Minutes of Barkley Area Neighborhood Association Bi-Annual Meeting

January 31, 2021

The meeting was conducted via Zoom, commencing at about 3:00 p.m. President John Krupsky hosted the meeting, which was also attended by Sou Hayes, Rich Bryars, Harald & Luzma Leder, Rodney Young, Allison Thomas, Duke Rivet, Rebecca Brown, Aubrey Jones, Ralph McMahon, Larry Hudson, Marjorie Clayton, Vincent Randolph, Andrew Eames and perhaps some others joining in progress.

Ralph McMahon delivered the invocation. Introductions followed. John then displayed the agenda and got things rolling. Rich Bryars read the minutes from the previous meeting, in this case January 2020 as the July 2020 meeting was canceled due to Covid concerns. After a question and a correction, the minutes were approved as thus amended.

John then briefly discussed the causes and effects of the July 2020 meeting being canceled, in particular the inability to conduct the normal July elections, and John thanked Rodney for agreeing to stay on as Treasurer a bit longer than he had initially planned.

Next, Rodney delivered the financial report for the period August 11, 2020 to January 20, 2021, outlining the dues collections and various disbursements during the year. Rodney gave a clear and detailed explanation of a couple of unusual circumstances with the budget, and also pointed out that we were due to have an audit of the accounts. The financial report was accepted by a vote of those present.

John and Sue then fielded a couple of questions from Rebecca Brown regarding the lawn care arrangements for the signage areas and neighborhood entrances.

Up next were district reports. Aubrey reported on his efforts to get the Sheriff's department to monitor traffic in our neighborhood. There was a discussion of the need to be alert against burglars, and the admonition to lock car doors at night. Ralph brought up the shooting incident on White Chapel and gave us a bit of an update on that.

The next topic was Old Business and included discussions of the entrance signs and landscaping as well as the value and cost of BANA membership. Duke Rivet mentioned he had spoken with his neighbor on Magnolia Chase (the sign is in his yard) regarding landscaping, but essentially has had no definite input from the property owner. He was also happy to report that dues from his district had now all but covered the cost of the Magnolia Chase sign.

Lorraine was interested in formally selecting a Siegen Village sign design and getting the project underway, rather than delaying any further. There was general consensus from the floor. It was generally agreed to match the size of the Magnolia Chase sign, using the design featuring oak leaves with acorns, and to make it a double-sided sign. The unresolved issue is the exact positioning of the sign, and the permissions required for placement. There was also a lively discussion regarding funding from the district through dues.

John then displayed his draft summary outlining the value and benefits of membership in BANA and solicited further input for eventual publication.

New business included planning for an election in July, and the prospect of meeting in person in the summer, if conditions permit. Setting the date for the next meeting was tabled pending further discussion. Finally, there was a brief ad-hoc discussion of culvert services (for closing in ditches) and tree stump removal, as well as a question from Larry about dealing with 'junk' (unworking, unlicensed, etc.) vehicles in the neighborhood.

At that point, the meeting was adjourned.