

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting - - May 11, 2021

President Mary Molinaro called the virtual meeting to order at 7 pm.

Board members, Committee members, and guests in attendance:

(1) Joe Ganem	(5) Dave Powers	(9) Jim Stanton
(2) Mary Molinaro	(6) Ernie Schmidhauser	(Guest) Joe Kirby
(3) Mary Muth	(7) Betsy Sloan	(Guest) Lawrence Van Horn
(4) Dan Palich	(8) Jack Sloan	(Guest) Kaycee Wright

The Board approved the minutes for the Board Meeting of April 13, 2021.

OFFICER REPORTS

President - - Mary Molinaro - - Mary discussed her transition activities. CHA has undertaken and completed numerous projects during her Presidency, and Mary plans to wrap up several others before her term ends on July 1. These projects are discussed in various places throughout this report, but to recap, Mary has taken on six near-term initiatives: (1) Pay CHA membership dues online without a fee; (2) Provide each block captain a list that identifies the names of CHA members on their Chatter delivery route; (3) Obtain the five signatures needed to install speed humps on Glyndon Drive; (4) Identify obsolete CHA paper records; (5) Purchase four colorful signs that CHA can use at events to promote CHA membership; and (6) Complete the initiative to remove dead trees along Chartley streets.

Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser - - No new issues to report.

Treasurer - - Joe Ganem

- Joe presented CHA's financial data. At present, CHA has no significant issues, which is remarkable in view of COVID's negative impact on CHA fund raising.
- Both Joe and Chris tested a system (named Donate Kindly) for making online payment of CHA's dues. (This was an action item from the April 13 Board meeting.) The system was not responsive and would not allow either Joe or Chris to effectuate payment. Mary had done some research on this issue over a year ago, and she has some year-old related correspondence from the bank. Mary said she will research that prior correspondence, and she will make the "without a fee" system operational before her term ends on July 1.

Secretary - - Dan Palich - - No new issues to report.

Immediate Past President - - Mary Muth - - No new issues to report. Mary Molinaro asked Mary Muth if she will continue to provide real estate data to CHA after Mary Muth's term as Past President ends on July 1. The answer is "yes."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block Captains - - Mary reported for Anne. Mary said she will develop a list of CHA members that are on each block captain's delivery route. This information will make it easier for the block captains to familiarize themselves with CHA members for whom they deliver the Chatter. This familiarity will support CHA's efforts to stabilize and perhaps increase membership in CHA.

Hospitality - - No report.

Membership - - Betsy Sloan had technical difficulties so Mary reported for her. CHA has 176 paid members for the 2020-2021 year, and 91 members for the upcoming year (2021-2022). Since the 2020-2021 year is nearly finished, if CHA receives a new membership for 2020-2021, we will apply the dues toward the upcoming year (2021-2022) rather than to a year that is early finished (2020-2021). Thus, the final and official membership count for 2020-2021 is 176.

Newsletter - - Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for articles for the May eChatter is today (May 11).
- The cutoff for articles for July Chatter is July 1. This will ensure delivery before NNO on August 3.
- An action item from the April 13 Board meeting was for Jack to finalize the selection of the printer for the July Chatter. Jack reported that the matter is resolved, and the printer will be Hannah More.
- At the last Board Meeting, Jack reported that two advertisers were in arrears. Jack has resolved one of the two, and CHA now has only one advertiser in arrears.

Police Issues & Police Community Relations - - Dave Powers

- Dave continues to work to locate a crime-reporting website. He located one site, but the Baltimore County Police Department did not approve its use. Dave is going to have a conference call with the Police Department because they do not seem to understand CHA's need for detailed crime information. The Police Department seems to believe general crime information is sufficient for CHA.
- The Police & Community Relations Council (PCRC) met on April 20, 2021. Captain Buckingham reported several issues.
 - ✓ Road rage is increasing in this area. Since the last Board Meeting, this area has had two incidents, both involving shots fired: (1) At Reisterstown Road and Owings Mills Boulevard and (2) At Waterfall Court in Owings Mills. Police made an arrest in the first incident.

- ✓ Two burglaries at commercial establishments occurred in the precinct: (1) H & R Block in the 11000 block of Reisterstown Road and (2) Royal Farm on Red Run Boulevard.
- ✓ There was a homicide in the Morningside Heights Apartment complex in Owings Mills. Police have made an arrest.
- ✓ Police conducted an operation aimed at aggressive drivers around Route 30 and Route 140. Police issued 35 citations and 16 warnings.
- ✓ Police conducted a pedestrian-safety operation at Reisterstown Road and Bond Avenue. Police have not yet released the results.
- ✓ Police have received complaints (language, trash, loud noise after hours) at the basketball courts at Cedarmere Elementary School. Police and the Department of Parks and Recreation have tried to mediate the situation prior to taking enforcement action. Police have also involved the leadership at the school.
- ✓ Police have received complaints about a large group of bicyclists (teens and older elementary schoolers) who are becoming confrontational with area residents (threatening bodily harm; using vulgarities; impeding traffic). Captain Buckingham has asked his School Resource Officers to educate the children in the schools. The Captain has also asked the school leadership to relay the message to parents.
- ✓ Police have received complaints about dirt bikes and ATVs in the Reisterstown area. One arrest has been made.
- ✓ Police received complaints about speeding on Dolfield Boulevard. The County conducted a traffic survey and found the average speed was 40-44 MPH in a 35 MPH zone. About 10 percent of the cars were found to be traveling 55 MPH or higher. Both numbers are consistent with similar roads in the county. Police plan to continue the enforcement operation.
- ✓ Police continue to receive complaints about commercial vehicles parked on residential streets. A solution is elusive as enforcement in one area results in the vehicles moving to a nearby location. Moreover, many of the drivers are nearby residents. County leadership has gotten involved and is working to find a solution.
- ✓ Members of the Franklin Precinct participated in "Victim's Rights Week" and planted flowers in the precinct's "Victim's Garden" in front of the precinct.
- ✓ Officer Appreciation Day is June 12. At the last Board meeting, the Board decided that rather than single out one officer, CHA should present a certificate to all the officers of the precinct.

Real Estate - - Mary Muth

- The market continues to be active and favors sellers. Mary said she expects this to continue through the end of the year.
- From January 1 through May 11, 13 Chartley homes have sold. The median time on the market is 4 days.

Reisterstown Main Street - - Mary Molinaro

- The area around the corner of Main Street and Cockeys Mill Road will soon be mulched and have flowers planted.
- The County has approved the permit for the Farmers Market to meet on the space in front of Franklin Middle School. The season opens May 30.
- The pocket park will have a grand opening in August.
- The Franklin Woodlands Trail will have its grand opening ceremony on September 18.
- Karen Sachs (of the Karen Sachs Dance Academy) has retired. The academy will continue to operate under the ownership of a former student.

Smoke/CO Detector - - Jim Stanton - - The detectors installed by CHA are not involved in the recent recall. Jim will send Jack an article for the eChatter.

Scholarship - - The check has been delivered to the winner. We are withholding the winner's name until the ceremony at the high school.

Zoning/Traffic - - Jim Stanton

- Jim recently sent six complaints to Code Enforcement. Code Enforcement has already begun issuing corrective notices.
- Mary discussed the problems at the vacant Mobile station on the corner of Reisterstown Road and Chartley Drive. Code Enforcement is aware of the issues but has not resolved them. Michelle Bernstein from the County Executive's office has offered to intervene and discuss the matter with Code Enforcement. Mary, of course, accepted Michelle's offer because of Michelle's position in the County Executive's office.
- Jim reported on the speed humps for Glyndon Drive, and said we need five signatures to reach the 75 percent needed. Mary volunteered to obtain the five signatures to resolve the issue before her CHA presidency ends on July 1.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- May 15 - - Chartley Yard Sale
- May 16-22 - - Dining at Reter's
- June 5 - - Bulk Trash & Electronic Recycling
- August 3 - - National Night Out
- October 16 - - CHA Crab Feast

OLD BUSINESS

- Solar Light - - Ernie is still pursuing a solar light at the bridge over the Chartley Stream; however, Ernie still needs an electrician who handles solar lights.
- Record Retention Plan - - Mary is going to identify and collect obsolete CHA records. She is going to finish before the next Kiwanis shredding event.
- Tree Removal - - The county has marked several dead trees to be removed; however, activity has stalled. Mary is going to get the project back on track and completed before her term ends on July 1.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mary alerted Joe Kirby that as the next President, he will be responsible for writing the "President's Message" in the July Chatter.
- Mary described Baltimore County's Master Plan 2030, which provides the County's vision and strategies for growth over the next 10 years. Mary explained the issues that interest her, and she encourage Board members to do the same and provide their own input to the County's process.

The April 13 meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary