

GCCA Meeting Minutes for Dec 13, 2022

Attendees: Dan Wilhelm, Pat Corey, Noel Gregos, Marguerite Raaen, Ed Weiler, Sarah and Ron Leung, Bob Peters, Bill Backof, Barbara Buchanan

Approval of November Minutes: Minutes were approved.

Accept the October Treasures Report: There were deposits of \$630, with more checks to deposit and a balance of \$15,283. Considering the \$3,700 sign reserve, we have \$11,783 available to spend. They are still working on repair of the Welcome sign.

Safety Issues: A homicide arrest was made after a shooting altercation with an employee at the Shell Station on New Hampshire Avenue. The assailant fled into the Enclave Apt. and after a search warrant was issued and a search took place the police found another body.

There was also a second suspect arrested in White Oak relating to an armed carjacking. They also witnessed the suspect trying to discard a hand gun.

A task force was established related to a series of burglaries of gun shops on Gude Drive. In some apparent confusion the shop owner was arrested for shooting at unmarked police car. He thought it was the robber.

The Mercedes/BMW dealership near Briggs Chaney had a break in where keys were taken and four vehicles were stolen.

Communications Committee: The Clarion was posted on Next Door resulting in more people joining. The process of distributing the Clarion will need be changed so it can be added to our web site. Nancy will now copy Pat Corey with each new Clarions so he can put on the website. The most recent Clarion was also sent out to 473 residents on our Facebook distribution list. A short discussion took place about Dave Michaels getting recognition for all the work he has done, possibly at the annual meeting.

Community Issues: The local meeting on the BnB short term housing issue in Sherwood Forest area was deferred due to lack of a quorum with holiday season and all. There was another incident with a number of vehicles in the roadway. Police were called and they created a case number. Questions were asked about whether the house was being used as a primary residence. It appears that the owners were granted a short-term rental permit. Unsure of what this permit allows and how it is enforced. A query should be made to the county housing agency that helped Marguerite with abandoned house in Stonegate a number of years ago.

On-going Business:

- US29 BRT reliability study - planning board and the council supported the median option. \$9.5 M was appropriated to underake the design work from Tech Road to Sligo Creek.
- NewHampBRT CAC is meeting on Dec 15 and may have details on where it will connect to Metro and Purple Line.

- Ride-On and Metro local bus study - study team asking citizens for input for optimization.
- Briggs Chaney Master Plan - waiting for staff report.
- Old Columbia Pike study - has not had any public meetings.
- The Burtonsville Shopping Center - still moving forward.
- East County Meeting on operating budget - meeting will be held in White Oak Rec Center. They are collecting input for small non-profit organizational support.
- WSC has hired private company to evaluate local neighborhood water shut off valves.

Submitted by Pat Corey