

# **Parkwood Residents' Association**

## **Minutes - December 10, 2002**

### **Introduction**

Liz Brennan introduced herself. Attendees introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes**

September minutes were distributed and approved.

### **Update: Coalition of Kensington Communities (CKC)**

- The resolution put forth that the CKC support a request that the county review Animal Control codes and require a leash to be used after one unprovoked aggressive incident was passed.
- The resolution put forth that the CKC support the PRA position against the construction of the Bioterrorism Facility at NIH did not pass.
- Traffic issues discussed: Reviewed changes to the Purple line overpass over Connecticut Avenue; Town of Kensington reported discussion of radar cameras and hot-spots within the town limits.
- Liz confirmed that the PRA has a seat on the task force examining the U-turn problem on Rockville Pike. The task force has not yet met.

### **New Business**

- Ann Root reported that the residents on Ashwood would like the street to be one-way, opposite in direction to Crestwood (the next road over). It is a very narrow street with cars parked on both sides. Ann wrote a letter to start the process with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. The county sent back a petition and will comply with what the residents want.
- Report on LCOR Development - White Flint area project that includes 8 buildings (4 apartment and 4 office). Liz wrote a letter suggesting that they slow down on this project until we see what the effect of the Grosvenor project is on the community. A resident raised opinion that the loss of green space in the KPES project is more important than loss of recreational area in White Flint area. The resident noted that this White Flint development has been in the master plan for a long time.
- Report on Proposed Vehicle Registration Surcharge MC 303-03. If passed, the state can charge \$11 for each vehicle and allows the county to set up another charge that can be equal to the current registration fee. The money will go to two funds - The Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund and the "Go Montgomery!" Transportation Fund.
- Report on Snow Removal. There is a new law requiring sidewalks in front of residences to be cleared within 24 hours after snow. This was raised to discuss if there is any way to help elderly neighbors. One suggestion was to generate a list of people who need the service and work with local organization such as Boy Scouts. Potential to earn required community service hours. A resident brought up problem of able neighbors who do not shovel. A resident volunteered that Channel 4 publicized a phone number that should be used to report residents who don't comply with the new law.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Welcoming Committee**

Ann Grange and Karen Shuler put together a welcome packet for new residents. Block captains will distribute. A question was raised regarding absence of list of churches and synagogues in the packet.

#### **Block Captains**

Kathy Byars discussed function of the block captains as distributing newsletters and questioned addition of new job distributing welcome packets. Liz Brennan suggested keeping this fluid as some block captains may not live on the street they cover and wouldn't know of new residents. Kathy will put a list of the block captains on the listserv.

## **Election Report**

Precinct 1338 includes most of Parkwood. There are 1400 registered voters; 1007 - 70% - voted in the November election.

## **Discussion: What Does Parkwood Want?**

Tom Perez contacted Liz to find out what the PRA would like accomplished. Following are ideas put forth: School modernization; Sound barriers; Kensington town improvements such as pedestrian crossing on Connecticut Avenue; Stricter animal control laws; Better lighting in area of Beach Drive at Grosvenor Lane and Rockville Pike; Better warning to traffic about pedestrian/bike crossing on Beach Drive past Connecticut; and Emergency procedures for the community (post 9/11) and public awareness of procedures.

## **Old Business**

- There was an attempted child abduction this fall. It appears that this was an isolated case and no further attempts have been reported.
- A locked car (with an alarm system) was stolen from the neighborhood. It was suggested that residents use clubs with the club lock toward the dashboard to prevent auto theft. It was also suggested that residents leave front yard lights on at night as a deterrent.
- Regarding PRA newsletter information, a resident voiced an objection to Liz testifying before the Park and Planning Commission about the proposed KPES modernization and not mentioning it at the September meeting. The resident also believes Liz should have included that there was opposition to the modernization. Another resident pointed out that Liz, as the elected President of the PRA, represents the organization as a whole, which passed a motion in June to support the KPES modernization.

## **Announcements**

Next Meeting - March 2003