

**Coleson Cluster Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by CCA Board President Harris Finkelstein, who welcomed attendees. Seventeen households were represented.

Overview of FY 2010 major cluster association activities

Harris described the following maintenance and improvement activities of the previous fiscal year, April 1, 2009 through March 31, 2010:

- drainage system installed in front of the carport by 1634 to address a long-standing flooding problem,
- painting of the exteriors of five carports,
- retaining wall in front of 1650 was taken down and rebuilt using the existing bricks,
- cluster trees were treated by Growing Earth Tree Care for a borer infestation that untreated would cause many mature trees to die,
- poison ivy was sprayed to eliminate as much as possible; this is done annually,
- and fall clean-up and Oktoberfest were held but with a smaller turnout due to bad weather.

Guest speaker

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins arrived and discussed several developments in Reston that impact the Coleson Cluster neighborhood. The most critical for CCA is the redevelopment of Fairway Apartments, across Northshore Drive. Hudgins passed out a sheet describing existing conditions and the expected future design. The developer, JBG Corporation, has made changes to the design, including greater set-back of buildings from the street, preservation of trees, more open space and the elimination of any retail establishments, after meetings with the Design Review Board and the Reston Planning & Zoning Committee.

In connection with this redevelopment project, that will increase density in the neighborhood, Hudgins brought up the proposed cutbacks on bus service, including the 552 line, that could take place due to budget shortages. She opposes these cuts as contrary to the county's commitment to transit-oriented development, and urged those present to contact all members of the Board of Supervisors to let them know our views.

Sup. Hudgins also mentioned the Reston Master Plan Special Study that is going on now to discuss guidelines for development around the future Metro stops along the Dulles toll road. She passed out a sheet with information on community meetings that have been and will be held to consider each of the Metro stop locations, and a county website for more detailed information. She stated that the preliminary engineering for the Phase 2 stops beyond Wiehle Ave. is going on now and that it is likely that those stations will be built soon after the Wiehle Ave. station.

Financial and budget report

CCA treasurer Freya De Cola went over the handout that had been provided of FY 2010 activity and the budget for FY 2011. Dues have not been increased, due to a reduction in the cost of

trash/recycling service with a new vendor. However, an increase of 3.5% in the reserves allocation was included in the budget, in line with the needs identified by last year's reserve study. Because of the severe winter and the need for additional snow removal, the emergency operating fund that is kept in the checking account was reduced considerably. Therefore all households have been assessed a \$96 one-time charge to restore that fund. There are plans to replace two carport roofs this year for approximately \$15,000 from reserve funds.

Freya made one correction to the budget sheet that was distributed. The correct figure for reserves income for FY 2010 is \$829 in interest earned by the two CDs. The amount of \$4680 was transferred to one of the CDs from the \$7000 reserves allocation for last year, after \$2320 was spent for the carport drain installation. A payment of \$52 was also received from the settlement of a class action suit over a SunTrust Bump CD that CCA invested in several years ago.

CCA Board election

The term of office was up for one board member, Laura Dalton. She said she would be willing to serve another term and was re-elected unanimously. The president and those in attendance thanked Laura very much for her willingness to continue to serve on the board. Board members and their terms are: Vern Wyly and Jeff Kosmicki, 2008 – 2011; Harris Finkelstein and Will Fraize, 2009 – 2012; Laura Dalton, 2010 – 2013.

Old business / New business

Harris announced that the annual spring clean-up day has been scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2010. He asked residents to let him know what projects need to be done, besides cleaning up fallen branches from the snowfalls. Vern put out a call for more volunteers to participate because it benefits all homeowners, and Freya suggested that those who do regularly participate talk to one neighbor who doesn't to encourage them to get involved.

There will also be a yard sale either on the same day or another day in May. The board will put together a subcommittee, including Kerri Bundy, who initiated the request for the yard sale, to organize the event.

Residents brought up the following topics of concern:

- placement of a speed bump at the beginning of the island to slow traffic, since children play and ride bikes around the island; the speed bump could be one that is removable so that it can be taken away when snow plowing needs to be done;
- placement of a "no outlet" sign at the entrance to the cluster; the board will be discussing the replacement of signs, some of which are in poor condition;
- problem of people driving into the cluster to let children off to walk to Lake Anne ES; Kathy Lamkin suggested talking to the school administration about controlling this;
- is it possible to let residents know when the spraying for borers is happening? If trees on personal property need to be sprayed it would be cheaper to have them done when Growing Earth is already out here spraying trees on the common area;

- who should be contacted if a carport light goes out? Vern Wyly offered to be the contact person on the board;
- is it possible to get snow removal from the sidewalks? Harris suggested that this should be a neighbor-help-neighbor activity, rather than a contracted one;
- Reston Citizens Association has a petition online opposing the bus service cuts; residents were urged to sign it.

There was a brief discussion of the future of RELAC. Sam Harahan, who has been attending meetings on this issue, said that there is a proposal before the state from Aqua Virginia to increase fees by 50%. The future of RELAC is unclear. Some clusters have talked about trying different options for air conditioning but they have not gone through any formal approval process to do so. They would need permission from Reston Association to break the contract with RELAC. Harris stated that at a large meeting he attended at Lake Anne during the past year, the discussion sounded like it was going in the direction of cluster residents having to get individual units some time in the future.

Harris thanked those present for attending and adjourned the meeting.

Minutes submitted by
Freya De Cola