

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Board

Luxmanor Citizen's Association

Monday, February 8, 2016

WELCOMING AND OPENING REMARKS: Chair Abbe Milstein called the meeting to order, the Board introduced itself, and Abbe presented Membership Chair Marilyn Hammerman, and Electronic and Communication Chair Lis Herer, roses for their work with the ListServ during the January blizzard. Abbe also thanked Barry Gudelsky, Treasurer, with a Home Depot card for his volunteer work of clearing the driveways of Board Members.

REVIEW OF DECEMBER, 2015, AND JANUARY, 2016 MINUTES: The minutes for these meetings were sent out to Board members and approved electronically.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Chair Barry Gudelsky said that advertising income was about \$1,200.00 and that the LCA Money Market account totals \$60,836.34 and our Checkbook balance is \$20,787.29.

COMMUNICATION AND ELECTRONIC: Abbe said she has been working with Stephanie Riemer and Lis Herer to move the ListServ to a separate platform for greater control and security;

A motion was made, seconded, and passed, authorizing a one-time cost of \$4500. for moving all LCA electronics from Yahoo to our own secure hosting platform;

Notifications will be sent to all LCA residents about signing onto the new platform;

All previously posted Emails on Yahoo will be lost; and,

The entire transitioning process will take about a month before it is operational and we can leave Yahoo.

Barry explained that although there is a line item for the ListServ in the budget, no number has been assigned to it; however, LuxLines advertising will make up the difference in money needed for this project. A motion was made, seconded and approved to add \$4,500. to the line item budget for the transitioning of the ListServ.

LCA SPONSORED BOARD OF EDUCATION FORUM: Corresponding Secretary Ed Farber suggested that our community invite the candidates running for the Board of Education to a Voters' Forum to discuss our concerns about the collocation, cluster overcrowding, reopening Woodward High School, etc. The Forum would be open to LCA adjacent communities. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to give the Board the authority to explore the creation of a forum and give them the ability to investigate and seek a location for the meeting; and,

Jordan Cooper agreed to be the Moderator.

RECYCLING OFFER: The LCA has received an offer from the BOWA Company to place a dumpster somewhere in the neighborhood for recycling purposes. The free offer includes paper shredding, electronic recycling, chemicals, etc. Barry generously offered his driveway for the dumpster and a motion was made and seconded to give Abbe the authority to make the decision regarding this offer.

COUNTY SNOWPLOWING: Abbe consolidated all comments and suggestions she received from residents regarding the snowplowing of the roads in our community and e-mailed them to the Montgomery County Council, Montgomery County Executive, the President of the County Council, their staff. A meeting tomorrow at the County Office Building will address the concerns about the County's response to the snow emergency although no members of the public will be allowed to speak.

PLANNING AND ZONING: Chair Chris Koegel gave updates about three different projects: White Flint 2, Wall Park Drive and the Wildwood Medical Center. Chris will put up a summary on the Website about the White Flint 2 community meeting which allowed the developers and the public to give their thoughts about the plans for the site;

Federal Realty said there are no plans to redevelop Montrose Crossing and will keep their basic plan for the site. They are, however, thinking about making it a mixed-use development that would add about 1600 residential units to the site;

Various representatives from local civic associations spoke and gave their thoughts about the area and the plans for it;

Wall Park Garage is trying to create a parking deck by the Aquatic Center;

The County would like to add 250 public parking spaces to this area;

Wildwood Medical Center is looking for an amendment that would allow them to build residential units on the property; and,

Josiah Henson House is looking for more parking spaces within the neighborhood.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Chair Nurit Coombe said that the snowman project was a success and that photos of all the entries will be posted in LuxLines.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board voted \$100.00 to place an ad in the Luxmanor Elementary School Yearbook congratulating the 2016 graduating class;

Mike Blomberg brought the Board up to date on getting sidewalks on Tuckerman Lane to make it safer for pedestrians walking along the road;

Thanks to Burman Berger for becoming interim Treasurer and for filling out the LCA tax returns; and,

Thanks to Barry Gudelsky for all his help and good wishes to him as he leaves our area.

The meeting was adjourned.

