

**LRCA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
Canterbury Woods Elementary School, Fairfax Virginia  
Friday May 9 2008

**Board Attendees:** Connie Griffin, Ivan Dietrich, Derrick Chamlee, Maryann Fox, Linda Smith, and Nancy Gordon

**Regrets:** Anne Richardson, Nancy Hahn, Frank Judnich, Bob Kachur, and David Bailey,

**7:00 LRCA Board Business**

**Welcome** –Derrick thanked the board, area and block captains, and neighborhood watch participants for their help throughout the year.

**Treasurer's Report** – Linda Smith distributed the Treasurer's Report and reported a balance of \$17,319.66 for May 9, 2008.

**Membership Report** – Derrick reported via Frank's email. Franks thanks all of our block and area captains in helping make our membership drive a success. We now are 508 families strong!

We are looking at moving the membership drive into the January/February time frame, rather than during the peak of the holiday season where it is now.

The LRCA directories go to press in a week and they'll be distributed soon.

**Upcoming Events** – Connie Griffin announced the following upcoming events the Adult LRCA & Ilda Party, the Second Annual Ilda and LRCA Dip and Dive – open to all residents, the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Carnival, and the Tour of Homes in the fall. A sign up sheet was available for the Tour of Homes, and all events were listed on the back of the agenda.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Derrick reported via Bob's email. The neighborhood watch currently engages over 100 members of the community. We continue to have a very active program and are well regarded by the Fairfax County Police Department.

We strongly encourage anyone here, who is not a member of the neighborhood watch, to give it a try. Simply contact the Neighborhood Watch Captain and ask if you can ride along. It's a great way to get to know the neighborhood and your neighbors. Signing up for the Neighborhood Watch is easy and the time commitment is only an hour or two... two or three times a year.

**Mastenbrook Grant Update** – Derrick reported via Bob's email. The Fairfax County Park Authority's Mastenbrook Grant is a matching grant program that allows individuals or groups to request capital development funds to match volunteer group resources for projects to improve Fairfax County Park Authority parks and park facilities

The LRCA Board has been pursuing a Mastenbrook Grant to make improvements to Willow Woods Park. We chose Willow Woods Park for two reasons, first it lies at the heart of our community. Second it is relatively low on the county parks department priority list. The matching grant can run as high as \$10,000, the board has tentatively allocated \$7,500.

The first phase of our work began when board members and a representative from the parks department and the department of natural resources walked through and assessed the park in February. This led to the county clearing fallen trees from the path through the park at no cost to us.

The second phase is now being undertaken in cooperation with Merrifield Garden Center, one of only two companies the county authorizes to do work in the park. In March, a representative from Merrifield met with board members to review Willow Woods Park. The largest part of the project will be controlling erosion along the stream. This will be done by reinforcing the area with the greatest amount of erosion near the entrance to the park off Braeburn. Additionally we plan to slightly redirect the trail away from the stream and reinforce the bank with native plants. If there are sufficient funds we would like to add some benches within the park.

Merrifield will soon be provide the board with an estimate for work at which time the board will review, and if all is in order submit the estimate and the proposal to the parks department for approval.

### **Nomination and Election of Board Members**

Board members serve 2 year terms.

Three board members completed their terms and ran for re-election. They are... **Linda Smith, Anne Richardson & Frank Judnich**. Frank and Anne were not in attendance but asked that their names be put forth as nominees. **Bob Kachur & Dave Bailey** are moving and therefore stepped down from the board.

**Jim Williams nominated Jon Parker and Paula Weiss from the floor.**

The slate of five nominees was accepted and seconded as presented. The meeting attendees voted unanimously to elect the slate as presented.

**7:30 Speakers:** Tina Gumb, Fairfax County Permit Ombudsman & David Sharp, Chief of Code Services Permits Branch

Tina and David gave a broad overview of the permitting process and discussed issues relating to blighted properties, and overcrowding in houses.

**8:00 Ilda Pool Update** – Tim Poole, Ilda Pool President

Tim reported on the latest improvements being made to the pool, upcoming events, and the membership drive.

**8:15 Guest Panel Q & A**

Invited guests included...

Sharon Bulova, Fairfax County Braddock District Supervisor

Delegate Vivian E. Watts, Virginia House of Delegates, 39<sup>th</sup> District

Chap Peterson, State Senator 34th District of Virginia

Meeting attendees asked questions concerning, graffiti in the neighborhood, HOT. Lane construction and funding, poor postal service in some parts of the neighborhood, and how the Base Realignment and Closure would affect traffic in our area.

**9:15 Meeting adjourned**