

**STRATHMORE-BEL PRE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
February 24, 2015**

DATE: February 24, 2015

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: Montgomery County Recreation Center

**ATTENDEES:**

Nancy Bechtol	(President)	Bill Hammond	(Vice President)
John Bogasky	(Treasurer)	Linda Bea	(Secretary)
Chris Swan	(Board)	Elliot Chabot	(Board)
Maury Potosky	(Board)	Max Bronstein	(Board)
Lilla Hammond	(Board)	Frank Corrigan	(Board)

**ABSENT:**

Harry Klapper	(Board)	Rita Vaught	(Board)
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**GUEST:**

Marie Wallace, Community Member

**Old Business**

Minutes

The minutes from October 2014 and January 2015 were accepted as prepared.

Membership

Linda reported on membership. We have 275 members for the 2014-15 year. The number will be put in The Bugle.

**New Business**

Summer Entertainment Series

Discussion was held on the purchase of equipment for movie night. The cost will be approximately \$4,000, which would include a screen, projector, speakers, speaker stand and carrying cases. A motion was made, seconded and passed to purchase movie system equipment for an amount not to exceed \$4,500.

We finalized the dates for the events. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the schedule, as follows:

May 30	movie
June 20	concert
July 25	movie
August 29	concert
September 5	movie
TBD	karaoke

Wayne Miller in the community has karaoke equipment.

At the March meeting we will assign volunteers for the events.

Yard Sale

The yard sale will be held on May 30. The rain date will be June 6. There will be a 'save the date' note in The Bugle.

The Bugle

Chris is working on The Bugle.

Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report this month.

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BPRA

Meeting will be held on February 25. They are meeting the last Wednesday of each month at the Bel Pre Elementary School. The remodeled school has a very nice conference room facility.

They are focusing on the pump room renovations. They have received estimates for the work. They have not approved a contractor yet. It will be discussed at their February meeting.

The Finance Committee will be looking to determine if they need to increase dues. They will probably include some kind of indexing component with the next dues modification.

Meetings

In January Max testified against the proposed ombudsman position to help facilitate developers completing their projects. The development committee of the Council met yesterday. The Council's staffer, Jeff Science, quoted Max and also recommended that the position not be created.

A proposal was made by the Executive to create an independent transit authority to further public transit. The position would have the ability to raise our property tax bills without regard to charter limits. They would have the ability to issue bonds and take property. The bill was withdrawn.

The Taxpayers League, MCCF and Parents Coalition will have a meeting later this week to review the school system's budget.

The Taxpayers League will take a close look at WSSC, which has not been examined in more than 15 years. Miscellaneous rates and fees are being raised to cover any shortfall created by reduced water consumption.

The Silver Spring Transit Center was budgeted at \$42 million. To date, it has cost more than \$125 million. They expect to need another \$25 million to complete the project.

Max sent a letter to the school board, in which he stated members of the school board are not paid enough. They receive an average pay of \$18,000 per year, yet they are responsible for the \$2.4 billion dollar MCPS budget.

Community Activities

Chris suggested we do a photo contest in 2015. Also, she suggested we have a contest in The Bugle entitled "Hey, That's My Mailbox"; where we include a mailbox from the neighborhood and have the people identify who owns that mailbox. It was agreed these were good ideas.

50+ Club

Most winter activities were cancelled due to the weather. The next meeting will be in April. There is a trip to Toby's planned for May 6. As the weather improves, they are planning to hold their meetings at the pool pavilion.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 24, 2015, in the large conference room at the Rec Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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