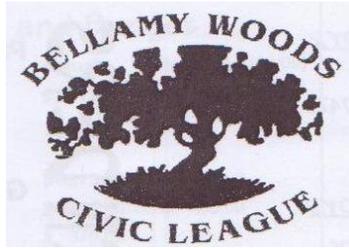


BELLAMY WOODS



CIVIC LEAGUE

7:00pm EDT May 3rd, 2016 at Providence Elementary

MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Welcome Guests (Jamie Roenken) John Sokolowski, President
Directors Present: John Glenn, John Sokolowski, Frank Gewet, Nan Zhang, Erik Hart (via phone)
Directors Absent:
Board Associates Present: (none)
Board Associates Absent: Jacob Kennedy

Bellamy Woods President John Sokolowski called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM EDT. fourteen residents and guests attended. Dr. Sokolowski began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and announce the street on which they reside. Dr. Sokolowski then introduced the evening's guest speaker, Jamie Roenken, from Code Enforcement.

Mr. Roenken introduced himself, gave a bit of personal history, and stated that the goal of Code Enforcement is to preserve value. Approximately a third of the city budget derives from tourism, and thus the appearances of local areas are important. Code Enforcement has what is referred to as the Right of the Mailman, meaning they can see and enforce issues with whatever a mailman can see. Resident permission is needed to view and enforce issues in side or back yards. Code Enforcement cannot enforce civil issues or issues with overgrowth unless they present life safety hazards. The city is divided into four precincts, we are in the 4th. Code Enforcement has performed over 124,000 inspections to date. Pools can be inspected from second stories of nearby households. Bellamy Woods is generally a good neighborhood. Action on a confirmed code issue begins with a request of community members to assist and expands to potential church support. Further enforcement involves homeowner notification by mail or certified letter, the latter being required for critical safety issues. The city offers special financing plans to ease financial burdens on residents; however, in extreme

cases, the city will file court cases against a homeowner. The city will mow grass, but does not take on building maintenance for liability and conflict of interest reasons. Covered vehicles are acceptable. Mr. Roenken's general area of responsibility is the Princess Anne and Salem area including our neighborhood; however, a recent retirement has expanded his focus area as far as College Park. Mr. Roenken described the SeeClickFix web and mobile application for complaint reporting, and took several resident questions.

2. Review & Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting's Minutes John Glenn, Secretary
Board Secretary John Glenn called for a review of the previous general membership meeting minutes. The minutes were available for pickup at the sign in table. After review, a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes with minor syntax revisions.
3. Reports from Board Members
 - a. Communications John Sokolowski
Dr. Sokolowski reviewed the various communications mechanism in use by the league. These include the web site, email campaigns, and annual newsletters. Dr. Sokolowski solicited a volunteer to serve as the newsletter editor, following the departure of our previous editor.
 - b. Landscaping Programs & Special Projects Frank Gewet
Mr. Gewet reported that he has replaced all the plants and flowers at the entrance signs. The yellow line at the sharp Providence curve has been painted. The entrance sign at Brantingham has been painted. The city has cut grass at several locations on Providence road at the edge of our neighborhood.
 - c. Student Board Associates' Perspectives John Sokolowski
Dr. Sokolowski reported that our current student board associate, Jacob Kennedy will be graduating this year, and solicited nominations for a new student associate.
 - d. Neighborhood Yard Sale John Sokolowski
Dr. Sokolowski added that Jacob Kennedy coordinated this year's neighborhood yard sale.
 - e. Treasurer's Report Nan Zhang
Board Treasurer Nan Zhang reviewed the current budget report including current membership renewals, web site domain, and advertising revenue. Dr. Sokolowski added that Party in the Park was slightly over budget due to additional activities explored for this past year's event.
 - f. Neighborhood Watch Program Erik Hart
Erik Hart had joined the meeting via phone; however, the call had dropped by this point in the meeting, so the report was omitted.

4. Old Business

a. Open Board Seats

John Sokolowski

Dr. Sokolowski reported that five board seats are currently filled with three vacancies and solicited volunteers to fill these positions.

b. New Web Site

John Glenn

John Glenn reported that due to ongoing problems with our existing hosting service, a decision had been made and executed to move to the Weebly platform to host our documents, news articles, and secure online membership dues payment via PayPal. Mr. Glenn added that for email communications, he has leveraged the free Mailchimp service, and used the service to distribute the electronic version of the most recent newsletter.

A resident asked about the neighborhood directory. Dr. Sokolowski answered that the due to the manpower required to update, fund, and publish the directory, the directory project is on hold until we fill some of the vacant board positions.

5. New Business

a. Proposed Budget

Nan Zhang

Treasurer Nan Zhang reviewed the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 operating year. Noteworthy changes are an increase to the Party in the Park budget, a decrease in the Halloween Party budget, a decrease in the Web Site budget, and the removal of the Violet Bank Bike Path marker due to the uncertainty of the bike path project. After review, a motion was made and seconded to approve. After a vote, the proposed budget was approved.

b. Board Elections

John Sokolowski

Dr. Sokolowski reported that board elections will be held this year and noted that the current board member's terms are set to expire.

6. Adjournment

Dr. Sokolowski adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM EDT.