

Waterford Citizens' Association  
Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting  
June 27, 2017

A quorum having been achieved , the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly meeting was opened at 7pm by WCA President Wendy Roseberry. New members Katie & John Beatty were welcomed to their first WCA members' meeting.

**Agenda**

The agenda was distributed (copy attached.) Motion was made and approved to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion was made by Jeff Bean and seconded by Ed Lehmann to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as distributed.

**Police**

Loudoun County Sheriff' Officer Moats provided an update of the Loudoun County Sheriff office activities. Of particular interest was the establishment of a new branch office in Hillsboro, in recognition of the increased activities in the area. Specifically mentioned was an ongoing monitoring of tractor trailers cutting through the village. To date it appears that the great majority of these vehicles were supplying goods to the local (Waterford area) community. The monitoring is continuing. It was suggested that signs providing alternate routes for large commercial vehicles might be useful. It was noted that VDOT controls signage, but individuals could place signs on their own properties. An August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting with local residents will be held at the new Hillsboro facility to discuss local concerns.

In response to the issue of nonlocal families arriving at and parking at the Waterford Meadow and participating in WCA "members only", as happened last year at the Pot Luck and fireworks, Officer Moats stated that an officer would be assigned to the July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> community activities to monitor and assist as needed.

**Bicycling in Loudoun**

Pat Turner of *Bike Loudoun* spoke about creating a bicycle route of historic villages in Loudoun, including Taylorstown, Waterford and other sites. The intent is to put the proposed routes online. She will be meeting with the Dept. of Transportation to discuss bicycle lanes and route(s) and the need for signs. All routes would be on roads having a speed limit of 35mph. One proposed route will be a circular loop beginning in Leesburg, called "Hills, Hops and Vines" that would include winery and brewery sites. Edith Crockett questioned whether that would be a wise choice, given the potential increased risk to bicyclists who would become increasingly inebriated along the route. It was suggested that area wineries & breweries gather at a single "end place" to taste the beverages.

Pat said that the group is looking for volunteers to participate in organizing activities for *Bike Loudoun*. Wendy Roseberry asked for volunteers and Brian Whelan volunteered to work with Pat.

### **July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> activities**

Sharyn Franck stated that the majority of open slots for the festivities have been filled, but one more email to the membership requesting help would be useful. The Lovettsville-Waterford Ruritans are generously offering to provide additional supplies. Sharyn asked for donations to the Cake Walk and purchase of watermelons.

### **Call for Announcements**

Ruchi Parekh requested that the 20mph speed limit in the village be retained, and asked that villagers help identify ways in which the limit is enforced, perhaps with villagers creating signs on their own property.

### **Nominating Committee**

The chair asked for nominations from the floor to create a Nominating Committee that would propose WCA officers for 2018. Ann Belland, Meredith Imwalle, Tom Edmonds and Ray Daffner were nominated. Bob Thompson called for approval of the nominees and the action passed unanimously.

### **Membership**

Membership chair Ed Lehmann stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> Q membership drive had been very successful, and that the current membership is 144. He stated that the WCA website needs refreshing; he plans to make it more accessible for input, but it should be reviewed by representatives from the WCA membership prior to uploading. There is considerable WCA archival data in electronic and hard copy that is of historical value to the Waterford community and should be preserved.

### **Budget**

Treasurer Edith Crockett distributed copies of the 2017 WCA budget as revised at the January meeting. Renewals were up, slightly exceeding our projected income from renewals. Eighteen new members were enrolled.

Restricted accounts (all pass-throughs) continued to show substantial support for cemetery and fireworks activities. Thanks to a vigorous fireworks campaign, the funding goal was met and exceeded. The treasurer noted that there were several donations specifically for the fireworks that did not include new or renewed memberships.

The 2 CDs will be up for renewal shortly; because of the low (0.03%) interest rates the Treasurer will compare rates at other area banks to determine if we should move the WCA's accounts.

## **Old Business**

Wendy Roseberry noted that the results of the traffic study will be coming from Supervisor Geary Higgins soon, along with upcoming paving and ditch repairs proposals. Recognizing that aspects of a comprehensive “Envision Loudoun” plan are of interest to the Waterford community, she attended several county meetings to ensure Waterford’s primary concerns: traffic, and new development were addressed. Gene Scheel proposed that prohibiting one-acre zoning, manufacturing and data centers should be considered and that the county should better enforce the prohibition of realtor signs along roadways. He encouraged the membership to send in comments to the Board of Supervisors when members cannot attend BOS meetings that focus on future plans for the County.

## **Committee reports**

Beautification: Nick Ratcliffe reported that 3 new redbud trees were planted to replace those that had not survived the winter, and one tree was taken down. He thanked volunteers for the annual “Clean Up Loudoun” program among roadsides. Signs are needed for ditches and drainage pipes for upcoming VDOT efforts to address flood issues on local streets.

Sharyn Franck and Peter Thomas offered to organize a “swell swale” party to mark the successful installment of the swale on Water Street at the Green. Gene Scheel offered to provide information on the history of the Green to Franck.

## **New Business**

Wendy Roseberry announced that an Ice Cream Social will be held at the John Wesley Church on September 9<sup>th</sup>, to mark Waterford’s historic African American Heritage, and to establish a Lantern Light Fund for the restoration of the JW Church.

There being no further business, motion was made by Mary Sue Couser, seconded by Gene Scheel, and approved by the attendees to conclude the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

## **Attendees**

Katie and John Beatty, Chet Gibson, Sharyn Franck, Edith Crockett and Ed Lehmann, Wendy Roseberry, Skip and Mary Sue Couser, Wells Goddin, Michael Anderson, Brian Whelan, David Douthat, Carol Levin, Meredith Imwalle, Paul Rastas, Kitty and Paul Rose, Gene Scheel, Ann Belland., Judy Jackson., Jeff Bean., Nick and Kathy Ratcliffe, Ruchi Parekh, Bob and Marcia Thompson, Jill Beach, Mike and Harriet Dickerson

Respectfully submitted,

Edith Crockett, Treasurer on behalf of Mary Sheehan, Secretary,