

**LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Monday, January 12, 2009
Mason District Governmental Center
6507 Columbia Pike
Falls Church, Virginia 22042**

7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kathie French	Vice President
Sean Walsh	Treasurer
Jay Jarvis	Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joaquin Tremols	President
Michelle Krahn	Member at Large

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT:

Kristin Walsh	Communications Chair
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OTHERS PRESENT:

Edye Lewis	Recording Secretary, Minute-By-Minute
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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. French called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

II. CITIZEN COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK:

Ms. Hattie Walden went on record regarding problems with Blade Runners digging up her tulips last spring. KPA was advised and Blade Runners agreed to replace her tulips. Ms. Walden asked that she be notified prior to replacing the tulips, which was not done. Ms. Walden stated Blade Runners planted the tulips too shallow and she does not want them to work on her property. She is on the "Do Not Touch" list, but the landscapers do not pay attention to the list. In addition, Ms. Walden advised that she had requested ground cover in back of the properties at 7882, 7880 and 7878 as the grass is not growing and the ground is beginning to erode. Blade Runners is to fertilize the area but is not doing a proper job. Ms. Walden would like the community to consider planting other ground cover, as there is now mud in this area. Mr. Jarvis commented that the grounds committee has recently received advice on this topic, and will be recommending different ground cover for this and other areas in the community where grass will not grow successfully. Ms. Walden also asked KPA to look at the tree on Hampton Village Pass again as it looks to be rotting and she wanted to be sure it is healthy. Ms. Walden's neighbor at 7878 stated that the shrubs of her neighbor at 7876 are encroaching on her property and asked that the Board direct the neighbor to trim the shrubs as she believes this is a violation of ACC guideline.

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Mr. Jarvis advised that Blade Runners' contract is not specific on how they should trim shrubs and this may be the problem.

A homeowner stated that he has seen more police presence on the properties and vehicles being towed from the property. Mr. Jarvis advised this police presence was requested, as there are many vehicles in violation on the property. Carl Iddings of Yorktown Village Pass also advised that January 19th is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and is also a "Day of Service". Homeowners can access information regarding volunteer service opportunities at the ServiceUSA.org website and obtain information regarding cleaning the Annandale Park for a few hours on this day. Mr. Iddings also commented that Del. Vivian Watts notified him of an upcoming public hearing on revisions to the VDOT six year supplemental budget. This is an opportunity to obtain additional state funds to improve the noise abatement and sound barrier issues pertaining to the HOT Lanes. Mr. Iddings had previously forwarded Del. Watt's e-mail regarding this item and stated he would speak at the public hearing on behalf of the community. He would presents the results of the sound study the Board commissioned last summer, and argue that the sound barriers should meet Fairfax County noise abatement standards, which are more stringent than the Federal standards VDOT uses.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Mr. Jarvis moved, Mr. Walsh seconded, to accept the December 8, 2008 Board meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

IV. MANAGEMENT REPORTS:

Discussion was held regarding where to place additional streetlights and which mailboxes were to be replaced this year.

The Board was advised that management does not yet have a map of the LVCA property that VDOT is seeking to purchase for the Beltway HOT Lanes project. The surveyor had not received the LVC plat from VDOT to survey the property to determine the purchase price of the LVC property by VDOT. There was some confusion if LVCA was to provide the plat or VDOT

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ACC Committee: There was no ACC report.

Grounds Committee: Mr. Jarvis reported that the Grounds Committee met on December 17, 2008. The committee is working with Willie Woode from the Soil and Water Conservation District who walked through the community and provided an illuminating report on the different soil types in the community and their resistance to erosion. He noted that there are more effective ways of preventing erosion than what we are currently doing. The Committee continues to obtain bids for renovation of the shrubs on the common grounds and will piggyback quotes for residents if they want to pay for work for themselves. Mr.

Iddings stated he does not feel the current shrub trimming schedule of two times a year is sufficient to control the growth of the shrubs

Mr. Jarvis continued the report noting the bamboo behind Byrds Nest Pass is now under control. The Committee recommends that the Board adopt a policy that allows planting of specific types of plants or shrubs near utility boxes on LVCA common grounds within three feet of the sides where there are no doors and no closer than 10 feet from sides where there are doors. Further that plants recommended are: Inkberry, male or female Winterberry, Summer Sweet and Witch-hazel.

MOTION: Ms. Jarvis moved, Mr. Walsh seconded, resolved with the approval of plans by the Grounds Committee and after contacting "Miss Utility", plantings of shrubs near utility boxes on LVCA common grounds is allowed within three feet of the sides where there are no door and no closer than ten feet from the side where there is a door. Further; the plants to use can be any of Inkberry, male & female Winterberry, Summer Sweet, and Witch Hazel. The Motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Also, Mr. Jarvis reported that the Committee discussed Blade Runners coming onto homeowners' property when they are on the "Do Not Touch" list. The Board wants to come up with a way to keep this from happening. KPA is speaking with Blade Runners on this matter.

The Grounds Committee also discussed that under the Reserve Study, the Association is to have some streets resurfaced and some concrete sidewalks repaired or replaced this year. The committee gave recommendations to the Management Company on which streets should be considered for resurfacing. The Committee believes that replacing the asphalt on the volleyball court is necessary but recommends that the poles be removed and the area used for basketball or other community uses.

The Board requested that KPA write a letter to the State and County recommending that they repair or repave Merrimac Trail and Lafayette Village Pass, which are under their jurisdictions.

Finance Committee: Mr. Walsh stated that the Finance Committee did not meet in December and they will have information to share at the February 2009 Board meeting on February 9th.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: The Committee met in December 2008 and discussed the re-activation of Neighborhood Watch in response to car break-ins. An email will be sent to the community for volunteers to patrol the community. Magnetic stickers for vehicles and vests will be provided to people to wear while patrolling. The crime log was reviewed. The Board discussed that porch lights are a deterrent to crime. There has also been increased police presence in the community.

MOTION: Mr. Jarvis moved, Mr. Walsh seconded, to approve Carl Iddings and Erin Pomeroy as members of the Neighborhood Watch Committee. The motion passed unanimously (3-0-0).

Communications Committee: Ms. Walsh reported that she is collecting articles for the February newsletter, to be distributed at the end of January. Articles are due to her by January 20th. She also noted that this will be the last newsletter issue she will produce. The position of newsletter editor is open for any volunteers.

Pool and Recreation Committee: There was no report provided.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business to discuss.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Sound Barrier Resolution:

MOTION: Mr. Jarvis moved, Mr. Walsh seconded, Resolved; It is the position of the Lafayette Village Community Association that Sound Abatement standards used along Interstate 495 should be the Fairfax County standard which are known as DNL. The Resolution passed unanimously (3-0-0).

VIII. ACTION ITEM REVIEW:

The Committee will advise of the street lights and mailboxes to be replaced.

The VDOT situation will be researched.

Management will speak with Blade Runners regarding the "Do Not Touch" list.

A letter will be drafted to the State and/or County to repave Merrimac and Lafayette Village Drive.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Jarvis moved and Mr. Walsh seconded to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion passed 3-0-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

E.J.Jarvis II
Secretary