

## Meeting of the Edgemoor Citizens Association Board of Directors – January 21, 2019

### Minutes

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

Absent: Susan Hendrickson, Julie Clark

Meeting Called to Order: 7:30 PM at Modern Market, Bethesda

#### Old Business

1. Minutes from 12/4/18 Board Meeting

Decisions: The Board approved the 12/4/18 Minutes

#### New Business

1. New Year's Brunch Review

Generally, the event went well. We'll need to adjust amounts of food/drink next year (using the event summary as a guide).

Decisions: Encourage more children and family participation next year in event announcements.

2. 2019 Membership Renewals

We discussed how to proceed with the annual membership renewals and appeal for new members.

Decisions: Follow the same basic process as last year, using the same letters, but do more to encourage new members, especially new residents, including some personal visits to non-member households. Also, do an advance renewal notice by email to try to cut down on the number of letters we send.

Action Items: Draft language for this month's ECA newsletter encouraging resident contact with non-member households (Jeffrey Drichta). Prepare a list of non-member households in the neighborhood to target (Josh Perelman).

3. ECA Spring Meeting

We discussed agenda items and ways to increase attendance. Other topics touched upon included neighborhood anxiety about vandalism.

Decisions: Agenda: Councilmember Andrew Friedson; Discussion of EC-Net Moderation/User Guidelines; and, possibly, Montgomery County Police on vandalism. Attendance: serve food and drinks, including wine, which are within the budget.

Action Items: Look into alternative/supplemental platforms for neighborhood online discussion group(s) (Josh Perelman). Meet with Montgomery County Police to discuss recent vandalism (David Barnes). Contact possible vendors for food/wine at Spring Meeting (Jeffrey Drichta-food; Bridget Foist-wine).

4. Clarendon/Elm Intersection Issues

A resident contacted the ECA about working with the County to improve safety at the intersection of Clarendon Road and Elms Street. Possibly with a 4-way stop and pedestrian cross-walk(s). We discussed historical issues with the intersection and possible approaches.

Action Items: Contact Montgomery County Officials involved in the new Clarendon Road sidewalk project for assistance/guidance/suggestions (Jeffrey Drichta). After that, ask the resident who raised the issue if she will be willing to work on the project (David Barnes).

#### 5. ECA BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

We discussed the need to modify the roles and duties of some ECA Board Members, and the need to add additional Board Members.

Decisions: The Board appointed Jeffrey Drichta to the vacant position of ECA Vice-President and to appoint Bridget Foist to the Secretary position in place of Susan Hendrickson, both for the remainder of the term of the current Board (through October 2019). In addition, the Board decided seek a 3<sup>rd</sup> at-large Board Member (in addition to Susan Hendrickson and Joyce Gwadz).

#### 6. CBAR UPDATE

Joyce Gwadz reported. CBAR's recent focus has been on the Farm Women's Market redevelopment the status of the surface parking lot behind it. Also, the County Council is looking at proposed changes to the rules governing accessory dwelling units (ADUs), which would eliminate existing size restrictions (current limits are 1200 square feet for a detached ADU and 800 square feet for an attached ADU), permit detached ADUs in R-60 zones (currently ADUs on lots of less than one acre must be part of the main structure), and other changes. These changes will have to be reviewed carefully in terms of potential unintended consequences for the community.

Action Items: Following a CBAR meeting later this week on the ADUs, post an item on EC-Net informing the community about the proposal (Joyce Gwadz)

Adjourned: 8:55 PM