



**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2020**

Attendees: Amye Rheault, Steve Belisle, Diana Michel, Diane Carnahan, Bob Mizer, Karen Hauck, Barbara Beatty, Sherrie Brady, Theresa Kessler, Mindy McAllister, Bill Barfield, Bertha McClintock

Call to Order/Board Updates and Issues: meeting started at 7:35 pm.

1. First Vice President (Bill)

External affairs update:

- There is a lot of information on the Fairfax County website regarding COVID activity.
- Virtual meetings are encouraged, however people with land use cases want to testify in person.
- The 2021 Fairfax County budget was re-evaluated after COVID-19's impact began to be felt, and a revised budget was signed May 11. It is \$28 million short due to decreased revenues, but still balanced next year.

2. Second Vice President (Diana):

- We have 200 paid members, which is very low. Folks can get a lot of information from NextDoor and other on-line sources, so they tend to discount the benefits of joining CCVCA. We need to find a way to articulate what they can get by joining, such as advocacy in times of trouble. Suggested ways to increase membership:
 - Follow-up visits to new neighbors after delivering a welcome packet, so Bertha is going to try to follow through.
 - Going door-to-door to chat. Block captains are critical – need to do more than hang something on the doors, but without being a pest.
- The directory is funded mostly through ads, but it wouldn't seem right to ask businesses for money right now. It is usually published every other year, but even with publishing costs less than half of what they have been in the past (\$500-600), we are in the red, too.

- Need to look at our membership form – is there room for improvement?
- **The board voted to publish an addendum this year, instead of a directory.**

3. Treasurer (Theresa):

- Current balance is \$18,742. Have collected \$3,105 in dues.
- The scholarship fund is \$1,950.72 (\$1,624.46 plus carry-over).
- Have spent under \$500 this year, so far.
- Gave \$100 to Oak View Elementary, but not to Robinson.
- \$10,000 is earmarked for our neighborhood signs should it become necessary to replace them.
- We have \$5,000 in savings for legal fees.
- Theresa will send everyone the figures.

4. President (Amye):

- For the foreseeable future, we will continue to use Zoom for our meetings on the 4th Monday of each month.
- The Nominating Committee (Amye Rheault, Mindy McAllister, and Bonnie Harmon) kept forging ahead in spite of a lot of “no’s.” Amye is writing a how-to guide to make the nominating process easier next time.
- Amye suggested that we write down what to share with our successors. She is working with Steve on the President transition.
- We need a master list of passwords for our different platforms – decided that it should reside with the Treasurer.
- The Spring newsletter was circulated digitally to members who provided an email address. There were only a few bounce-backs. Laura will still work on the newsletter.
- **The board voted to re-appoint the returning Standing Committee chairs.**
- **The board voted to appoint Bertha McClintock the Welcoming Committee Chair.**
- We will wait until the fall membership meeting to officially vote on the newly proposed Committees (Past Presidents and Events).
- A suggestion was made to create a separate directory for those in leadership positions.

Committee Updates:

1. Public Service (Bob M.):

- Neighborhood Watch – potentially have a new scheduler. We won’t have a schedule for June-July, but maybe by August (Bob is really busy with COVID). A lot of our watch people are in the “older” demographic.

- Sideburn pedestrian safety issue – on hold right now.
- Gadsen parking issue – nothing going on right now, but since GMU is closed there are no students.

2. Schools (Mindy):

- Schools are giving out food every day.
- Robinson Secondary is planning something for seniors, but she doesn't know what yet.

3. Beautification

- Need a new volunteer – Diane volunteered to take care of the sign letters (taking over for Amye).
- Bertha volunteered to plant and weed.
- There is a budget of \$200. People would be willing to donate plants, and perhaps we could take advantage of Roberto's contractor discount.

4. Scholarship (Bob C.): not present

- Committee has not met, and no interviews have been done. Should try to do Zoom or phone interviews. There are 2 candidates – proposed to split the money between the two, or hold some money back for next year.
- The awardee's most influential teacher receives a check for \$50.

5. Welcoming (Bertha):

- She and Sherrie will meet soon.
- There are several new residents to CCV, and Bertha has been monitoring NextDoor. Block captains can help a lot by letting her know when a new family moves in.
- There is a generic email for Welcoming, but no one on the board seems to be familiar with it. Bertha would like to use it, though.

6. Events (Sherrie):

- We received all of our county approvals, but the park is still closed. Memorial Day is definitely out – maybe we can get our permit money back, or be credited. People are still going to be hesitant to mix in crowds for a period of time.
- There are ideas for community activities that are socially minded, but not "physical":
 - Middleridge did something with chalk.
 - At 8:30 pm on Monday nights, some neighborhood residents come out with lighted candles in memory of those who have died. This is a great idea.
 - We could post something on the neighborhood signs.

- National Night Out, usually the first Tuesday in August, we can do whatever we want.
- TJ has ideas for Halloween and would like donations of milk and juice bottles – please leave on his doorstep.

7. Women’s Club (Karen):

- Wants to put something on NextDoor about sending cards to military members who return from overseas.

Other items:

1. Fairfax County Health Department has a new program “**Neighbor 2 Neighbor**” which provides help with groceries and the like. This is probably happening informally right now, but Amye would like someone to explore this idea.
2. CCV land records mission – Steve wants to review the President’s file before meeting with Bill.
3. Grinnell sidewalk issue – the easement showed up on a plat, so it must exist in a formal document. The homeowner did not see anything on their deed, but Steve would like to see for himself. If there is no easement in effect, the homeowner isn’t required to grant one, as that would be giving up their rights. There may be a channel under the sidewalk for drainage, because the plat shows both a waterway and the sidewalk.
4. Unfinished business:
 - Water line replacement is still ongoing, and the company is doing a good job.
 - Our neighborhood isn’t scheduled to be repaved anytime soon. The roads will only be repaved on the side where the work was done.
 - CCV needs to renew membership in the Federation – \$40.00.

Next Board meeting will be **June 22, 2020, 7:30 pm**, via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Beatty
CCVCA Secretary