

Coleson Cluster Annual Meeting April 11, 2016

7-7:30 pm Social

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Lake Anne Elementary School Cafeteria

- In attendance: CCA President Vern Wyly; Board members Laura Dalton and Casey Deccio
Treasurer: Marion Greene
- Vern called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. There were 16 homes represented, 23 residents in attendance.
- Vern welcome new residents to the neighborhood (Rick Osgood and Jason and Kat Summers) and mentioned the families who welcomed new family members.
- Vern welcomed Cathy Hudgins, Hunter Mill District Supervisor. Ms. Hudgins discussed upcoming budget considerations. She said there was a gap in the funding needed for schools so as a result, the county was considering a proposed real estate tax rate increase of 3 percent, possibly 4 percent. She noted the Fairfax County Police Department will have a new location in June and an open house will be held. Ms. Hudgins also reviewed progress of the Metro and said Phase 2 of the metro is expected to be completed (through the Town Center, Herndon and Innovation location in the 2019-2020 time frame.
- Sam Harahan asked Ms. Hudgins about the redevelopment plans at Lake Anne. Apparently the developer backed out – and Sam wanted to know what could be done to help Lake Anne Village Center; the Fellowship House and Tall Oaks shopping Center. Ms. Hudgins agreed it was a challenging situation.
- Officer Scott Reynolds from the Fairfax County Police Department discussed Neighborhood Watch programs and told residents that if they saw suspicious vehicles or people, to call the police department's non-emergency number to report. He said Reston is a safe community but that people need to lock their vehicles. In response to a question, he said some officers are testing body cameras but there are no immediate plans to equip all 1600 officers with body cameras in part because the county would need the digital space to store the video.
- Landscape Committee leader Kerri Bundy provided a report about plans to remove Japanese Barberry from cluster property because they are considered an undesirable, invasive species with thorns and she said they harbor ticks. She and others in the committee would like to remove the bushes and then burn them into the ground. And then replace the bushes with another type of bush. There are about 15 of these bushes on cluster property.

2015-2016 Accomplishments:

- Laura Dalton provided overview of cluster roadway and parking areas repavement project completed by Dominion Paving and thanked the committee for their terrific work overseeing the three-to-four-month effort: Sam Harahan, Konstantin Stamatov, Will Fraize, Vern Wyly, Kate Finkelstein and Talia Deccio. In addition to the repaving, select sections of the curb and gutters were replaced, as were segments of the sidewalks. Three new handicapped ramps were added as well. In addition, Ms. Dalton said that two carport roofs had been replaced and the roof drain near 1660

was repaired. Additionally, several new plantings were installed in adopt-a-spot locations around the cluster.

- Casey Deccio reported on the replacement of the electric front entrance light with a solar light; large snowfall removal costs were handled without a special assessment; the paint palette was updated and deck stains included; the cluster handbook was updated thanks to Laura Dalton, and the cluster trees were maintained for less than the budgeted amount thanks to Lee DeCola.
- Marion Greene reported on the cluster's finances and copies of the budget were furnished to each resident addressee.

In other business:

- Laura Dalton's term expired. She agreed to run again, was nominated and elected to the board for a three-year term.
- Eileen Harahan said she is putting together an emergency contacts list and would provide it to the board for distribution.
- Adam Peterson is the contact for the carport lights. He also is organizing the upcoming Spring Cleanup efforts. Sam Harahan mentioned the deterioration of the concrete steps in front of 1680.
- Other residents encouraged all of Coleson Cluster to keep an eye out for standing water in light of concerns about West Nile and the Zika viruses transmitted by mosquitos and to use the mosquito dunks when appropriate.
- Because raccoons continue to be seen, residents were also encouraged to put the lids on the garbage cans to help control their food source.
- Ed Bundy said he supported placing a sign at the front of the cluster warning residents to drive slowly throughout the cluster for the safety of the children.
- The business meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Coleson Cluster Association Board Meeting, April 11, 2016

Vern called the meeting to order at 9:12 pm.

- The board elected Vern Wyly president; Laura Dalton Vice President; Barbara Larsen Secretary. Marion Greene agreed to continue as treasurer.
- May 14 would be spring cleanup – Adam Peterson to manage.
- Regarding the removal of the barberry bushes, Kerri Bundy said there would be a fire extinguisher on hand when the barberry bushes were burned. The common areas would be targeted first, if there are these bushes on private property, the homeowner must remove or the landscaping group must have permissions first before removal. Cost of \$300. Vern made the motion to approve. Casey seconded. The motion passed.
- The board discussed the repair of the brick wall between 1608 and 1610. Casey said King Stone Corp has offered to repair the wall for \$3,300 (48 ft., 2.6 feet high). It would be reconstructed down to the grade. A partial repair would be \$2,400. Big Dog Concrete still had to submit a detailed bid. The board agreed to wait until Big Dog had submitted a more detailed bid, and include the concrete step repair as well in the bid.

- Vern provided a status report on the road patch at the cluster entrance and near 1680.
- The meeting adjourned at 10:13 p.m.