

Annual SWCA Meeting March 9, 2023

A meeting was called to order at 7:10 on Thursday, March 9, 2023 by the SWCA president, David Hollibaugh Baker. Other board members present were: Michele Moller vice president, Sarah Meytin treasurer, Mary Moore secretary, Romy Adame-Wilson at-large. Absent- Aaron Wasserman at-large. Todd Sleeman, past president, provided technology for zooming. (It should be noted that we were not able to connect to zoom although we could do it at the last meeting. We kept losing connection.)

14 members were in person and 6 more were attempting to zoom into the meeting.

The agenda was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

Sarah Meytin, treasurer, presented the financial report and next year's budget. They were present at the meeting and are attached to the all member email.

By-Law changes

Mary Moore, secretary, presented the by-law changes.

- 1) The current at-large position was proposed to become a membership secretary. Those members present voted and it passed unanimously. Romy, currently at-large, has agreed to fill this role.
- 2) The current by-laws require members to pay dues to become members before being invited to join our listserv. We are proposing that a neighbor can contact the board and join our listserv without paying dues. Discussion included a modification to include that when a neighbor asks to join the listserv, they must provide the board with an address within our boundaries. The members present voted and it passed unanimously. (Review after the meeting found that no further changes need to be made. The language includes that address must be provided.)

Elections – Emails went out to all our members asking for nominations for President, Secretary and at-large. There were no nominations. David, president of SWCA, called for nominations from the floor. Tim Tawney volunteered to run for at-large. Members present voted and passed unanimously.

There are still vacancies for president and secretary. Another election will be held at our next meeting in June.

University Corridor Plan

Romy, membership secretary, discussed what she learned at a meeting in February. The county is still collecting information. She encouraged neighbors to attend a meeting and share their opinions with the county as they are drafting their plan.

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/planning/corridor-planning/university-boulevard-corridor-plan/>

Further information and registration for the March 14 virtual meeting is here:

<https://montgomeryplanning.org/montgomery-planning-invites-community-to-attend-two-public-meetings-in-march-on-university-boulevard-corridor-plan/>

Tim reported that he attended another meeting March 8 and learned some new information - focus was on county right of way in terms of widening the road, future amenities like new bike and bus lanes, and a planned schedule for review and approval.

There will also be a bus lane pilot from Amherst to Dennis in summer/fall 2023 that is separate from the University Boulevard Corridor plan. There will be a virtual public meeting Thursday, March 30, 2023 6:00-7:30 pm. You can register and get more information by visiting <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DOT/Projects/buspriority/university.html>

Past Activities

*Winter Decorating Contest - Mary reported that it was held and our neighborhood was beautifully decorated.

*Chili Cookoff - Michele Moller reported that it was held January 15 at Good Shepherd Church. There were about 7 participants and everyone had a good time.

Future Activities- We need volunteers to make these happen. Please reply to this email if you can help with any of these.

*Neighborhood Cleanup - tentatively set for April 15. Glen and Michele Moller volunteered to co-chair this event.

*Spring Truck Touch is being chaired by Aaron Wasserman. He is contacting other neighborhoods to see if we can share this event. It will be held at Sligo Woods Middle School in the spring.

*Spring Yard Sale - Tentatively set for May. We need a chair to hold this event.

*June 8 summer general meeting

*Street Captains - We need a volunteer for each street to make sure every home is contacted. Please reply to this email if you can help with your street. It will take about an hour of your time March/April. Mary is willing to co-chair. Can you help co-chair?

*Suggestions for future activities. It was suggested that the board send out a survey asking the membership.

Door Prizes

Thank you Romy for getting a door prize from Trader Joe's. We also had Girl Scout Cookies. 4 members won.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Moore

Past Secretary SWCA