

**STRATHMORE-BEL PRE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2021**

DATE: July 27, 2021
PLACE: Zoom Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Nancy Bechtol	(President)	Bill Hammond	(Vice President)
John Bogasky	(Treasurer)	Linda Bea	(Secretary)
Elliot Chabot	(Board)	Lilla Hammond	(Board)
Chris Swan	(Board)	Rita Vaught	(Board)

GUEST:

Kristi Hullings

Strathmore Bel Pre Village

Kristi gave a presentation on the Village Movement, a concept to assist people on aging in place. There are several villages established in Montgomery County already. The Silver Spring Village currently exists and covers a large area. Kristi is thinking we could implement this concept in our neighborhood. A County resource on villages is: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS-Program/ADS/Villages/>.

Villages are a local, volunteer-led, grassroots organizations that aim to support community members who choose to age-in-place. They foster social connections through activities and events and coordinate volunteer help at home using neighbor-helping-neighbor model.

There are close to 200 villages in the nation and around fifty in the DC metro region.

Each village is unique and reflects the character, interests and needs of the community that creates it. The village leadership decides what it would offer and how it would operate.

Some villages choose an intergenerational model that serves all members of the community. Examples of such villages are the [Bannockburn NAN](#), [Village of Takoma Park](#) and [Wyngate NHN](#). Some villages have paid staff in addition to volunteers and charge a membership fee, other Villages are all volunteer and have no fee.

Chris stated that someone is interested in reviving the 50+ Club in the neighborhood. This club provides community members with social connections in the neighborhood.

Chris will check with the BPRa to see if the pavilion could be used to hold a meeting.

The Board suggested that Kristi establish two core groups; one of volunteers or providers (people interested in organizing a village in our community and providing support) and one of people who would use the support.

The Board is willing to host a Zoom meeting to present the idea to the community. Also, if Blocktoberfest is held this year, Kristi could have a table there to discuss the concept with neighbors.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

The minutes for the May meeting were accepted as prepared.

July 4th

The car parade had approximately 12 participants, which is a bit less than last year. However, there were many more spectators this year. The fire trucks were great. The car parade includes more of the neighborhood, and we think we will continue it as part of our July 4th celebration.

Tree Dedication – Maury Potosky

The tree dedication for Maury will be held in the early evening (6:30 or 7:00 pm) on August 25. Maury's family will be in town that day.

Chris will provide the wording for the plaque to his daughters for their approval.

Nancy, John and Max Bronstein will speak at the service.

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Due to Covid restrictions, no refreshments will be served.

We discussed providing index cards to allow folks to write their thoughts about Maury and give them to Charlotte at the end of the service.

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

John presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

We received our dues from the BPRA. We have 250 members. Combining our membership drive with the BPRA annual dues mailing has cut our membership costs in half.

Fall Events

Yard Sale - The yard sale will be held September 25 with a rain date of September 26. We will not have a dumpster at the yard sale this year. Bathrooms will not be open.

Shred It - Paulette Ladas will sponsor a Shred It event in the parking lot on September 25 from 9:00 am to Noon, rain or shine.

Blocktoberfest – Details for this October event have not been finalized.

The Bugle

The next Bugle deadline is September 12. We will wait to publish the Fall edition until October 10 because it will contain profiles or Board candidates.

Next Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting will be held on August 24, 2021.

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