

June 10th Minutes of WCA Quarterly Meeting

Agenda:

- Minutes of last meeting of Feb 25th
- Status of Phillips/Brown Property
- Update on Bury the wires/Tame the Traffic project
- Status on July 4th festivities
- Committee reports
- Other Business

Minutes of Feb meeting presented

Motion to accept proposed from Steve Reuben. Motion seconded by David Crowe.
Motion carried.

Kate Wyatt gave Travis Brown Property Update: \$2.5 Million needs to be raised to buy land. Currently \$1.5 Million in bank. \$150,000 raised since crisis. Waterford Foundation offered \$300,000 profit on property hours after developer bought. They said we'll talk after \$900,000 profit (\$2.9 Million). Nat'l Trust for Public land is supportive to our cause (30 years of success stories, non-profit organization) and has started negotiations on Waterford's behalf, starting with an appraisal. WF started working on a backup plan in case negotiations are unsuccessful. We'll have a strong legal team to help look for loopholes. Tirsch-Backhoe has taken on our case (prev. involved in Manassas and others). Also looking at regulatory front and how zoning changes and serious slowdowns in public forum/zoning process could delay building up to two years. Also looking at coalition building on national scale with organizations like Nat'l Trust of Historic Preservation (we're on their most endangered property list) Realtor Association has given their support. Geraldine Brooks and Tony Horwitz hosted luncheon for reporter from Washington Post. We're trying to get an article in the Metro section. Kudos to Edith Crockett for taking over administration of bonds and other paperwork, and also to Ed for creating website related to this effort.

Questions: Joe asked about flood plane as shown. What is shown? Yearly? Two battles fought on property, one behind Anne Carter Smiths house. Does WF know this to help increase historic value of land? Has Catocin Defense Alliance been contacted? Fund was created to fight damming creek as Waterford reservoir and perhaps this money could be used to help with purchase of land?

Should land be owned by WF? Would there be an easement? WF would own land and Virginia Outdoor Foundation (VOF) would have easement. Ideally it would become an appropriately screened parking lot, or backup plan B would be a single building.

David asked how many units are allowed in zoning? Fourteen buildings.

Paul Rose asked how November election of County Board Supervisor might affect this? Current board is very supportive so significant change in board would change things dramatically. Idea presented to have candidate forum here in Old School. Board of Supervisor candidates are interested.

Terry Arney talked about update on the Bury the wires/Tame the traffic project.

Contractors met with county administrators. Traffic calming is needed. Safe parking is an issue. Not using buried transformers will reduce cost considerably. Overhead wires

should be removed. Drainage is a problem but improvements will come about through traffic calming and road improvements. Lighting is important and should be on the streets not on the houses. Lights should be shielded to prevent lighting from being seen at a great distance.

Question: Jeff Bean asked Were gas lights possible? Terry said discussion ended before that and mentioned need for a tank in that event. Jeff mentioned Fairfax put in plastic lines for this.

July 4th budget was blown through fireworks. It will now cost \$5,000 for fireworks. Extra \$2,400 dollars raised through Paige Cox's efforts. David Crowe suggested head count when entering field to determine who enjoys the activities. How many non-Waterford residents are enjoying our fireworks without helping to defray the costs. Paid parking might be the solution says. (\$5 a car perhaps) Free fireworks to those wearing Waterford hats, perhaps.

Committee reports

Beautification—Nick Radcliffe not present but said trees will be planted this year. Tree study identifying tree types, age, circumference, etc. was done by the Bury the Wires group which helps with future planning.

Paul Rose talked about drainage issues which have been worse with all the rain. He's called VDOT about removal of gravel from snows and they said rain would take care of it! They mentioned removal was not possible by machine due to lack of curbs. Paul suggested that perhaps several men with shovels and a truck like it was done in the past would work and VDOT just found that very funny.

Joe Keating mentioned that he feels there should be a monument on the courthouse lawn for the Union soldiers who fought to defend lives in Loudoun since all the other groups are represented. He presented idea generally in Loudoun and someone suggested it should be in Waterford. He asked the WCA group how they feel about having it in town. Perhaps around the Baptist church

Laura Shaw asked if WCA meeting could not be consistently scheduled on same night as WF meeting. Laura wondered if we could give out flyer in town. Elizabeth Thompson volunteered in past to deliver individual flyers in town.

Beth Erickson said \$125 was raised in recycled inkjet cartridge returns. She proposed a motion to make it a permanent fund raiser. Laura Shaw seconded. Motion carried.

Terry A. made motion to end meeting. Paul Rose seconded motion. Motion carried.