will bring folding tables and chairs. Others may also wish to bring these.
  - d. Set Up and Take Down Committees. Ron Browning will ask for board members to work at these tasks.
  - e. Purchase Food, Drinks, and Paper Goods. Pat Cunniff will contact Bev Silverberg and Jean Pirovic to seek help with this task.
  - f. Coolers and Ice. Several board members will bring these.
  - g. Food Preparation – Pat Cunniff will work with others on set up of food for this event. Ron Browning will work with others to get residents to help with the grilling. Joel Scheraga, former CHEA officer, along with Bob Silverberg and Ric MacPherson, had helped with this in the past.

- h. Trash and Recycle Bins: Ron Browning and Chris Oehrle will ensure that there are bins for trash and recyclables.

### **Gilbane Development**

Gilbane Development held a meeting at the UMD Riggs Alumni Center for local residents to learn about plans for building additional apartments and town homes for graduate students on land that is very close to College Heights Estates, in particular to the new homes on Windsor Lane. This plot of land, which has multiple owners, has often been called the Buddington Property.

Ron Browning and Pat Cunniff attended the initial meeting; many residents from University Park, Windsor Lane and local areas were also present, along with county and University officials. At this meeting many expressed concern about the additional traffic, noise and light pollution that would result from the planned development. Representatives from Gilbane Development continued to point out that this development would help alleviate the limited housing opportunities available for graduate students at the University. Chris Oehrle noted that there would be a local meeting at a residence on Windsor in mid-September regarding this project. He will be on travel, but his wife will be in attendance. Others are invited to attend. For further information, contact Chris Oehrle, [Christopher.oehrle@stb.gov](mailto:Christopher.oehrle@stb.gov). More information from this September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will be provided by Chris Oehrle, who has volunteered to take the lead for CHEA on this issue, in the October CHEA Newsletter.

It should be noted that Gilbane has purchased a plot of land owned by St. Mark's Catholic Church that would serve as a road going from Adelphi Road over to the planned Development. Chris Oehrle also noted at our Board meeting that Hillel has sold its property and will be relocating to old College Park. Hillel's land will likely be included in the final Gilbane development plan.

### **The UMD Golf Course on University Boulevard.**

The University of Maryland wishes to have additional space available for its Track and Field Team and for club sporting activities by University students. The University will have to relocate the current Track and Field facilities due to the planned Purple Line. The University also believes that it has inadequate playing fields for its students. At a meeting on August 23, 2018 at the University's Riggs alumni Center, UMD Vice President Carlo Collela, noted that the university has considered several places that might be suitable for relocation of Track and Field and the development of additional playing fields for students. Several of these options involved taking up to four holes from the 18-hole UMD golf course, making it a 14-hole golf course. Many people at the meeting spoke strongly against any plan that would alter the current 18-hole golf course. A petition has been circulated for residents to sign who oppose any plans to alter the golf course. The University has indicated that a University Facilities Planning Meeting would be addressing this issue at its mid-September meeting.

### **Visualize 2045**

**Visualize 2045** is a long range transportation plan for the Washington metropolitan region by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). Seven initiatives were endorsed in early 2018. These include: Bring jobs and housing closer together; Expand Bus Rapid Transit Regionwide; Move more people on Metrorail; Provide more telecommuting and other options for commuting; Expand Express Highway Network; Improve walk and bike access to Transit; Complete the National Capital Trail. Throughout

2018, the TPB is conducting an open conversation with residents in the region to learn whether and how these initiatives would make a positive impact on their lives – next year and 25 years from now. To comment on these initiatives, go to [visualize2045.org](http://visualize2045.org).

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