

Strathmore-Bel Pre Civic Association
Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes
August 28, 2007

PRESENT:

Ron Daub	Charlie Bea	Chris Swan	Elliot Chabot
Linda Bea	Ruben Lev	Marilyn Lev	Maurice Potosky
Dan Thomas	Frank Corrigan	Lilla Hammond	Bill Hammond
Harry Klapper	Arlene Thorne	Max Bronstein	

ABSENT: Arlene Thorne Max Bronstein Dawn Greeley

GUEST SPEAKERS - Henson Trail

Daniel J. McNickle, Captain M-NCPP
Jim Brown, Montgomery County Police

The Park Police attended the meeting to discuss the patrolling of Henson Trail. It was reported that beer cans and other debris have been found. An incident of someone setting off firecrackers has been reported. The Board asked what the plan was to patrol this area.

Captain McNickle gave some background on the issue. An assessment was made in 1989 by Park Police regarding the area between Georgia Avenue and Alderton (upper portion) and Georgia Avenue and Views Mill (lower portion). A memo of Understanding has been started and that would give the Park Police the right to patrol the trail. There is a dispute on the Georgia Avenue – Alderton property as to who owns it. Some folks say it is Park and Planning and therefore Park Police would be able to patrol. They recommend we call Park Police if we hear anything, as far as everyday problems. Once the path is fully developed, they will be able to patrol with motorcycles and horses. They have purchased ATVs to help patrol these kinds of paths.

The hours of operation for the trail are dawn to dusk. Park Police can enforce trespassing outside these hours. They must have an authorization to do so. They will respond to incidents until the trail is completed. They will patrol the trail after it is completed. They reported that usually the problems in these parks are neighborhood children. They explained how the Park and County Police assist each other.

Captain McNickle said he would call Captain McClintock to verify who owns the property, and this information will be part of the Memo of Understanding they are creating. This is the same situation for the Capital Crescent Trail in Bethesda.

They can provide information as to: how many times they patrol our park, how many times the were called and what was found or not found

Funding is a big issue. It is based on planned parks, etc. We discussed how we could help them get funding. Mary Bradford, Director of Parks, signs off on the budget. The Council approves the entire Park & Planning budget.

Captain McNickle will give us an article for The Bugle.

GUEST SPEAKER - ICC

Jim Fary

Jim spoke to the Board about the lawsuit filed by the Sierra Club to fight the ICC. The suit is based on air quality. He presented some of the pertinent issues: we will hear the ICC from our neighborhood; there will be increased congestion, pollution and noise. They are trying to convince the judge that a law was violated. Their lawsuit would have to go for an injunction.

Jim reported that the Audubon Society is also suing, on other issues.

Jim requested that the SBPCA support this initiative and donate funding to assist with the lawsuit.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to contribute \$1,000 to the Sierra Club – Maryland Chapter for the lawsuit.

Because of the lateness of the hour, an abbreviated agenda was followed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report will be reviewed at the next meeting.

- **2006 Slate**

The slate for the 2006 elections was decided:

Reuben Lev	- President
Frank Corrigan	- Vice President
Chris Swan	- Treasurer
Linda Bea	- Past President, Board
Charlie Bea	- Board
Lilla Hammond	- Board

- **Next Meeting:** February 27th