

1 **LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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3 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

4
5 **February, 12, 2007**

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8 **Mason District Government Center**
9 **6507 Columbia Pike**
10 **Falls Church, Virginia 22042**
11 **7:00 p.m.**
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15 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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17 **LINDA BOONE** **PRESIDENT**
18 **JOAQUIN TREMOLS** **VICE-PRESIDENT**
19 **CARL IDDINGS** **SECRETARY**
20 **KATHIE FRENCH** **TREASURER**
21 **JAY JARVIS** **MEMBER-AT-LARGE**
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23 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

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25 **HATTIE WALDRON** **ACC MEMBER**
26 **LINDA WITHAM** **POOL AND RECREATION CHAIR**
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28 **MANAGEMENT COMPANY ATTENDEES**

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30 **SARAH CROUCH** **MANAGEMENT AGENT**
31 **HEATHER BEHNKE** **RECORDING SECRETARY**
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33 **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

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35 Ms. Boone, President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Introductions were made
36 for the Board Members.
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38 **MOTION: Mr. Iddings moved, Mr. Tremols seconded, to appoint Jay Jarvis to the**
39 **open seat on the Board to a term that expires October 2009. The motion passed**
40 **unanimously (3-0-0), Ms. French absent.**
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42 **II. HOMEOWNER'S FORUM:**

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44 Ms. Boone noted that at the January meeting a homeowner asked about the graffiti on the
45 deer sign and other locations in the community. Ms. Boone reported that the police still
46 think the graffiti is not gang related but they will continue to keep a close eye on it.

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48 The ground inspection survey appears to be complete. Mr. Iddings reported on the
49 survey markings he saw between the community land and the park land. Ms. Boone
50 stated that a walk through of the property with Blade Runners, LVCA's new grounds
51 management company, is scheduled for February 19, 2007 and she invited homeowners
52 to join if they are interested. The survey stakes can be viewed at that time. The Board
53 and the Park Authority will continue to meet to discuss the property lines, invasive
54 plants, and other issues.

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56 Ms. Boone stated that LMA has filed the yard waste exemption request with the county
57 which has approved the exemption. This exempts the townhouse residents from having to
58 place yard waste out separately for recycling by the trash company, American Disposal
59 Service. Since LVCA has a grounds maintenance contract, the association will not have
60 to pay the additional fee associated with separate recycling.

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62 Ms. Boone reported that there was a complaint about barking dogs and stated that one
63 possibility is for the HOA to send a letter to the homeowner letting them know about the
64 complaint. It is a noise violation and police can be called. Mr. Jarvis suggested that the
65 first action should be talking directly to the neighbor who is causing a problem.

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67 Another issue is trash that is on the road. Ms. Boone stated that if you do happen to see a
68 car that is littering, get the license plate number of the car and some action can be taken,
69 by the police.

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71 **III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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73 **ACC/GROUNDS:** The ACC has made a decision to share the hosting of the committee
74 in a rotation until a chair person is appointed. On January 29th the meeting was held at
75 Woodburn Elementary School. There was one homeowner request for a garage door,
76 which was approved. Hattie requested a copy of the homeowner covenant log so the
77 committee can review it. Spring home inspections will start in April and will take a week
78 to complete. The Blade Runners special request letter was a bit hidden in the newsletter
79 and the committee is requesting the original "Do Not Touch" list from Springfield
80 Nursery be used as a backup just in case homeowners miss the form. The Board was
81 nervous that the list may not be in good order. Management will check with Springfield
82 Nursery to locate a current version of the list and provide that list to Blade Runners.

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84 All ACC/Grounds meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at Woodburn
85 Elementary School at 7:00 pm unless announced in advance at a Board meeting. The
86 next ACC/Grounds meeting falls on a holiday, February 19, and the school will be
87 closed. Therefore, the meeting will be held on Feb. 19 at Susie Lee's home, 7856
88 Butterfield Lane, and Ms. Lee will chair the meeting in this rotation.

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90 The Board discussed how to control people who are disregarding the rules regarding
91 trash.

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93 **ACTION:** Management to call Springfield Nursery to see if there is an old “Do Not
94 Touch” list.

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96 Ms.French joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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98 The ACC confirmed the location of the new lights on Butterfield, Colonial Village and
99 Yorktown. Management is working with Dominion to get the lighting project going and
100 doing research on prices.

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102 **TOT LOT:** The ACC/Grounds thought some gravel or repair of the entrance may be
103 advisable, that a new gate may not be necessary, but that the Tot Lot falls under the
104 purview of the Pool/Recreation committee and not the ACC/Grounds. The Board
105 discussed obtaining additional input from users of the Tot Lot, before making a final
106 decision.

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108 The ACC is holding off on landscaping and tree decisions until after the walk though
109 with Blade Runners.

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111 The existing mission statement from the ACC/Grounds will stay in place. Hattie stated
112 concern over ambiguous responsibility issues. She asked for the ACC/Grounds to have
113 complete control to make decisions on ACC/Grounds issues. The Board emphasized that
114 it is important for the management company to correctly direct complaints to the
115 appropriate committees and just notifying the Board of the referrals.

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117 Mr. Iddings requested that the ACC be vigilant about new windows and suggested a
118 newsletter article reminding homeowners about improvements that need to go through
119 the ACC.

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121 **POOL/REC/SOCIAL:** Management is working with the Pool and Recreation
122 Committee for bids for repair projects around the pool. The pool decking replacement
123 project was deferred for budget reasons to at least 2008. Forms for the pool passes will
124 be in the next newsletter. The committee chair will create the pool passes again this year.
125 The Board emphasized that Atlantic Pools, the pool management company, should be
126 notified that it needs to provide better lifeguards and rules enforcement.

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128 Mr. Iddings reported that planning is underway for a spring yard sale to happen in early
129 May.

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131 **FINANCE:** Ms. French reported that two CD’s are coming due. She will send
132 investment options out to the Finance Committee and they will make a recommendation
133 soon. Management distributed an updated budget for Board review. The Board asked for
134 more complete financials that show budget and expenditures on the same report.
135 Management reported that the new financial tracking software is due to be implemented
136 this month.

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139 **COMMUNICATIONS:** No report. Mr. Javis will help work on the website. Ms.
140 French asked for contractor recommendations for the newsletter.

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142 **TRAFFIC CALMING:** The 75% response needed for the traffic calming study has not
143 been reached. There is some concern from homeowners about stop signs and speed
144 humps. The Board and Mr. Iddings will continue to review other options for slowing the
145 traffic on Lafayette Village Drive.

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147 **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:** The neighborhood watch program needs more
148 volunteers before it can become truly operational. There is a new police liaison to
149 replace Officer Murphy.

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151 **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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153 **MOTION: Mr. Iddings moved, Ms. French seconded, to approve the January 15,**
154 **2007 Board Meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously (4-0-0).**

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156 **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

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158 Ms. Boone reported on her meeting with Supervisor Gross. There were 40 HOA's that
159 were present to learn about accessing community resources and networking among the
160 HOAs in Mason District.

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162 **ACTION:** Management is to send sample copies of the resident welcome packet to each
163 Board member prior to the next working session.

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166 **VI. OLD BUSINESS:**

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168 The Board reported that the deer management program is ongoing. Five deer have been
169 killed since the inception of the program.

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171 The ACC decided that the erosion on Merrimac Trail may be the homeowner's problem
172 and management may be asked to send them a letter stating such.

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174 **ACTION:** The Board requested a log of current covenant violations only and their status.

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176 **VII. MISCELLANEOUS:**

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178 The Board discussed the rules in the Declaration. There was some discussion as to
179 whether sheds were permitted under the Declaration, but the matter remains open to
180 further discussion. ACC/Grounds rules and guidelines, always approved by the Board,
181 have for many years permitted sheds that do not exceed the home's fence line in height.
182 Many homeowners have relied on the guidelines to improve their properties with sheds.
183 Nevertheless, the Declaration contains language that created doubt among some Board
184 members as to whether sheds should be permitted.

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186 **VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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188 **There being no further business, the Board agreed by consensus to adjourn the**

189 **February 12, 2007 Board of Directors meeting at 9:15 p.m.**