

AHCA 8 December 2010 Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order.
2. Members present.
 - a. Approximately __ members present
3. September, October, November meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion to approve the posted meeting minutes was approved
4. Officer's reports.
 - a. Treasurer's Report (Gail) –

Library Reference Material

Gail reports suggestion to keep documents at the library related to the community and civic associations will be moved forward. Documents will be stored in "reference materials" near ESL materials.

Membership and Treasury

Currently there are 58 paid memberships (down from 190 last year) and \$10,567.78.

- b. Business Secretary (Cory) –
Cory asked for a volunteer to manage the distribution of the newsletter. Mike Shumway volunteered.
- c. 1st VP (Nick Giacobbe) –It is county budget season. Nick reported from the county budget meeting and that although the situation is not as dire as last year, the County is still looking for ways to save money, cutting about 30 million dollars across the board. The libraries are probably not going to be on the chopping block although they are not in line to have hours restored. There was discussion about ways to be more efficient.

Water Pollution Control Plant – Nick reports that the landscape plan did not get approved in time for the fall planting season. The county has to put 99 more trees on the property to be in line with the Chesapeake Bay requirements. It looks like this will happen in the Spring. We will likely get a brief on the new plan at our January AHCA meeting.

- e. Corresponding Secretary (Jenny Lawhorn) – Asked about any needs to write a letter about the lack of mowing in the park behind 16th Street. Cory followed up and is dealing with the park folks. Mowing will resume in the spring.

Miriam Gennari proposed writing a letter about the community center and library new roof or some discussion about a solar roof, as an investment in generating our own energy or getting an electric car power center at the library. Since Energy sustainability is a county priority, suggested a letter to all members of the county board and manager – regarding our commitment for sustainability, energy sustainability, and take advantage of some of the programs and alternative energies solar geothermal. In Dec meeting we discussed roof and long range plan that Chris

Zimmerman committed to at Candidates Forum in October. As the County invests in the Community Center we want to talk about long term plans and how to incorporate. Letter will ask County to consider energy options in the refurbishing of the comm.

A motion was made and seconded to write a letter of inquiry to the County Board and Manager about the Energy Savings Performance Contracts being explored and confirming our support for such an effort at AHCA

5. Committee reports.

- a. Sidewalks (Bruce): Ives Street: Final design is done but there needs to be one more round with the neighborhood and it will be 8-18 months until the physical build-out happens.
- b. Neighborhood Conservation (Chris Mann): Fall funding just released. Our Eads St project is low on the list. There will be 3-4 semi-annual funding rounds until we are top of the list.
- c. CCBID (Cheryl Mendonsa) - The art walls are continuing. Rob Mandle announced that Art Jams (ticketed event) on Southern end of CC – Kids Jams did artwork and Café Pizzaiolo will do an art show in January. Crystal Couture will be in early Feb – boutiques, runway fashion. Also combining running with wine will be a 1K wine walk with Washington Wine Academy – there will be a course in the concourse, bib, heats, water hydration stations. Feb 26th (Sat). In March 17-April 17 the CCBID will have “FLASH” – a photo exhibit – details to come.
- d. Library (Cheryl Mendonsa) – Discussion prompted Miriam Gennari to suggest that AHCA write a letter thanking the AH Women’s Club thanking them for the OPEN sign for the library and the commitment to investing in decorating the library. (And Hume school).

Motion was made to send thank you note to the AHWC thanking them for supporting our community institutions – the community center, Hume School and library. **Motion passed.**

- e. Community Center (Mike) – Winter Program Odyssey of the Mind, Science Program for 6-7 year olds starting in January run by a neighborhood NIH researcher; Poe birthday celebration on Jan 22, Family Fridays late Jan to March set up by Bill Gillen. Movies, pizza in the community center. Cory Giacobbe will be teaching a trees and sustainable living class for middle-schoolers.

A motion was made by Bruce to donate \$200 grocery store gift card or cash equivalent gift to the Friends of the Fire House. **A vote was taken and the motion passed with 6 votes and others abstaining.**

6. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.

- a. Spray Park update – Christine Simpson. The Virginia Highlands Park Sprayground was funded last June. Funding is from 400K in neighborhood conservation and 150K that the county manager has promised coming from Kimco (Costco). Christine showed an image board of examples of active water, a dumping bucket and pools and dams. Design to be completed this summer with bidding process to follow. Goal is to have construction completed in time for Memorial Day 2012. Current design will

have usability and attractions during other times of the year (off season). Age range "school age" versatile for tots to older kids. AHCA members asked about ways to save trees when creating pathways and other features of the design.

We will get an update in February and March.

Mike Dowell asked for a motion supporting this plan with the comments. Motion proposed seconded and voted. Motion passed and AHCA leadership will review her meeting summary.

7. Unfinished business.

- a. Pen Place Long Range Plan meetings scheduled 16 Dec, mid Jan and mid Feb. Comment was made about a paid "focus group." The whole focus group supposedly did not like it.

8. New business.

9. Calendar

- Firehouse Potluck Saturday 11 December at 6 pm
- See the newsletter

10. Announcements

11. Motion to Adjourn at 9pm.