

SCA General Membership Meeting Minutes 21 May 2019

Meeting convened at 7:30pm in Crestwood Elementary Library with Pledge of Allegiance.

President's Opening Remarks

Bruce Waggoner welcomed attendees. He announced board elections and announced Daniel Garcia and Larry Farnsworth as At Large candidates for the Board. The members approved these new board members. Gail Nittle as agreed to step up as SCA President, succeeding Bruce Waggoner who served in this capacity for eight years. Alice Merrill (1st VP), Mike Slater (2nd VP), Sandy Frieswyk (Treasurer/Newsletter) will continue in their current roles. Eileen Vaughn has volunteered to serve as the hospitality representative. The Secretary position is available. Marta Morrissey will continue as primary SCA representative to the Fairfax County Land Use Committee.

Gail Nittle thanked Bruce Waggoner for his time and dedication to the Springfield Civic Association. Gail presented Bruce with a few tokens of appreciation for his service. Gail read a letter from Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay thanking Bruce for his many contributions over the years. Virginia House of Delegates member Vivian Watts was on hand to personally thank Bruce and present him with a certificate recognition. Gail also presented flowers to Marcia Waggoner for loaning Bruce to the board. Mark Russell, owner of Metro Walk and Run, took time to thank Bruce for his efforts including their work together on the Springfield Road Race.

Bruce Waggoner welcomed and presented flowers and a certificate of appreciation to Master Police Officer Allie Eggers, Crime Prevention Officer from the Franconia District Police Station. Allie is retiring and moving out of the area. She has served the SCA community in an outstanding fashion and is was a favorite among the SCA membership for her informative and entertaining presentations on crime prevention.

Treasurer Report

Sandy Frieswyk reported a starting balance from last report of \$8,484.99. A total of \$248.21 in credits were taken in through dues since last report. A total of \$60.88 was expended to include: \$34.03 for May newsletter printing, \$8.40 for May newsletter postage, \$18.45 hospitality materials. The current SCA account balance is \$8,672.32.

PTA Updates:

Lynbrook Elementary PTA leader noted successful teacher appreciation week. New PTA board has not yet been elected.

Crestwood Elementary PTA leader noted International Night is planned for 7 Jun. New PTA board members include: Cassie Planakis (President), Ericka Alvarado (Vice President), Jillian Hanright (Treasurer), and Loren Guitierrez (Secretary).

Fairfax County Residual Permit Parking District Program (RPPD):

Two representatives from RPPD office provided an overview of their program. They were asked to present information on parking given perception of parking violations in the neighborhood.

RPPDs are normally created in areas near high schools and/or college campuses or metrorail stations where the availability of parking for residents is affected by non-resident parking. Requests for RPPDs are typically made by a Home Owner's Association to the local District Supervisor. All requests should include the extent of the requested area, the perceived source of the parking issue and when the parking is most egregious.

Members posed a couple of questions regarding parking business trucks on neighborhood streets. The Fairfax Parking reps noted employees can bring business vehicles home. But noted if the vehicle is taller than 8ft, it is considered a commercial vehicle which cannot be parked overnight on neighborhood streets. Members also asked about neighborhood residents who have MD tags on their cars. Members were advised to report neighborhood residents with MD tags to the Department of Tax Administrations for tax evasion.

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Platform Improvement Update:

Bruce Waggoner introduced David Proctor, Communications Specialist – Platform Improvement Project WMATA and Nicholas Perfili, Metrobus Planning. Mr. Proctor and Mr. Perfili provided an update on Summer 2019 closures at six Blue and Yellow line stations south of Ronald Reagan National Airport that start 25 May. Franconia-Springfield Metro Station is among the affected stations. The shutdown is needed to repair deteriorating platforms that were built 35 years ago. Five free shuttles will replace rail service. Shuttles to the Pentagon will run from the Franconia-Springfield Station seven days a week. The Pentagon shuttle from Franconia-Springfield will run 0445-midnight. Parking at the Franconia-Springfield Station will be free during the station closure. More information to include a trip planner can be obtained at WMATA.com. The WMATA reps indicated there will be ample signage at the affected stations to direct customers to bus locations.

Update on Lidl Grocery Store: Work on the site is ongoing. There is remaining administration work required associated with the bonds.

SCA Beautification Recognition:

Marta Morrissey introduced an initiative by the SCA Board to recognize local businesses for efforts to beautify their properties. Marta and Gail Nittle recently delivered beautification certificates to several Springfield businesses including: El Paso, Mike's American Grill, Outback Steakhouse, Sonoco A Plus, Virginia Tire and Auto, Duncan Donuts and TownePlace Suites by Marriott.

Crestwood Potluck Picnic:

Nicole Miller provided an update on the planned for 12-4pm 15 June Crestwood Picnic being held at Lake Accotink Park Picnic Area #1. The Millers and Roberts family are organizing this event as an opportunity to meet new Crestwood neighbors. Volunteers are needed to set up and bring various items. Information is posted on SCA Facebook page and Nextdoor Springfield.

Slugging and Parking Garage Update:

Nicole Miller provide an update on the planned Springfield parking garage. The parking garage will be located at site of commuter/slugging parking lot at Old Keene Mill Road and Springfield

Blvd. Construction on the garage starts in September 2019. The construction will take two years and will force slug lines to relocate during the construction. Temporary slug lines will stand-up at the Springfield Metro station and the Saratoga lot. The parking garage will also serve as a transit center for Metrobus and Fairfax County Connector buses.

Door Prize Drawing: The meeting concluded with the door prize drawing. Two Metro Walk and Run Certificates were given to winners.

The meeting adjourned at 2100.