

Minutes of Meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2018

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, to 8:00 p.m.

Little House, 5315 Elliott Road, 20816 in Westmoreland Hills

Attendees

Brookdale: Bob Cope, Manuel Ochoa

Chevy Chase Village:

Chevy Chase West: Lloyd Guerci

Drummond:

Friendship Heights: Mike Dorsey, Norman Knopf, Melanie White

Glen Echo Heights: Harry Pfohl

Green Acres:

Kenwood (the subdivision): Jenny Sue Dunner, Pat Johnson

Kenwood Condominium:

Kenwood House Coop: Judy Throckmorton

Kenwood Place Condominium: Max Wilton

Town of Somerset: Stephen Surko

Somerset House Condos: Julie Davis

Springfield: Phyllis Edelman, Cynthia Green, Pete Salinger

Sumner Village Condo:

Westbard Mews: Lynne Battle

Westmoreland Hills: David Forman

Westwood Mews:

Wood Acres:

Guests: Phil Wilcox, Sumner

Administrative

- The meeting was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Harry Pfohl, Chair.
- A motion was made and seconded and the minutes of October 17, 2018 were approved.
- A motion was made and seconded and the agenda for the meeting was approved. Note: minutes and agendas can be accessed at CCCFH AGENDAS AND MINUTES, <https://cccfhmd.org/agendas/>
- **Treasurer's Report** — Phyllis Edelman gave Sue Schumacher's report in her absence. Since October 17, 2018, two years of membership dues were received from Park Somerset.
- **MCCF Report** — Sue Schumacher sent in the following report: The November meeting addressed agricultural alternatives such as urban rooftops and agrihoods. Agrihoods are currently not permitted in Montgomery County. Rooftop gardens are allowed to grow food, create jobs and create green space. Neither of these options are profitable.

A resolution on the Beltway and I-270 passed, requesting that the State Highway Administration provide more transparency and information so that affected communities could make educated decisions.

Reports/Discussion

- **Regency Westbard Plan** (Lloyd Guerci) — Final Regency plans should have been submitted today if they are to be reviewed by the Planning Board at its January 31, 2019 meeting. If they weren't submitted today, then we're

looking at a February Planning Board date. There are still questions about the phasing of road realignment and dedication of land for the Willet Branch Park. Notes from Matt Folden are on ePlans and all comments can be read there.

- **Capital Crescent Trail crossing at Little Falls Parkway — Road Diet** (Jenny Sue Dunner, Pat Johnson, Harry Pfohl) — While many people like the idea of a bridge, there are concerns about its environmental impact and funding. (Demand for funding exceeds what can be set aside.) The Parks Department has asked the public to vote on the three alternative plans. The problem is that all three proposals retain the “road diet” and most people want the two lanes of Little Falls Parkway restored to four. It was recommended that people go online, choose Concept B but in the comments section say that the road diet be eliminated and the parkway should be restored to four. The latter should be made in the “comment” section of the survey as explained by Pat Johnson.
- **Dedication of the Capital Crescent Trail Park in Memory of County Executive Neal Potter** (Jenny Sue Dunner) There was a lovely ceremony dedicating the park, but Jenny Sue said more landscaping, bike racks and shrubbery are coming. People are very pleased with the park, with Jenny Sue instrumental in its development. CCCFH was one of the donors.

New Business

- **CCCFH Delegate Contact List.** (Harry Pfohl, Celia Martin) Our current database has a field for presidents. Harry will ask Celia with Pete Salinger’s help to work on a delegate contact list and to update quarterly.
- **Generation of Current Contact List of Citizens’ Association Leaders. Summary of CCCFH actions.** (Harry Pfohl) Harry will develop a one page summary of CCCFH actions in the past 3-4 months to distribute not just to member delegates, but also to a wider community audience. This might also be of interest to those communities beyond the CCCFH boundaries. The County and Parks and Planning maintain citizen association lists, albeit they may be out-of-date, that we could work with.
- **Willard Avenue Park.** (Norman Knopf, Manuel Ochoa) Manny — the county is planning to buy the little house at 4905 River Road, at the corner of Willard and River Road, under the Maryland Open Space Program. It is on the agenda of the Parks and Planning meeting tomorrow morning. Norman — has led the effort to expand the park by asking Parks and Planning not to rent the house on Willard. Meantime, a new tenant has moved in. Casey Anderson visited the park several weeks ago. The expectation was that if the CCCFH endorsed the Parks Department’s need for a “refresh” budget, as we did, and which passed the Council, eliminating the rental house and restoring it to parkland would receive Parks Department support. Harry will testify before the Park and Planning Board in support of enlarging the Willard Avenue Park.
- **Miscellaneous Items:**
 - Design guidelines for Urban Parks & Open Spaces are coming before the Planning Board. A draft copy dated June 2017 is online and Harry will send out the url link.
 - December Meeting would be on the 19th, which is right before Christmas. A motion was made, seconded and passed that there would be no meeting in December unless something substantial or urgent comes up and the executive committee feels it warrants a meeting.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was passed at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Edelman
CCCFH Recording Secretary