

Springfield Civic Association (SCA)

General Membership Meeting Minutes, 15 May 2018

SCA President Bruce Waggoner called the meeting to order at 1930. Followed by the pledge of allegiance.

SCA President's Remarks:

Bruce recapped the meeting held on 14 May with Supervisor Jeff McKay, Gail Nittle, Marta Morrissey, and himself. Lidl grocer is on track with intent to buy the property on Commerce Street, formerly occupied by Safford Dodge. Hampton Inn is rebranding its hotel and we can expect a state of the art hotel where Merv's Auto Repair now stands at the intersection of Old Keene Mill Road and Backlick Road. There has been no movement on acquiring the Jamal building which is located across that intersection.

Bruce noted that we will have to wait and see how the inevitable zoning of short-term rentals will affect our community. Paving of the Crestwood streets continues while Lynbrook paving has not yet begun. Speeding continues to be observed on Hanover.

A slate of SCA executive board officers for the 2018-19 was presented as follows:

Bruce Waggoner – President, for a 7th and final year

Gail Nittle – First Vice President

Alice Merrill – Second Vice President

Barbara Coder – Secretary, for one last year

Sandy Frieswyk – Treasurer

Mike Slater – Director-at-Large

Joe McGowan – Director-at-large

Kurt Doehnert motioned to accept the slate as presented. Al McAloon seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objections.

Treasurer's Report

Contact Sandy if you need of a copy of the current treasurer's report.

General Announcements

Thanks to Sandy for taking the lead on the SCA newsletter. Please remember to thank our sponsors listed in the newsletter. SCA dues will remain \$15 per household for the upcoming year.

Thanks to Mike Slater for his work with SCA's presence on social media and Nextdoor.com. Details about the branding "Made in Fairfax" will be posted when details are made available from Doug Loescher, Revitalization Program Manager.

Thanks to Julie and Pat Childers with Trails for Youth and the support and partnering of Supervisor McKay's office in getting the Pump Track at Brookfield Park up and running. It is an attractive addition and a great program for our area.

Traffic humps will be installed on Essex Avenue in late summer thanks to the efforts of Jillian and Bill Hanright.

WMATA with no coordination with the Supervisor's office or VDOT, announced they will be closing the yellow and blue lines below National Airport starting September 2019 for construction on the station platforms. The VRE will remain open. Bruce encouraged Supervisor McKay to inform the public in his newsletter about the project and its impact on our area.

Gail announced there is a Citizen's Advisory Committee at 7pm on May 16, 2018 at the Franconia Center. Allie Eggers will talk on the subject of Human Trafficking.

Featured Speakers:

Kevin McLinton of The St. James gave an overview of the 450,000 sq. foot sports and wellness complex on Industrial Drive which will open September 2018. This is their flagship location. They are in the process of filling 450 jobs. Kevin is arranging for our SCA to have a private tour of the facility June 5 at 7pm. for the first 100 people to sign up. Until June 15th, a special rate is being offered to Springfield residents of \$135/month for individuals (regularly \$169/month), and waiving the initial fee (a \$300 value). This is the rate regularly offered to 65+year olds, military, and first responders. There are also rates for couples, kids 3-11 years (\$25/month), 12-18 years (\$40/month), and students. It is a membership-only complex which will sponsor leagues and plans to host large tournaments. Members will have access to the facility 24 hours a day.

Lynne Clark, Attorney and Counselor at Law presented on Estate Planning – How to be Fondly Remembered. Lynne overviewed the elements of a will, and frequent problem areas in wills, such as incorrect signatures. Lynne discussed the benefits of, and how to avoid probate for some individuals by using a revocable trust. Uniform codes have made the settlement of estates easier when they have been signed in a different state. The roles of a Power of Attorney and of Advanced Medical Directives were highlighted, as well as what happens if neither of these or a will are documented. Lynne discussed how to prepare to meet with an attorney, such as listing your assets, liabilities, and a list of family members and others who you do and do not want your assets distributed to. Lynne fielded individual questions from the floor and provided helpful handouts to those interested.

Door Prize:

Two gift cards from Metro Run and Walk were won by Gayle Parsons and Kurt Doehert.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Marta Morrissey

