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Minutes of the Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association

Tuesday March 28, 2023

Present: Nancy Bechtol, John Bogasky, Elliot Chabot, Chris Swan, Nicole Banks, Lilla Hammond.

Summer Movies: John Bogasky: Planning four movies. Plus, one movie about Special Olympics Champions, stars Woody Harrison who in the movie was arrested for drunk driving. It's about his journey and, with him, the athletes. The movies will be: ***The Man Called Otto; Everything, Everywhere All at Once; Top Gun; Maverick and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever.***

Membership Funds: We've raised \$1900 for the summer movies.

The Strathmore Bel Pre Update on our community sign: Steve received a \$2500 proposal. John is waiting for a reply from the original company.

The Beall Enterprises's is not interested in the condition of the Beall Cemetery. Nancy says there is a daughter in Florida who may care about what happens to the cemetery. The cemetery may have been part of the old Bel Pre Farm. Elliot assumed that the Beall Corporation would know whom to contact. He says that the cemetery is not in the Montgomery County tax records. There are two homes, one on each side. Nothing shows up in the tax records. This is a family cemetery. Perhaps the daughter would be interested. John said his one hundred year old tree cost \$7,000 to cut down. Rita said she would be surprised to find a person who would spend the money to cut the trees in the cemetery.

If no one claims responsibility, the county may be willing to seize the property. Nancy says **Ellen Hoffman is interested in taking on the cemetery project.** Nancy will keep us updated when she hears more.

The Spring Thing: Cookie has done a great job reaching out to those who brought food and possibly Dave Pullen will budget for the face painting. Kristi Hullings will help. Will invite the politicians. She expects others will come. John Bogasky will be able to pay for the balloon twister. The Village Group is helping.

The Yard Sale: Linda is working on this. Paulette will once again do the dumpster.

The New Welcome Wagon Program: Committee: Suzanne Lawson, Dave Pullman, Chris Swan and Elliot Chabot.

Items and possible ideas to include in a welcome packet for new neighbors...

One idea is a refrigerator magnet with the websites and urls on them. There is also a desire to have a logo for the community. John says he has a logo Elliot uses the 1960 logo with the elaborate script. The Dolphins have a logo. Need to get the logos. Nicole recently created a logo. The logo could have separate logos to clarify that we have two associations: The BPRA and the Civic Association.

The **Bugle** comes to every house and the yellow color with the black ink is recognizable. John sent the logos we have. Ignore the adobe one since the other is easier to work with. Suzanne wants to be the person who reaches out to the new neighbors. Chris also thinks it would be good to have a *Welcome to Strathmore Bel Pre* web page for the new neighbors.

New Topics: The County changed the home guidelines to accommodate a separate unit in homes. The county has started to allow owners to have an accessory dwelling unit. There is one on Nadine since there are no rules.

A homeowner on Beret Lane which is under the HOA restrictions can't build a separate structure and can't have an accessory apartment. They just want to bump out the garage for their mother's space. The owner went to BPRA to ask for permission. The county says must comply with the HOA guidelines.

Possible conditions to get approval, should the homeowner agree include: If the homeowner signs that it is only for a member of his family, no rent will be charged, will use materials compatible with the structure and will be recorded in the documents that this revision will carry over to any new owner of the property. BPRA is working on the rules so they can say we have a consistent policy which you need to sign.

Bugle Deadline: April 12th is the deadline. Chris will give some leniency. After Easter, the following weekend. The ***Yard Sale*** will be in the upcoming Bugle.

Next Board meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Submitted by Lilla Hammond
Tuesday, April 25-2023