

Neighborhood Residents Council

November 17, 2009

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

CALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by NRC Chair Frances Hillman on November.17, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. in the meeting room at Brandermill Woods, 14311 Brandermill Woods Trail, Midlothian, Virginia 23112.

MEMBER VOICE

There were no comments made.

MINUTES

MOTION: Karen Gammons moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2009 NRC meeting.

MOTION SECONDED: Dave Wilson seconded.

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimous.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair's report was a combination of report along with several discussions.

Chair Hillman announced applications for the Neighborhood Grant program are on file in the BCA office and will be available in the Village Mill. Applications may be submitted after January 1, 2010.

There was some discussion and suggestions about possible uses of the grants which included neighborhood activities and clean-ups. Dave Wilson offered to put information about the grants on their Twitter site.

Mary Jane Zander is heading the NRC Nominating Committee and welcomes any volunteers. If interested, please give her a call. Chair Hillman asked for a volunteer to be our representative on the Master Plan Oversight Committee (MPOC) committee.

Chair Hillman asked what more the NRC could do, and a recommendation was made for the community to consider a "Clean-Up Day" for all neighborhoods to pick up debris and make our community look a little better.

Chair Hillman had Certificates of Appreciation for Mamie McNeal, Bev Bell and Bob Strickland. Bob Strickland was present to accept his award.

Chair Hillman introduced Dianne Cardea who has been asked by the BCA board to co-chair the task force to look at enforcement of covenants. Her group has formed a board of 15 members to work with neighborhoods and long-term residents. They are working with the BCA to find solutions and would like the NRC to help educate people about the covenants and brainstorm incentives. Dianne informed the group of their progress to-date, and they are making recommendations to the BCA board.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Zander reported that we had \$400 in our budget and still have \$269 left. She informed the membership of how the money has been spent thus far this year.

PROGRAM

Mike Hatch, President of the Brandermill Country Club, explained the improvements that have taken place at the Brandermill country club this year since his group has taken over its ownership. He has a great deal of experience in consulting and managing golf courses and has worked for American Golf in the UK. He also worked for Meadow Brook Golf and traveled all over the east coast, Indiana and Wisconsin.

He says that "Brandermill still has one of the best golf courses in the state because Gary Player designed Brandermill, and it is one of his best". Hatch plans to spend \$250,000 to improve the courses and is already cooperating on improving tunnels, the reservoir and retention ponds with the BCA. He plans to expand the club to 350 members, and keep it private and in good condition.

He is also putting together Richmond Alliance with reciprocal privileges at seven golf clubs. Boost Fitness is managing the fitness center and is putting machines in fitness rooms. The club facilities may be rented to non-members for functions at a fee of \$500. He wants a good relationship with the BCA and his Brandermill neighbors.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Zander, Acting Secretary
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Frances Hillman, Chair
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