

Hollin Hall Village Citizens Association (HHVCA)

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Leo Milanowski, HHVCA President, at 7:20 pm at the Hollin Hall Senior Center (HHSC). The agenda for the meeting was established. There were approximately 22 people in attendance.

Introduction of New Board Members

Leo Milanowski introduced the following members:

- Vincent Fusaro, Transportation Committee Chair
- Patrick Kilbride, Budget Committee Chair

Neighborhood Watch:

Darci Birmingham provided a summary of the crimes that occurred on 29 and 30 December 2016 in Hollin Hall. She explained that criminals entered many unlocked vehicles parked outside of residences in Hollin Hall and stole valuables including wallets and purses. Based on the police reports, testimonies on nextdoor.com, and video/pictures, there were likely three suspects who entered likely over 30 vehicles. Similar crimes occurred in nearby neighborhoods in January and March; however, it has not been determined if the same suspects were involved.

Neighborhood Watch (NW) invited Hollin Hall resident Matt Hillary, a victim of the criminal activity in December, to describe his experience. Matt Hillary provided details of the evening of 29 December, during which a debit and gift cards were stolen from his vehicle. According to his bank, the criminals used his debit card at a nearby 7 Eleven, which provided the police with a good lead. The police were able to obtain video coverage from the 7 Eleven and saw video of the suspects, who had also abandoned a stolen vehicle in the parking lot of the store. No one has been arrested, to NW's knowledge.

NW and Matt Hillary relayed messages from the police about these incidents:

- If you see something suspicious, call the non-emergency police line. If the situation is highly unusual and potentially dangerous (e.g. strange individuals in your yard in the middle of the night), then call the emergency line.
- It is important to report all incidents, even minor ones, to the police. If they are reported, then the police know to increase their patrols in our area, which will be a deterrent for criminals.
- Do not fall into a false sense of security in Hollin Hall and allow criminals easy opportunities. Lock vehicles, turn on porch lights, and lock doors / garages. The criminals will return if they think that our community is an easy target, and they will move on to larger targets and begin looking for open houses.

National Night Out will be held on 1 August 2017. It will likely be hosted at the Mount Vernon Pool.

Committees:

Planning and Zoning - Don Martin

The Bock Farm project is waiting for approval again. The latest proposal is for 40 townhomes to be sold in the 700,000+ range. The homes will be roughly 35 ft. high and 2,200 – 2,800 sq ft of living space. If approved, they will likely break ground in 2018. Two entries off of Parker Lane are expected; however, an additional entrance may be required for commercial vehicles off of Collingswood Rd.

Transportation – Vincent Fusaro

Vincent Fusaro and volunteers in Hollin Hall are working to reduce speeding vehicles and encourage drivers to obey stop signs in the neighborhood. The first priority is implementing a possible crosswalk at the intersection of Shenandoah Rd. and Bainbridge Rd. Stop signs and speed bumps at this intersection would likely be opposed by VDOT and other organizations because it is an emergency route used by response vehicles, so stop signs would impact their response time in emergency situations. Vincent Fusaro and residents will draft a resolution to propose the crosswalk.

Budget - Patrick Kilbride; no meeting - nothing significant to report.

Education – Vacant, looking for a chair

Public Safety – MVCCA is considering consolidating the Transportation and Public Safety committees because its Public Safety Committee has no chairperson. HHVCA's Public Safety Committee's chair is currently vacant also, so there was no report.

Environment and Recreation - Dorothy Keough; nothing significant to report. Fairfax County is celebrating its 275 year anniversary, and there are lots of events for residents. See <http://www.fxva.com/275/> for more information.

Health and Human Services – The MVCCA Health and Human Services Committee is inactive, because it has no chairperson. HHVCA's HHS Committee Chairperson position is also vacant, so there was no report.

Consumer Affairs – Vacant, looking for a chair

Business:

- Earth Day is 22 April 2017
- Meeting minutes were approved

Budget:

- Membership fees (\$10 yearly, per household) are due

Respectfully Submitted by Carrie DePoto, Secretary.