

## Springfield Civic Association May 2008 Meeting



Greg Riegle, McGuire Woods LLP, on GSA/BRAC



Tawny Hammond conducting the meeting.

### Description of Last SCA Meeting of FY-2008 and Photographs by Yasuko Riggs

The Springfield Civic Association (SCA) held its final meeting for FY-2008 on May 20 at Crestwood Elementary School on Hanover Avenue in Springfield. More than 200 people attended the meeting even though the popular “American Idol, Final Two” was on TV at that time. The good attendance shows the great interest of Springfield citizens in SCA activities.

Tawny Hammond, SCA’s President, and its board members had invited a guest speaker, Mr. Greg Riegle, McGuire Woods LLP; he and Ms. Christina Manning, SCA member who works in Lee District Supervisor’s Office, provided primary presentations as follows:

1. **Mr. Riegle** spoke on the overview of GSA/BRAC multi-year process including Springfield Mall project, Springfield Garden Apartments to be converted to high-rise apartment buildings with attractive amenities with higher rents, and other related issues. He had a “Question & Answer” session and gave the audience the most recent data available to him. He expects that it will be another three years before any implementation starts due to the complexity of the project. This project encompasses a large area and a large number of entities involved in the process, including several government offices, commercial entities, and residential buildings requiring coordination and approval in the process. Citizens’ inputs will also be considered in the process. A document file is expected from Mr. Riegle in the near future.
2. **Christina Manning**, SCA member who works in the office of Lee District Supervisor McKay by assisting him with neighborhood enforcement issues, made an impassioned plea for citizens to participate in observing and reporting suspected housing code violations to **Zoning office at (703) 324-1300** or to her at Supervisor McKay’s Office at **(703) 971-6262**. She reported many examples of identifying, investigating, and taking appropriate actions to rectify some housing violations in the last several months. She asked for citizens to report to her office on suspected zoning, building code, fire and health hazard violations, tall grass not being cut, large buildings which do not conform to normal houses, housing incompatibility, and too many people occupying house.

(Yasuko’s Comment: It is indeed fortunate for the SCA to have a capable and involved member in Ms. Manning who works in the Lee District Supervisor’s Office; SCA members get first-hand and reliable information and data from a direct source. Thank you, Christina, for your presentation!).

**The meeting included the Re-election of the Springfield Civic Association Annual Board**

All nominees were approved (a reflection of excellent board performance).

President	Tawny Hammond
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Rick Gonzales
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Pam York
Treasurer	Bill Gaylord
Secretary	Bruce Waggoner
Director-at-large	Al McAloon
Director-at-large	Loida Gonzalez
Director-at-large	Christina Manning
Director-at-large	Pat Childers
Land Use Representative*	Tawny Hammond replaced Su Jewell
Central Springfield Area Council Rep.	Charlie Butler
Past President	Rick Renninger
Neighborhood Watch	Tawny Hammond
Neighborhood Watch	Maureen Gibson
Newsletter Layout	Lee Paulson

**The Meeting also included discussion of the following items:**

- A. **Springfield Days 2008 Event** ([www.springfielddays.com](http://www.springfielddays.com)) to take place at a few separate locations, headed by **Tawny Hammond** in cooperation with the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce (May 26-June 1, 2008).
- B. **Hershey Park Raffle** – Request for purchasing more tickets for a very attractive prize. SCA benefits as fund-raiser. Contact: **Bill Gaylord**.
- C. **Beautiful Home Contest 2008** – Annual nomination request by Tawny Hammond.
- D. **Springfield Garden Apartments** – Update by **Bruce Waggoner** on the progress being made at the complex as a result of a meeting with the owner with SCA representatives. The owner is expected to address his plan with the SCA in the future.
- E. **Land Use Representative** – **Susan Jewel** – Made a short presentation as well as an announcement of Tawny’s taking over this work in the coming year.
- F. **Neighborhood Watch** - Request for more volunteer by **Maureen Gibson** and an introduction of a new program - **Bike Patrols** - by **Pat Childers** who wishes to name the program, “Neighborhood Bike Rides and Watch.” He rides his bike the first and third Friday of each month starting at 6:00 p.m. at Lynbrook School playground. For more information, e-mail your inquiry at TFK Volunteer ([volunteer@tfkmetrodc.org](mailto:volunteer@tfkmetrodc.org)).
- G. **Paper Moon** – A lesson learned (Liquor license has been submitted; Earlier involvement needed).
- H. **Door Prize Drawing**: Sincere appreciation goes to donors and sponsors who participated in this last meeting of the SCA and also **Diane Boughton**, SCA member, who works tirelessly and gets results always:
  - a) The Swiss Bakery (Ravensworth Shopping Center)([theswissbakery.com](http://theswissbakery.com))
  - b) Starbucks (Bradlick Shopping Center)
  - c) The Springfield Butcher (Springfield Tower Center)
  - d) Hard Times Café (Springfield Plaza)
  - e) Kate’s Irish Pub & Restaurant (Concord Centre).

**Tawny Hammond Receives Another Award!**

Tawny Hammond, President of the Springfield Civic Association, was nominated by Supervisor McKay for **the Lee District Community Champion** and received the award from **Volunteer Fairfax**. Ms. Christina Manning said, “We all know and have benefited from Tawny’s tireless work for our community and Springfield as a whole. This week Tawny was recognized for her amazing work in our community by receiving the “Community Champion Award from Volunteer Fairfax.” Mr. Al McAloon also said, “Congratulations, Tawny. This recognition for all of your time and work in dedication to our community is especially well deserved.”

Yasuko Riggs’ Comments:

The meeting was very informative and covered many subjects concerning citizens living and working in the Greater Springfield area. I was glad that I was there and learned so many things taking place in my neighborhood to improve our life and future generations. My personal appreciation goes to all board members and those who spend so much of their personal time for the betterment of our neighborhood.

I am in complete agreement with the above statements concerning Tawny’s receiving such award. Congratulations and thank you, Tawny!

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