

STRATHMORE-BEL PRE CIVIC ASSOCIATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: March 22, 1993

TIME: 7:30 P.M.

PLACE: Meridian Health Care Center

ATTENDEES: Al Ritter (President )  
Dan Mann (1st Vice Pres. )  
Mike Grady (2nd Vice Pres. )  
Jay Moore (Treasurer )  
Joe Fry (Past President )  
Linda Bea (Corr./Rec. Sec. )

Thom Carlin (Board) Maribel Torres (Board)  
Anita Fanning (Board) Dave Pullen (Board)  
Mike McKeehan (Board) Bill Hammond (Board)  
John Bogle (Board)

ABSENT: Sue Harris (Board) Deborah Robinson (Board)  
Chuck Rodeffer (Board) Arlene Thorne (Board)  
Howard Byron (Board)

General

Al Ritter presided over the meeting. The minutes from February 8, 1993, were accepted as amended.

Financial Report - Jay Moore

The Financial Report was accepted as prepared.

Internal Affairs

General Items - Al Ritter

A fruit basket was sent to the Dorr family whose daughter was lost to Cystic Fibrosis.

Mike Grady reported on his research on air rights. His conclusion is that if a tree is over your property line, it can be cut down.

You can bring a pet into the Nursing Home on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Latin is still being given at nine schools in the area.

Reduced library hours. Jay went to a meeting to keep the County from closing the library further. There are 8 representatives in the community that have a meeting scheduled for March 26 to discuss this.

A motion was made and passed to change the locations of the meetings to the Meridian Health Care Center.

### Internal Affairs

1. Neighborhood Watch - Mike McKeehan

There was an incident of vandalism by some teenagers on Rippling Brook. The incident escalated with the teenagers fighting with each other, and the police were called to intervene.

The break-ins in the neighborhood seen to be happening on weekday mornings.

2. School Liaison

The new playground equipment at Bel Pre School has been vandalized already.

The J.F. Kennedy Cluster meeting was held. The discussion focused on the upgrading of computers at Kennedy, the planned modernization, and other issues.

Georgian Forest Elementary School sent a letter to the Civic Association scheduling a meeting for April 20, from 3-5 p.m., at Georgian Forest, to discuss the modernization. Dan Mann will attend.

Class Rankings - Montgomery County School Board voted to do away with class rankings.

3. New Resident's Kits - Anita Fanning

Anita has received some new give-aways for the kits.

4. The Bugle - Bill Hammond

Bill asked for some volunteers to type some articles. Linda Bea, Jay Moore and Thom Carlin volunteered.

The cost of publishing The Bugle was discussed. It costs \$30 per page. The Bugle is 14-16 pages on average. We have 900 copies printed each month.

5. Rec Association Liaison - Dan Mann

Dan reported that a 200-year-old oak tree fell over at the pool. The surrounding pine trees and fence were damaged.

The Rec Association is determining how much of the parking lot to resurface. Cost will be the determining factor.

Dan has extra copies of the Facility Study done last year if anyone wants one.

Basketball courts will not be moved into the facility.

Dan will ask if the Courts will be resurfaced.

6. Membership Drive - Linda Bea

Article will be put in The Bugle announcing the start of the membership drive. A letter will be drafted and reviewed at the next meeting.

7. Community Yard Sale - Maribel Torres

The yard sale will be held on May 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Set up will begin at 8:00 a.m. Clean-up will be from 12:00 - 1:00. The rain date will be June 5.

The sale will be organized like the last one. Residents will be responsibly for bringing, selling and removing their items. There will be an article in The Bugle. It will have a form so people can pre-register. There will be a \$10 per household charge. After a certain date it will be \$12. You can rent a table and chair for \$3. There will be a Children's Hospital table for donations. Proceeds will go to the Hospital.

8. Heat Conversions - Dan Mann

Dan reported that three families on Briar Path will be converting to gas heat. It costs about \$4,000, but there is a rebate of about \$550. The gas company pays for installation and bringing the gas line to your house. You pay for everything in your house.

External Affairs

1. Transportation - Mike Grady

The light at Briggs is mistimed. The DOT will check on it. There will be a new light at Middlevale. There will not be a light at Hathaway.

Mike will write a letter asking that trips be put in at the light at Briggs and Layhill.

2. Aspen Hill Master Plan - Al Ritter

Arlene and Al commented on the Master Plan. They want to put 72 units on Beaverwood and Bel Pre. Arlene testified to reduce the number of units. There will be a public hearing on April 8 where civic associations can testify. Mike Grady will testify for us. Testimony can be submitted through May 7. We had been deleted from the distribution list, but Al talked with Gus Baumann and the situation was corrected.

3. Zoning - Al Ritter

The zoning issue with Taco Bell was approved with stipulations, but Taco Bell appealed the stipulations. It was approved to go into the shopping center. The Department of Transportation will look at safety and ingress and egress issues.

Wheaton Water Tower will be built at Viers Mill and University Boulevard. It will be quite large.

Cellular One wants to built a telecommunications transmission tower at Plaza del Mercado. Bill Hammond will look into it.

4. Expansion of Homeless Shelter Use - Dave Pullen  
Facility members talked with community members. This is a dead issue.
5. Layhill Adopt-A-Road - Joe Fry  
There is a planned cleanup of Layhill Road on April 3, at 9:00 a.m.
6. Layhill Alliance Liaison  
Incinerator - The proposed trash tax will be used to finance the incinerator. The Layhill Alliance is concentrating on environmental issues.
7. Korean Baptist Church - Joe Fry  
the Friendship Banquet was very nice. The Church will be putting in a day care in September.
8. Beall Family Plot - Jay Moore/Al Ritter  
On May 1 we will clean up the cemetery. There may be a television interview. We will start approximately 9:00 a.m. Jay is looking into an historical plaque. the cemetery is on Beechvue Lane on top of the hill. Jay has talked with the various historical associations in the County, and they are not opposed.
9. MCCF - Al Ritter  
At the last meeting, the following items were discussed: state budget, clean air code and support for the construction excise tax.
10. Environmental Protection - Al Ritter  
On 1/1/94 all grass clippings and leaves will be banned from landfill. Leaves and clippings will not be picked up.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19, 1993, Meridian Health Care Center.