

BBHCA Meeting Minutes—Tuesday, November 10, 2009

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Called to order at 7:35pm. The meeting minutes were approved as published in the November newsletter, email newsletter and on the BBHCA Web site.

Committee Reports

Treasury: - Our income is \$3400 and expenses are \$1153. We have not received a bill for the newsletter which will be approximately \$1044. Financially we are in good shape. We received \$845 in newsletter ads.

Membership: - There are 107 members as of tonight. The target is 300 members. We received \$510 in donations. If you have, or know of, a new neighbor please stop by and introduce yourself and share with them a copy of the newsletter and a membership form.

Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch Report - there was a large drug arrest on Ninian Avenue. This was the culmination of a two year investigation. There have been reports of young adults congregating in cul-de-sacs with wooded areas and building camp fires. Edgars stopped in and mentioned that the 2010 census will

be ramping up soon and stated that if you get the census in the mail and send back you should not get a visit at your house. There have been reports of trees being cut down in Bush Hill Park. If you see suspicious cars at either end of the park, contact the police.

Land Use

The following have been recommended for approval by the Land Use Committee: zoning change to build additional residential units on Cinderhead Road; Lake Village Drive (near Kingstown) to put in an independent living facility; Sunoco station on Backlick Road to increase the size of the store and add additional pumps; and a special exemption for Springfield Masonic Temple to rent to religious organizations.

The Springfield Connectivity Study, which includes the Central Springfield Business District (covers Springfield Mall) is looking to change their comprehensive plan to tie properties together by transit, bike, roads and trails. Included is property on Commerce Street for mixed use; Old Rolling Road near the beltway will include a commuter parking facility with retail and

accommodations for slug lanes. Looking at adding "pocket" parks. If this gets approved then the Land Use Committee will next see the development plans for the property(ies).

Program

Special Guests - representatives from Edge Energy talked about energy efficiency and energy audits conducted in your home. Several highlights - there is \$15m in the VA energy savings program for weatherization that started in June. Rebates are offered for service and materials. If you conduct an energy audit VA, offers a rebate of \$250 of your costs for an energy audit. An energy audit usually runs around \$350-\$475. In order to get the rebate the company must be BPI or HERS rated. An energy audit is designed to identify sources of energy leakage in your home. The most common household problems are air infiltration, insulation and duct leakage.

For more information on Edge Energy visit www.edge-gogreen.com or call them at 888-586-3343.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.