

## **Coleson Cluster Association Board Meeting**

**April 8, 2013**

### **Board Meeting Minutes approved**

Board Members: Kerri Bundy, Vern Wyly, Barbara Larsen, Laura Dalton

Treasurer Presentation: Freya De Cola

Minutes taken by: Jennifer Tomlinson

Participation by 20 households (see attendance list)

Call to order: 7:30 pm

1. Guest speaker: Kathy Hudgins, Supervisor, Hunter Mill District
  - Dulles Rail Status: Phase 1 is coming to completion; goal is December 2013 but may have short slippage. Discussed the bus system services in the area, within and around Reston. Phase 2 is in the procurement stage, goal to complete 2018.
  - Road issues in Reston: Need additional roads that cross over the Toll Road. It needs to include access for bikes, walking, and bus service
  - Fairfax County budget week, impact of the Sequestor. Reduced funding for housing vouchers and Head Start classes. It's the first time they will set multi-year budget planning, through FY 2015.
  - Q&A period
2. Reston RELAC, Mark Waddell
  - Started talking to Aqua VA two years ago, to take over the RELAC system. In November, a joint petition from Reston RELAC and Aqua VA was filed for the sale. The State Commission will decide May 2. It could be rejected if they feel it is too risky.
  - They will provide local service and support. They will implement improvements for the system and for homes. Improve reliability and provide energy audits.
  - Q&A: Questions about service support and maintenance of the system. Continue to call Aqua VA for service calls until the sale is decided/complete. No expected rate change this year.
3. Cluster lighting briefing, Sam Harahan
  - Goal: Better lighting for less money, more consistent quality across the Cluster
  - Technology does not equal current availability. Dominion Virginia doesn't offer LEDs yet. Sodium vapor and Mercury vapor are offered. The cluster has one sodium vapor pole remaining.
  - Team looked at all kinds of options, and went to meetings at Dominion Virginia. Will continue to evaluate the options.
4. Overview of 2012-2013 Accomplishments
  - Park Benches: Two are in the budget, one for the island, one for the meadow. It will include a plaque to commemorate Pat Kane.
  - Finances, Freya DeCola

- Highlights for the year, amounts in Reserves (see budget)
  - Reserves: increasing 3.5% according to the 5 Year Plan, but budget management and reduction in expenses result in no increase for Annual Dues
  - Marion Green is introduced as the pending new Treasurer
  - Landscape projects are in the plan
  - Shenandoah contract is up for renewal
5. Recognition
- Freya De Cola, service as the Cluster Treasurer for 6 years
  - Stephanie Fitzpatrick, stepping down from the Board because she is moving
  - Laura Dalton, for continuing service on the Board
6. Board Elections
- Two positions open: Director, 2013-2016; Director, mid term, expire 2015
  - Sam Harahan nominated Laura Dalton to Director, 2013-2016; Laura elected.
  - Jonathan Miller nominated Lee De Cola, Director, term ending 2015; Lee elected.
7. New Business
- Updated Cluster Resident Directories available
  - Emergency Contact List: Submit to Eileen Harahan
  - Landscape Committee: Call for volunteers to work with Kerri Bundy. Need someone who can do the daytime support and meet with vendors
  - Kerri Bundy recommends that homeowners turn on their porch lights at night to help with the walkway illumination
  - Sam Harahan: is there a plan to add trees to the landscape? The Landscape Committee will review and look at the best trees for the cluster, and the location. Homeowners can offer memorial trees.
  - Vern Wyly: Homeowners can volunteer their homes to host the Board meetings. Encourages involvement.
  - Facebook page: Opinion about having the contact list on the page? General response is negative.
  - Ed Bundy: Stop sign may be missed by drivers, suggest moving it to normal height. Parking at his end of the cluster is overcrowded. Suggests a review of the requirements, maybe reserve spaces. Brings up issues of enforcement and management.
  - Thank you to the New Board
8. Move to Adjourn: Vern Wyly; seconded: Kathy Lamkin. Meeting adjourned 9:16 pm