NRC Meeting Agenda

Monday, May 17, 2010
7:00 p.m., Brandermill Woods

1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

2. Member Voice ..... 10 minutes

3. Chair's Report: Mamie McNeal ..... 5 minutes

   A. Update of NRC By-Laws
   B. Master Plan Action Items
   C. Facilitating NRC Communications: Blog, E-Mail Database Management, Neighborhood Meetings
   D. Community Improvement Grant Program

4. First Vice Chair's Report: When-Dee Morrison ..... 3 minutes

5. Treasurer's Report: Karen Gammons ..... 3 minutes

6. Membership Committee: Bev Bell ..... 3 minutes

7. NRC Logo Contest Winner and Award ..... 5 minutes

8. Program: Revitalizing Brandermill ..... 60 minutes

   Tom Jacobson, Director of Revitalization, Chesterfield County
   Andrea Epps, Chair, Master Plan Oversight Task Force
   Bob Malek, Chair, Reservoir Management Group

9. Announcement:

   Neighborhood Meeting: Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m., location TBA
   Topic: BCA Covenant and Covenant Enforcement
   Bring your neighbors.
   Seating is limited so contact NRCinfo@BrandermillNRC.com ASAP to reserve your seats.

Neighborhood Residents Council Meeting

May 17, 2010

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by NRC Chair Mamie McNeal on May 17, 2010 at 7:09 p.m. in the meeting room at Brandermill Woods, 14311 Brandermill Woods Trail, Midlothian, Virginia 23112.

MEETING ATTENDEES

Herb Russakoff – Barne's Spring
Joan Bernick – Brandermill Woods
Richard Kury – Cove Ridge
Mark & Susan Smith – Cove Ridge
Joseph Flynn – Fox Chase
Alvin Maloney – Fox Chase
Frances Hillman – Huntgate Woods
When-Dee Morrison – Huntgate Woods
Kit Kavanagh – Huntsbridge
Kathy Cantrell – Huntsbridge
Warren Ragsdale – Huntsbridge
Rubie Gatlin – Long Shadow
Julane Johndrow – Long Shadow
Beverly & Lee Bell – McTyre's Cove
Michael Bell – McTyre's Cove
Ahlan Ramdhani – McTyre's Cove
Mary Jane Zander – McTyre's Cove
Mamie McNeal – Planter's Wood
Bob Malek – Regatta Pointe
Leona Dooley – Shadow Ridge
Cal Pletcher – Shallowford Landing
Andrea Epps – Steeple Chase
Dave Wilson – Three Bridges
Debbie Gandolfo – Turtle Hill
Karen Gammons – Two Notch
Hamid & Cheryl Ghorashi – Walker's Ferry
Dianne Cardea – Winterberry Ridge
Dick & Judy English – Winterberry Ridge

MEMBER VOICE

Joe Flynn (Fox Chase) stated there is a Neighborhood Watch start-up meeting scheduled for May 27, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., Brandermill Church. Interested residents are invited to attend.

Richard Kury (Cove Ridge) announced that the County's Neighborhood Watch National Night Out is scheduled for August 3, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. He also noted that the Neighborhood County Council met on April 22, 2010 and approved to waive the $40 for one Neighborhood Watch sign per neighborhood.

Hamid Ghorashi (Walker's Ferry) was concerned with the number of dead trees on the BCA common area near Walker's Ferry Court/Walker's Ferry Road, and asked who was to be contacted if a tree was located on the lakeside or buffer zone. He was advised by Chair McNeal to contact John Bernard, BCA Maintenance. Mr. Ghorashi was also interested in the protocol for Saturday garage/yard sales and asked if the same person could have multiple sales? Chair McNeal said she would find out that information for him.

CHAIR'S REPORT

A. **NRC By-Laws:** Chair McNeal stated that a draft of the NRC by-laws will be coming to the reps e-mail accounts for review and feedback.

B. **Master Plan Action Items:** The NRC's big action item is to be the main communicator with the residents. It's very important for residents and reps to bring to the NRC their ideas and comments for Master Plan projects.

C. **Facilitating NRC Communications — Blog, E-Mail Database Management, Neighborhood Meetings:** To help improve communications among the residents, the NRC and the BCA Board, a blog is in the works and is on the agenda for next month's Board meeting. Residents are reminded that they can sign-up on the NRC web site to receive news and updates from the NRC. Neighborhood meetings especially with regards to the Master Plan are going to be a vital component of communication. The feedback from the residents is extremely important and the smaller meetings will help facilitate those new ideas. There is a Covenants Meeting scheduled for May 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., location TBD.

D. **Community Improvement Grant Program:** The program has been approved by the Board and established to provide grant money to residents to make improvements within their neighborhoods. All the residents need do is fill out an application, and they may be eligible to receive $200-$7,500 towards their project.

FIRST VICE CHAIR'S REPORT

After a quick introduction, the new First Vice Chair Morrison proceeded with a summary of the May 3, 2010 Board Meeting. The Board minutes can be found on the Brandermill web site at http://www.brandermill.com/?id=4442

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Karen Gammons reported that we have a budget of $3,525 and have spent $218 this year so far, mostly on flyers, publications and web hosting fees. She also noted that she has been attending the Finance Committee meetings, and one of their goals is to have the BCA budget broken down to include more details regarding expenses and revenues. Residents were also encouraged to submit their input for budget ideas, especially because the Annual Action Plan will be submitted in June.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Membership Chair Bev Bell noted that out of 79 neighborhoods there are currently 28 without representation. There were four new Reps from the following neighborhoods:

Turtle Hill, Barne's Spring, Huntgate Woods, and Shadow Ridge. Chair Bell stated that the Membership Committee will have a booth at the 4th of July festivities and asked that if anyone knows of a resident who would like to become a rep, to please contact her.

NRC LOGO CONTEST WINNER AND AWARD

Michael Bell (McTyre's Cove) was presented with a certificate and $50 for being the NRC Logo contest winner.

PROGRAM: REVITALIZING BRANDERMILL

A. Tom Jacobson, Director of Revitalization, Chesterfield County

Mr. Jacobsen presented a very informative report on the different revitalization projects presently in-process throughout the county. He discussed in detail three areas throughout Chesterfield that are currently under "working rehabilitation": (1) the Jeff Davis corridor which consists of 7 miles from Route 288 north to the Richmond city line, (2) the Ettrick riverfront near Virginia State University as well as the main street (Chesterfield Avenue), and (3) Cloverleaf Mall which is destined for mixed use retail and housing. Streetscapes are under design, blighted buildings are being removed, historical aspects of the areas are being considered, and community buildings will be updated. The creation of new incentives for small businesses and neighborhood associations are on the rise. Mr. Jacobsen concluded that in order for revitalization to move forward, there must include (1) active citizens and businesses, (2) targeted government programs, and (3) careful planning guided by the community.

B. Andrea Epps, Chair, Master Plan Oversight Task Force

Ms. Epps presented the process of implementation for the Master Plan as well as its guiding policies. She discussed the difference between capital projects (which are more expensive) and operating/procedural projects (which tend to be less expensive). She emphasized the value of community input and how important it was for residents to be involved in the process because many projects can have direct impact in their particular neighborhoods.

She concluded that the individual committees within Master Plan Oversight Committee (MPOC) are in the process of creating their 5-7 year plans that will go to the Finance Committee for review and funding. The Board will need to approve the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and then projects will begin to move forward.

C. Bob Malek, Chair, Reservoir Management Group

Mr. Malek presented an informative description of hydrilla and how it affects the reservoir. He stated that it was probably brought in by another boat that had been in water where hydrilla already existed.

Hydrilla was first discovered in Florida and can grow to one inch a day. It needs sun as well as warm water and air to be successful, and when it branches out at the surface it creates the perfect home for mosquitoes. He reviewed different options to control it, including the use of mechanical harvesters, herbicide, dredging, presence of carp, and drawing down the lake. The carp idea was the least expensive and safest choice. There were 10,500 grass carp released earlier this year, each with a life span of 10-15 years and can grow up to 60 pounds. He predicted that by next year they should have a great effect on reducing the amount of hydrilla in the reservoir. He concluded that the only drawback with the carp is the lake might experience an increase in algae, which the County can easily treat.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair McNeal adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

When-Dee Morrison, First Vice Chair Neighborhood Residents Council	Mamie McNeal Chair Neighborhood Residents Council