1 LAYFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2 3 **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** 4 5 March 12, 2007 6 7 **Mason District Governmental Center** 8 6507 Columbia Pike 9 Falls Church, Virginia 22042 10 7:00 p.m. 11 12 13 **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** 14 15 **LINDA BOONE PRESIDENT** 16 **JOAQUIN TREMOLS** VICE-PRESIDENT 17 **CARL IDDINGS SECRETARY** KATHIE FRENCH 18 **TREASURER** 19 **JAY JARVIS MEMBER-AT-LARGE** 20 21 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT** 22 23 **SUSIE LEE** ACC MEMBER AND ACTING CHAIR 24 HATTIE WALDEN ACC MEMBER 25 LINDA WITHAM POOL AND RECREATION CHAIR 26 MANAGEMENT COMPANY ATTENDEES 27 28 29 **SARAH CROUCH** MANAGEMENT AGENT 30 DAVE CICCARELLI MANAGEMENT AGENT 31 32 MALTI LIVINGSTON RECORDING SECRETARY 33 34 35 I. **CALL TO ORDER:** 36 37 Ms. Boone called the meeting to order at 7:02pm. and introductions were made. 38 39 II. **HOMEOWNER'S FORUM:** 40 41 Hattie Walden inquired as to when she would receive a written response from the Board 42 regarding the letter she submitted. Ms. Boone stated that since there were several 43 complex issues addressed in her letter the Board needed time to develop a detailed 44 response and would respond in writing as soon as possible.

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- 47 Ms. Walden also stated that 7876 Hampton Village Pass has not been occupied for at
- least three months. The residents left their mailbox door open, and since the entire
- 49 mailbox leans forward, the mail continues to pile up and fall out of the mailbox. Mary
- McFadden suggested that the mail could be wrapped in a rubber band with a note to the
- 51 letter carrier stating there is no resident at that location.

- Christine Hathaway inquired about what the community can do regarding trash disposal, trash containment, and open trash bins. She was specifically concerned about a new neighbor who kept an uncovered and overflowing trash can in his back yard. Mr. Jarvis stated that the new resident was not fully aware of the trash removal process and that he had met with the neighbor and explained how trash was managed in the community. Ms. Hathaway stated she provided the new residents with the appropriate information on their trash removal shortly after they moved in. She also noted that there had been a rodent and crow problem with the previous owners. Ms. Boone reported that the Board has agreed that the ACC Guidelines regarding backyards must be enforced, that a letter will be sent to the resident and that the Board will follow-up to ensure this problem is resolved. Ms.
- to the resident and that the Board will follow-up to ensure this problem is resolve Boone stated that there would be an article in the newsletter regarding trash and
- 64 maintaining backyards.

Terry Clark stated that she has a concern regarding dog waste left on the property. She stated she wrote a letter to Ms. Boone and she understood there had been discussions about ways to correct the problem. Ms. Boone stated that periodically the situation does arise and it would help if residents were able to identify the offenders. She also noted that it is a Fairfax County Law that owners must pick up after their pets.

Ms. Walden asked if information in the new homeowner's packet includes any information on the pet policy in the community, regarding picking up after pets. Mr. Iddings stated that the Board had not yet reviewed the new homeowner's packet, but if there wasn't such information, the packet should be amended to include the pet policy. It was also suggested that renters be notified of the pet policy as well.

Ms. Crouch noted that other homeowner associations used the service "Doody-Calls" to collect pet waste and other trash in the neighborhood. Ms. Boone noted that because this year's budget had no contingency in it, if the Board were to contract with Doody-Calls or similar services, funds would have to be pulled from another area to pay for the service.

Another resident suggested having pet owners register their pets with the Association so it would be easier to narrow down the list of possible offenders.

Ms. Boone stated that the Board would explore what could be done and will continue to remind owners and renters of the pet policy.

III. <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u>:

ACC/Grounds Committee

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93 Enforcing ACC Guidelines – Ms. Lee stated that there were no homeowners' requests.

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- 95 Ms. Lee then reported that the committee addressed Mr. Prifold's snow-plow concerns.
- 96 She suggested possibly purchasing a snow-blower for the community and have
- 97 volunteers clear the sidewalks on Lafayette Village Drive. There were comments that
- 98 this suggestion might not be practical due to costs, storage concerns, and the amount of
- 99 use the snow-blower would receive.

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101 A resident commented that the sidewalks at the school bus stops were not cleared 102 properly during this past ice-storm, which caused difficulties for children getting on their 103 buses.

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Ms. Boone stated that the Board was developing an events calendar to be put on the website and a calendar of Board events. She would place a reminder to notify residents before next winter of their responsibilities to shovel their sidewalks.

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109 The ACC has identified the three new lights that are to be installed next, and is working 110 with Ms. Crouch to obtain pricing. The ACC is collecting as much information about 111 these new lights before talking to the residents who would be affected by them.

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Mr. Jarvis noted that the Declarations call for two separate committees, one being solely 113 114 an ACC Committee and another separate committee dedicated to grounds, and asked the 115 ACC to evaluate the feasibility of returning to that committee structure. Other Board 116 members noted that the committees were merged in the past due to the small number of 117 active volunteers to staff 2 committees.

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119 Tree Management Plan – The ACC/Grounds will be meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 120 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Teacher's Lounge at Woodburn Elementary. Concerning the 121 tree management plan, Ms. Walden noted that the committee is planning a walk through 122 of the community to confirm what tree work was done last year and develop the schedule 123 of trimming, removing, and replacing trees for 2007. The Board will received monthly updates at the regular Board meetings. 124

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Mr. Jarvis stated that he had received a copy of the Tree Management plan and thought it was very well done. He felt that a transition plan as called for in the Plan should be developed. Mr. Tremols provided history about the Plan, noting that the plan with a prioritization log was developed by the ACC last year and approved by the Board, that this plan included input an arborist from the Virginia Department of Forestry, and that the ACC implemented the plan. Ms. Walden stated that the ACC/Grounds identified the work taking place at each of its meetings last year, tracking the cost of that work and identifying possible tree replacement or trees that would not be replaced. She stated that

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136 The Board noted that Blade Runners employs a certified arborist who could work with the ACC Committee, walking the grounds to identify dead and diseased trees that should 137

that process was how the ACC was able to track the budget.

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be removed, trees that require pruning and could also recommend appropriate replacement trees.

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- 141 A resident reported that there continues to be a bamboo problem behind Byrds Nest Pass.
- Mr. Tremols noted that the bamboo was cut back last year by a volunteer, but it remains a
- serious problem that needs to be addressed. One critical issue is the potential erosion
- problem that will likely occur when the bamboo is removed. This is also an item
- suggested for the arborist to review.

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- Ms. Crouch will walk through the property with Blade Runners the first week in April 2007. Ms. Boone stated that the Do-Not-Touch list from the previous grounds
- maintenance company was provided to the new grounds maintenance company.

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- 151 Deer Management Program Ms. Boone noted that the Association needed to apply for
- an out-of-season hunting permit to allow the deer management program to continue. The
- Board discussed the program and reaffirmed the need to continue the program. The
- Board determined that the original Deer Management Program resolution provided the
- necessary authorization for Ms. Boone to request the new permits, and that no additional
- resolution was needed. Ms. Boone noted that a total of (5) deer have been killed but
- there are still at least a dozen roaming the grounds, according to reports from residents.
- Ms. Boone noted that there are frequent newspaper articles about the ever-increasing deer
- herd in Fairfax County and the problems they bring, including destruction of landscaping,
- involvement in car accidents, and the harboring of potentially infectious deer ticks.

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Pool/Recreation/Social

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- Ms. Witham reported that there was a problem with the door on the rear of the pool
- house, noting that it does not shut fully. She and Ms. Crouch are working to have the
- door re-planed, although this would be the last time it could be done. The next time the
- door required maintenance of this sort, it would need to be replaced. Ms. Crouch is also
- obtaining a quote for painting, repairing the door, and replacing the privacy fence. Ms.
- 169 Crouch noted that it may be possible to power-wash and reseal the fence, saving a
- significant expense. The work estimates will come separately so that the Board can pick
- and choose what the want done, on an individual basis, if they choose.

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- Ms. Witham stated she would provide materials for the newsletter, including the 2007
- Pool Regulations and the application for 2007 pool passes. Mr. Iddings asked that he be
- provided this material as well, so he could put the information on the website.

- 177 Ms. Witham and the Board discussed how to enforce the residency requirements for pool
- access. One resident stated that if we have a system where the guard takes the pool pass
- as you enter it has to be worked out where people do not simply reach in for their passes
- because they can easily take another person's by mistake. The resident also requested it
- be entered into the "Pool Rules", if not already, that no foul language be used at the pool
- as it is a family place. Ms. French requested Ms. Witham provide the rules as soon as

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possible, preferably by March 15, 2007 so the information may be placed in the March/April newsletter.

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- 186 Returning to the topic of pool maintenance, the resident also stated that there are
- probably plenty of children in the neighborhood who may require community service
- hours and suggested that a request for volunteers be included as a newsletter item.
- Volunteers could help with a spring clean-up, painting the pool or cleaning pool furniture
- to earn the hours required. Ms. Witham stated there was shrubbery that could be
- removed by volunteers s along the fence line of the pool.

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- 193 Ms. Witham noted that the old vending machine had finally been removed, having been
- inoperable for the past two seasons. Ms. Crouch noted that in other communities,
- beverage companies would install vending machines free of charge, and share some of
- the revenue with the community. Ms. Crouch was asked to investigate obtaining a
- 197 working vending machine for the pool area. LMA obtained quotes on the repair work for
- 198 pre-season maintenance and would provide this information to the committee.

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During a discussion regarding the budget, the Board noted that for budgeted items of less than \$2500, committees have the discretion and authority to move toward procuring those items without further Board action. The Board will finally approve any contracts that are required.

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CD Status – Ms. French reported that two CD's have matured and the money has been moved to a money market account at 4.7%. These CDs total approximately \$40,000.00. Ms. French noted that new CD rates are being explored and the funds will be placed into a higher yielding investment—most likely another CD.

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- $212 \qquad \text{Audit Status} \text{The Board noted that we still do not have a full year audit for 2005 and no}$
- audit at all for 2006. Mr. Ciccarelli explained that LVCA's current auditor was having difficulties completing the 2005 audit and declined to prepare the 2006 audit. The Board
- expressed its concern about not having a proper statement of LVCA's finances, and noted
- 216 that the end-of-year summary presented at the February meeting was inaccurate and
- 217 unacceptable. After discussion, the Board requested LMA provide an end-of-year budget
- 218 comparison of revenue and expenditures by line item noting discrepancies and variances
- as well as any missing information. For the 2006 and future audits, LMA highly
- 220 recommended Goldklang Cavanaugh & Associates as they specialize in HOA audits.

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- Ms. Crouch noted that because of the difficulties in obtaining an auditor for LVCA's
- 223 2006 fiscal year, LMA has taken steps to file an extension for filing the 2006 taxes. Ms.
- French noted that the Finance Committee would discuss this at the next finance meeting,
- 225 normally scheduled for the last Thursday of each month.

- 227 Mr. Jarvis requested electronic copies of the financial documents the Board packet for his
- 228 review.

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233	Website & Newsletter – Ms. French confirmed the newsletter will go out April 1, 2007 and requested all articles be submitted by March 15, 2007. While the newsletter will also
234235	be posted on the website, the printed newsletter will continue to be distributed to all residents and property owners in the community.
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237	Mr. Iddings and Mr. Jarvis are working on the website <u>www.lafayettevillage.org</u> . The
238239	website looks very similar as before but they will be making updates in the next few months, re-designing the layout, making it more functional, adding more documents,
240241	including the minutes, providing a history of the property, photos, announcements, current topics, etc.
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243	Neighborhood Watch
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245	Ms. Boone stated they are looking for a Committee Chair. Mr. Tremols stated that he
246	and his wife had volunteered to do the neighborhood watch, but they had never been
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248	willing to volunteer for Neighborhood Watch, as well.
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250	Working Session Date & Time
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252	After discussion, the Board agreed that any meeting involving Board Members must be
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257	The next working session will take place on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at
258	Ms. Boone's home. All are welcome to attend; however no formal business will be
259	conducted. The meeting is simply for items for discussion.
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261	Ms. Walden stated that if a sign for ACC meetings were obtained, similar to the signs for
262	the Board meetings, she would willing to post these signs to notify all residents of the
263	ACC meetings. Mr. Iddings noted that he will post meeting notices on the LVCA
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268	MOTION: Mr. Iddings moved, Mr. Tremols seconded, to approve the February 12,
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Semi-Annual Meeting Discussion

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As required according to the By-Laws of Lafayette Village, the Semi-Annual Meeting will take place in May 2007. The board noted that if there is any official business to be acted upon at this meeting, a formal first-class mailing will be sent out in the same way Annual Meetings are announced and that a quorum will be necessary. A resident suggested providing information to people on what takes place at the Semi-Annual Meeting in order to encourage attendees and ensure a quorum.

Welcome Aboard Packages

After discussion the Board and Management agreed to have LMA prepare another Welcome Aboard Package and send it to all residents who have come to the community in the last six months. The Board will provide final approval prior to Management sending it out.

VI. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>:

The Board agreed to move into Executive Session at 9:25pm to discuss delinquencies of assessments by some homeowners. After agreeing to direct the management company to mail additional letters to some of the homeowners who are delinquent on assessments, the Board returned to Regular Session at 10:00pm.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the Board agreed **BY CONSENSUS** to adjourn the March 12, 2007 Board of Directors meeting at 10:00pm.