

## Brookland-Bush Hill Civic Association Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2011

- ▶ Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.
- ▶ **Secretary's report** - Minutes of November 9 meeting as reported in March newsletter was approved.
- ▶ **President's report** - All Board positions open and a call for nominations at May meeting. Vacant are the VP for Membership - time requirement is approximately 4/5 hrs a month to process checks and provide report to Treasurer, seek new membership, attend bi-monthly Board meeting. VP for the Newsletter - designs newsletter and sends off to printer, takes advertisements, attends bi-monthly board meeting. Secretary - takes minutes at each Association meeting, types and gives to newsletter editor. Attend bi-monthly board meeting.

We did not have the January Association meeting due to snow storm. Adding a speed hump on Bush Hill Drive was an issue at the previous meeting. Has been tabled because there are not finances in the budget and the community member that brought the issue up had other commitments. More discussion is needed because others in the community may be interested in bringing up this issue.

T-mobile - Series of 3 meetings and 3 balloon launches. Tower was pushed back from homes, reduced height and camoflaue for the tower. The tower affects 4 households along Westchester because their backyard opens up to the tower. The tower is not visible to the other homes.
- ▶ Treasurer's Report - \$2,790 received from membership dues and \$842 received from donations. We had \$2,697 in expenses. We have \$21,680 cash on hand.
- ▶ Membership - We have 160 households out of 800 to date as members. Of those, 26 percent gave extra as a donation. Our membership year is from September to August.
- ▶ Neighborhood Watch - Not a lot of crime since November in our neighborhood. Kingstown has had several robberies. Be alert and keep doors to your house locked. Officer Reid is our new crime prevention officer.
- ▶ Land Use Task Force - T-mobile is scheduled to come back next week to committee for a vote. The committee sees no grounds for disapproval for voting to move

forward. There is a petition to save the Rose Hill silo which is part of the original Rose Hill Farm. The area is being developed for homes and the developer wants to tear down the silo. If you are interested in signing the petition please visit MyRoseHill.com. \$50,000 is being given to the Park System for the Manchester Lakes Park due to work being done on Fleet Drive.

- ▶ New Business - Outside drop off letter boxes at Rose Hill Post Office are causing traffic congestion and concern among some community members. Can the drop off boxes be placed in a separate area, similar to the layout at the Kingstown outside drop off boxes? Our President will forward this request/concerns to Supervisor Jeff McKay's office.
  - ▶ Guest Speaker - Delegate Mark Sickles - We just finished in Richmond Sunday night where both the House and Senate unanimously passed the health care and education budget amendments. Virginia has a 2 year budget and this year is the off year - passed without a negative vote. We are operating on 2006 revenues. The stimulus helped us to avoid a lot of cuts. Virginia has had a Triple A bond rating since 1938 when they started giving bond ratings. We have a 17 ½ cent gas tax which was last raised 25 ye ago. Transportation is funded by dedicated fees. Current Governor has stated he is not going to raise taxes so his plan for transportation is to borrow funds - \$600m and use public/private partnerships. The plan to privatize ABC never got a hearing or special session. VA makes a lot of money on alcohol.
- Senator George Parker - There is \$50m in the budget for economic development/jobs/incentives/opportunities, along with emerging technologies (i.e. bio technology). Passed opportunities for protective orders for those not living in the same household. Also passed a requirement when states go out to contractors they will now have to e-verify to make sure employees are working legally. Two bonds on the November election that became bills - increase rainy day fund and elderly tax relief. There is also \$30m to help transition from mentally-disabled institutions to community-based settings.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:10p.