

Meeting of the Edgemoor Citizens Association Board of Directors - Monday May 20, 2019

Minutes

Present: Josh Perelman, David Barnes, Joyce Gwadz, Jeffrey Drichta, Bridget Foist

Absent: Huda Montemarano, Susan Hendrickson

Meeting Called to Order:

Old Business:

1. The minutes of the April 15, 2019 Board meeting were approved in final.
2. David and Josh updated the Board on the status of the 2019 Neighborhood Directory printing and mailing. The cover design has been completed and we received permission from the copyright owner to use old photos of Bethesda for the cover. Josh and David will ensure that the AtoZ database and PayPal payments are updated and then give AtoZ permission to print and mail.
3. Sidewalk and Path Update - Jeffrey updated the Board on the progress. The crews are ready to start work on the new Clarendon sidewalk (and the other associated changes) and the Elm Street right-of-way construction. The county will not plant the replacement trees. The Board also discussed the possibility of the ECA paying to have benches along the improved path, but no decisions were made.

New Business:

4. Zoning Text Amendment 19-01 – Joyce updated the Board on the status of the ZTA. Some improvements have been made in the bill, but there are still issues. The bill is now with the County Council, which has a worksession scheduled for June 18th.
5. The Montgomery County Civic Federation is doing a lot of helpful work on ZTA 19-01, and Joyce recommended that the ECA join the MCCF. A motion to join was passed. (Actually, the ECA will re-join, as we used to be a member but the membership lapsed.) In addition, the General Plan for Montgomery County is up for revision and MCCF will probably be active in that effort, too.
6. Postal Service Issues

Huda is working on the postal service issues:

- Neighborhood mailboxes – sticky material on boxes and theft, Judy Gilbert Levey has contacted the county and the boxes have been cleaned and promises have been made that we will get newer replacement mail boxes at some point.

- Theft from general mail service
- Service quality – general complaints of mail service – wrong deliveries, not stopping delivery when requested, etc.

She has contacted USPS regarding issues number 2 and 3. She has not received a follow-up yet. Maybe we should also look into the proper way to handle mail that has been wrongly delivered to your house. i.e. – Can we just drop it back into our mailbox or does it need to be specifically identified as “wrong address?”

7. July 4 party and Parade –

We need to start working on the planning of the July 4th party and Parade. Josh will work on getting the fire truck planned for the Parade. Jeffrey will help to organize the party and parade. We would like to get another volunteer to help Jeffrey. Jeffrey will contact the Edgemoor Club to make sure that we can use the clubhouse again for the party. One new idea was suggested to hire a shaved ice food truck or Clayboy’s shaved ice to have available on site during the parade/party. We need to start getting the word out so that we can get a good turnout. One idea is to advertise at the Edgemoor Club and with the swim team kids.

8. Development Update-

Joyce reported on development of 7000 Wisconsin Ave. (the Orvis Store, Mattress Firm, Playseum and others). There are some issues with density, MPDUs, and access. The Design Advisory Committee is looking at it. They may need community support from community associations. CBAR’s position – need to take a careful look at density issues and the “pathway to nowhere,” Things are still in flux. On the Farm Women’s Market, the developer is currently working with historic preservation commission.

Adjourned: 8:26pm