

SLCA Board Meeting – January 15, 2008

Melissa Cramer, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School. Executive Board members present were: Charles Herrmann, Mary Lou Hoffman, Celia Boertlein, Jack Shawn, Ken Pribyla, Chad Coneway, Carol Horn, Ed Gonsalves, Don Griffin, Alan Rubinstein and Linda Sweeney. The minutes from the December 11, 2007 meeting were read and approved.

Ed Gonsalves, Chairman of the Rules Committee, reported the rules committee convened on January 10, 2008 to review the history of the stop sign vote. Present at the meeting were Charles Herrmann, Carol Horn, Ken Pribyl, Jay Spiegel, Mike Avila, Paul Siegel, Melissa Cramer and Ed Gonsalves. Melissa and Ed did not vote on any issues. A copy of the report is attached. Don Griffin made a motion to accept the minutes from the SLCA Rules Committee. Alan Rubinstein seconded the motion. Approved by all present.

Celia Boertlein, treasurer reported our balance on hand is \$12,421.21. Our D & O insurance policy renewal cost of \$1,608.00 has been paid for 2008 coverage. The insurance coverage now has a \$5,000.00 deductible. Celia discussed the number of newsletters being printed. It was decided that we only need 750 newsletters printed to cover all members & advertisers. Celia reported it has been difficult to collect payment from some advertisers. Ken Pribyla made a motion; all advertisers who pay for advertising for the entire year up front will get a 10 % discount. Charles Herrmann seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. Also, This is a very busy time for the MVCCA Budget & Finance committee with numerous meetings being scheduled. The next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Education Committee scheduled for February 20th at Walt Whitman.

Mary Lou Hoffman membership, reported we have 636 paid members at this time. Some block captains are still turning in dues.

Jack Shawn, Health and Human Services, reported our blood drive was held on Dec. 1st and our next one will be on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, at Mt. Vernon Hospital from 7:30 am to 12:30 pm. Kae Wells is having a meeting in her home this month to discuss Mt. Vernon at Home and their progress. It will probably be 2009 before this project is up and running.

Melissa reported for Beth Bates & Tara Quadmann, Recreation co-chairs. They would like to plan a potluck dinner at the end of February. Other members present thought it would be a good idea at this time of year. They would also like to have a Springtime Community Day to improve the curb appeal in the neighborhood.

Ken Pribyla, Transportation and Community Improvements, reported we would be using the same landscaper this year at the same price as in the past. Ken will be meeting with the landscaper next week to tour the neighborhood & point out what needs to be done. There is no additional information about the Riverside traffic calming measures.

Carol Horn, Environmental Affairs, reported the committee discussed a Task Force to Create a Citizen's Vision for the Richmond Highway Corridor. Studies were cited that open space, such as parkland, is good for all citizens. The E&R committee recommended a special committee be formed to develop a long-range vision for the Route 1 corridor and adjacent areas based upon the interests and needs of the MVCCA community.

Chad Coneway, Planning and Zoning, reported they discussed a proposal for a drive-thru bank at the corner of Fort Hunt Road & Richmond Highway. The bank will have 32 parking spaces & will use the existing service road. The MVCCA committee voted on a resolution not to oppose this project.

Alan Rubinstein, Public Safety, reported several young men have been riding their bicycles in & out of traffic. Please contact the police if you see them. We have reports it is 1 black boy & 2 white boys. There will be a Neighborhood Watch meeting later this month, date and time to be determined. Also, the signage issue at the traffic lights at Fort Hunt Rd. & Richmond Hwy has been completed. VDOT has changed the signs to now allow a right turn on red, after a stop, from the right lane only. The previous signs were confusing.

Don Griffin, Education, reported their guest speaker was Dr. Carol Horn, Director of Gifted/Talented Services for FCPS. She traced the history of the GT program from its inception in 1963 to today. The focus in FCPS is now to offer a continuum of gifted services to provide all students with opportunities to engage in complex subject matter. The committee briefly discussed budget issues, the upcoming budget schedule and the annual meeting with the Budget & Finance Committee, to be held on February 20, 2008.

A letter was submitted from Cathy Houk, St. Aidens Episcopal Day School in an effort to receive help and support from the Stratford Landing Civic Association in the request to the county for a cross walk and for the trimming back of shrubs close to their entrance. The request was given to Kenbyla for follow up.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sweeney