

**STRATHMORE-BEL PRE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: September 25, 2007

TIME: 7:30 pm

PLACE: Genesis Healthcare

ATTENDEES:

Linda Bea (President)	Lilla Hammond (1 st Vice President)
Reuben Lev (2 nd Vice President)	Charlie Bea (Treasurer)
Max Bronstein (Board)	Maurice Potosky (Board)
Elliot Chabot (Board)	Chris Swan (Board)
Ron Daub (Board)	Bill Hammond (Board)
Harry Klapper (Board)	Marilyn Lev (Board)

ABSENT:

Dawn Greeley (Recording Sec'y)	Arlene Thorne (Board)
Dan Thomas (Board)	

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented and accepted as prepared.

Membership Drive

The membership responses are still coming in. There are 305 members to date.

The Bugle

A motion was made, seconded and passed to nominate Elliott Chabot as the Association's Archivist/Historian. Elliott accepted the position.

A small group of the Board reviewed old editions of The Bugle and were able to compile two full sets dating back to the 1970's. One copy will be donated to the Montgomery County Historic Society to put in the archives. The other set will be retained locally.

Bill Hammond and Elliott Chabot will write an article for The Bugle on the effort.

Discussion was held on whether or not to issue a special edition to announce the BPRA annual meeting scheduled for November 15, and the individuals up for election on the BPRA and SBPCA.

A motion was made and passed to go back to a volume-and-issue numbering scheme on the Bugle.

A notice describing the County's Emergency Services Volunteer Program was discussed. Lilla and Marilyn will write an article to be placed in The Bugle.

Development Issues

Bel Pre and Homecrest – Kirby Project

Max has been trying to find out from the Planning Board, when the next step (the site plan) is scheduled, but has not gotten a return call yet.

Indian Spring Property – Winchester

October 11 is the tentative date of site plan hearing. An outside consultant will write the report.

Henson Trail

The trail is well underway. A good portion has been paved, and the bridge is in progress.

Privacy World

The recommendation from the Hearing Examiner is due by October 15.

Layhill Alliance

Next meeting is scheduled for September 27. Max requested that we ask the Layhill Alliance to reconsider their guiding rule of unanimity, and possibly use a majority vote to take a position. If a position that is not unanimous is taken, they can state which particular organization(s) did not support the position. The example of Privacy World was given. When the Hearing Examiner's hearing is over, the attorneys for the applicant can file in writing a rebuttal and a conclusion. In this document, the Privacy World attorneys stated that Layhill Alliance did not oppose the project. Although it was technically true, the Alliance had not filed an opposition statement, it did not do so because there was not a unanimous decision on the project.

Charlie gave us a history of the Layhill Alliance and the decision to use a rule of unanimity. Several options were discussed; a super majority, granting more voting power to larger communities.

A motion was made and passed to have a spokesperson from the Association attend the next meeting and propose that a super majority carry the vote. A representative (Charlie Bea) will attend the Alliance meeting and bring up the possibility, at a convenient time, to change the voting pattern from unanimity to super majority. This would allow the Alliance to come to agreement on positions more easily.

50+ Club

Next meeting is in October. They will be attending Titanic, a Musical, at Toby's.

Miscellaneous

Marilyn Lev brought up the subject of the frequent loss of power in the neighborhood. She has called Pepco repeatedly and was told the cables in our community are very old, there were problems when they were first installed and problems continue. Our community is on separate grids, so everyone is not always affected. There were two outages in August and two in September. Although Pepco is working on changing the lines in other communities, our neighborhood is not in the plans yet.

Also, gas meters in several homes in our neighborhood are beginning to rust. We need to find out who is responsible and how to have them replaced.

Marilyn will write a letter to Pepco saying that we should be considered for cable repair and request a performance record for a period of time on our neighborhood.

Max will call the County to find out which state agency oversees power companies.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for October 23, 2007, at 7:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned.