

Chartley Homeowners Association

Minutes for Board Meeting - - June 08, 2021

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

Board members, Committee members, and guests in attendance:

(1) Joe Ganem	(6) Ernie Schmidhauser	(11) Chris Yambor
(2) Mary Molinaro	(7) Betsy Sloan	
(3) Mary Muth	(8) Jack Sloan	President-Elect Joe Kirby
(4) Dan Palich	(9) Jim Stanton	VP-Elect Lawrence Van Horn
(5) Dave Powers	(10) Anne Yambor	Secretary-Elect Kaycee Wright

The Board approved the minutes for the Board Meeting of May 11, 2021.

OFFICER REPORTS

President - - Mary Molinaro

- Beginning July 1, 2021, the Board will have several new members. This is Mary's final Board meeting as President, although she will remain on the Board as the Immediate Past President. Mary thanked the other outgoing members for their service during the past year(s).
- BG&E has been working on Chartley Drive to install replacement gas lines. This is not emergency work. Instead, it is part of BG&E's routine maintenance of the infrastructure.
- Baltimore County has begun a 3-year project to upgrade the water-line system from Stocksdale Ave. to Pleasant Hill Road. The construction will begin at Stocksdale Ave. and go south to Pleasant Hill Road.
- Mary attended a meeting for Baltimore County's Master Plan 2030. At the May 11 Board Meeting, Mary gave a detailed explanation of the project and its importance to all residents.
- Baltimore County's Councilmanic redistricting is underway. Mary attended a kickoff meeting. The purpose of redistricting is to balance the population among the Council's districts. The initial meeting was brief and uneventful.

Vice President - - Ernie Schmidhauser - - This is Ernie's final Board meeting as Vice President. Ernie thanked Mary and the other departing Board members.

Treasurer -- Joe Ganem

- Joe presented CHA's financial data. This is a slow period for memberships because the year is ending. In addition, we are midway between the April Chatter and the July Chatter. The Chatter contains the membership form and usually provides a bump to new memberships and renewals.
- Joe paid the premium to renew CHA's liability insurance. In addition, he filed Maryland Form 1 for CHA. Form 1 is a report of personal property for businesses and organizations.
- CHA has been working to enable residents to pay CHA dues electronically. Joe briefed the Board on a financial service product by Square, Inc. The cost to CHA for a \$10-dues payment would be 60¢. There is no monthly fee for this basic-level service, and the funds would be directly deposited into CHA's bank account. The company provides other services with higher costs; however, CHA is interested in the basic system to enable electronic payment of membership dues. Chris -- "I move that CHA open a basic Square account." Anne seconded the motion and the Board approved it unanimously. When the Square account is operational, Chris will post it on CHA's website. (Editor's Note -- This approval pertains only to the basic account and not the purchase of equipment.)
- We discussed grant money received for NNO. CHA received grant money for the NNO in 2020. Since the event was cancelled because of COVID, we were allowed to carry over the money to help fund the 2021 NNO. Joe will ensure that the carry-over grant is spent timely and in 2021.

Secretary -- Dan Palich -- This is Dan's final Board meeting as Secretary.

Immediate Past President -- Mary Muth -- This is Mary's final Board meeting as Immediate Past President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Block Captains -- Anne -- No issues to report.

Membership -- Betsy Sloan

- CHA has 97 paid members for the upcoming year which begins July 1, 2021. That is membership year 2021-2022. (The final and official membership count for 2020-2021 is 176.)
- CHA recently purchased five signs to promote CHA membership. Betsy thanked Kaycee for designing the sign.
- CHA will display the signs at CHA events, such as NNO. In the interim, we will display four of the signs in the front yard of Board members (1 - Joe Kirby; 2 - Mary Molinaro; 3 - Betsy & Jack Sloan; 4 - Anne & Chris Yambor).

Newsletter -- Jack Sloan

- The cutoff for articles for the May eChatter is today (June 8).
- The cutoff for articles for the July Chatter is July 1. This will ensure delivery before NNO on August 3.
- The Chatter will contain an insert – a flyer for NNO. Block captains will insert the flyer before delivery of the Chatter.

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 denied his request to use it. Dave has asked the Department to reconsider its decision because CHA needs detailed (as opposed to general) crime information.
- Three crimes were reported in Chartley:
 1. May 19 -- A burglary in the 300 block of Glyndon Drive
 2. May 30 -- A shooting in the 400 block of Shirley Manor Road
 3. May 30 -- A shooting at the intersection of Treeline Drive and East Cherry Hill Road

Police have not provided additional information about any of the three incidents.

- The Police & Community Relations Council (PCRC) met on May 18, 2021. Captain Buckingham reported several issues.
 - ✓ There were three hijacking crimes in Owings Mills. The Police made arrests and recovered the vehicles.
 - ✓ Burglaries have declined in the precinct.
 - ✓ Auto thefts have increased in New Town. In one case, the car was left running when it was stolen. In another, the key fob was left in the center console.
 - ✓ During the meeting, Police received a report of a "problem" house near Hanover Road. An officer from the Community Outreach Team was sent to investigate.
 - ✓ Police received complaints about parked vehicles blocking traffic on Hanover Road. A Business Patrol Officer will speak to the owner of the appliance store. In addition, the officer will review the street parking in the area to see if changes are needed.
 - ✓ Police are using grant money to conduct pedestrian-safety operations along Main Street. Police issued ten citations and five warnings for vehicle-pedestrian violations, and five citations and seven warnings for other violations. If grant funds are available, Police will continue these efforts.
 - ✓ The homeless population has become a problem. Numerous syringes were cleaned up from the area along Owings Mills Blvd and along Reisterstown Road. Police have made arrests for minor offenses. Captain Buckingham believes this crackdown will cause the group to move. He asked nearby communities to notify him if they move to their community.

- ✓ The PCRC had a speaker on cyber security. During the discussion of that presentation, Larry discussed an article he read regarding Amazon Echo and Amazon Sidewalk. Sidewalk enables Echo devices to stay online (during an outage) by using the network connection of nearby Echo devices. This is a recent event, and the security implications are unknown. Mary asked Larry to write an article for the July Chatter to alert Chartley residents.

The next PCRC meeting is June 15 at 7 pm.

Real Estate -- Mary Muth -- There has been no change in the trend that favors sellers. The median time on the market is 5 days.

Reisterstown Main Street -- Mary Molinaro

- Grant funding was used to mulch and plant flowers in the 200 block of Main Street.
- The pocket park will open in July. RIA is having a "buy a brick" campaign for the park.
- Signs are being designed for the Heritage Trail.
- The Welcome Center will have its grand opening in August.
- The Franklin Woodlands Trail will have its grand opening in September.

Smoke/CO Detector -- Jim Stanton -- No activity recently.

Scholarship -- Chris Yambor -- The scholarship has been awarded.

Webmaster -- Chris Yambor -- No activity to report.

Zoning/Traffic -- Jim Stanton

- A resident in the 200 block of Highmeadow Road excavated the sewer line but did not backfill the trench after the new line was installed.
- A resident on Bentley Hill Drive received a correction notice from Code Enforcement for repairing cars in a residential area.
- A resident on Bentley Hill Drive was cited for installing a deck, without a permit, on the side of the house.
- Another resident was cited for dumping material in the back yard.
- Ernie provided an update on the rat situation in the 600 block of Shirley Manor Road. Four rats have been captured. Code Enforcement has inspected the area and confirmed the presence of rats; however, Code Enforcement has declined to take corrective action. CHA has asked the Health Department to investigate. At present, the County has not intervened, and the solution is not imminent.

SPECIAL EVENTS AND REPORTS

- Brad Reter thanked CHA for the Dining at Reter's event held May 16-22. The number of patrons is unknown because the event did not require registration or tickets.
- The Bulk Trash & Electronic Recycling cleanup was successfully held June 5. A total of 69 area residents participated. Of the 69 residents, 29 were from Chartley.
- National Night Out is August 3. We have 17 commitments (e.g., The Oriole Bird; U.S. Army Color Guard; American Kenpo Karate). The Application for Gathering Permit is still pending in Baltimore County.
- The CHA Crab Feast is October 16.

OLD BUSINESS

- Solar Light for the Bridge Between Chartley Drive and Highmeadow Road - - Ernie has done substantial research and has obtained numerous cost estimates. Funding is contained in the 2020-2021 budget. Ernie will make the purchase by June 30.
- Record Retention Plan - - No activity.

NEW BUSINESS

- Anne reported that school busses are speeding on Gwynnwest Road. Mary asked Anne to obtain the bus number so Mary can refer the matter to the County Police.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Written by Dan Palich, Secretary