

**Minutes of the Greater Farmland Civic Association (GFCA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 12, 2020**

The Board of Directors of the Greater Farmland Civic Association met on December 12, 2020, via zoom. Board members and Committee Chairs in attendance: Ed Rich, Toby Levin, Marjorie Railey, Tom Biggs, Diana Keohane, Emily Mintz, Pamela Levine, Maureen Weaver, Mirta Zimmerman, and Karen Fricke. New neighbors Jonathan and Jennifer Kwan, newly moved here from California, also joined the meeting. Ed Rich called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

**Approval of Minutes of 2/26/20 and 5/14/20 Board Meetings.** Tom moved to approve the minutes. Toby seconded. Unanimously approved.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Trillium will be installing the new circle. Dump trucks coming from the construction at Park Edge have been going up onto the brick around the circle, and have damaged the circle. Emily will talk to Ed Kennedy who witnessed a dump truck going over the bricks. We need to get compensation from the construction company. Tom suggested we should approach Washington Gas to see if they will cover it. Trillium priced installation of large boulders at about \$700. We have approval for about \$1600 to cover landscaping. Ed proposed a zoom call with Andrew Fritzen in January, and asked for people's thoughts on that. Consensus was that it would be good. State legislature will be reconvening in January. There will be good turnout if we get Mark Korman to talk about expansion of I270.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Bottom line is \$10,000 spent of \$18,000 we anticipated spending. We didn't have a yard sale. We had a very modified July Fourth. No Community Day. Lots of effort spent on membership. We ended up with a strong increase in members. We're doing well. Admin costs, newsletters, and landscaping were the bulk of the \$10,000 spent this year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership:** Emily reported that we have 271 paid memberships. We have reached 54% of annual goal. Several people have sent in duplicate membership fees. This is a bit of a problem for Emily, but the multi-year dues really gave us a jump on this year. Toby reminded that Community Day will not be a membership-raising event this year. Diane suggested a targeted email to members who are set to expire. Interesting to see how many members who take advantage of list serve are or are not paid members. Could we target those individuals? Would be helpful to set up a process to reach out to new families who express interest in getting involved. Emily noted that we need to order more directories next year, as we are low on them at present.

**Landscaping and Environment:** Pamela put in small shrubs and daffodils in front of the entrance wall on Montrose Road. Offered help to neighbors with \$100

reimbursements on common areas, but no one has requested help. She will reach out again. Nandina in front of Old Farm sign have been eaten.

**Social:** Toby wondered how we are going through holiday season with nothing going on? Ed suggested a zoom caroling event. Bethesda is having a fire engine truck coming through the neighborhood with Santa. Little late for these ideas at this point.

**Traffic/Pedestrian Safety:** Diana reported for Scott that traffic hasn't been a problem because school hasn't been in session. Celebrating our new sidewalk. Some street lights are not working well. We need to do a comprehensive check about which are working and which are not.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Future Zoom Meetings:** Toby reported on the zoom meetings. Maybe a brown bag event, to share personal talents or interests. Anything we can do to connect neighbors. Emily mentioned that the zoom meetings have been fabulous. Thank you to Diana and Toby for organizing these events.

**Annual Elections:** Do we want to do a virtual election? A zoom meeting or Diana could create a google form. In the spring. Three people who are expiring: Ed, Toby, Karen. We will have a virtual election.

**2021 Calendar:** Up in the air. Zoom meetings and social events. Politicians in January. Think about topics for community meetings. Session on covid updates? Toby suggested expert on covid from Suburban to speak. Library system on the computer? Laura is on friends of Davis library. She could reach out to head librarian and share how to use the library online.

**Other New Business:** Karen brought up the name of Plantation Lane and Court, and Marjorie mentioned Magruder as being problematic street names in our neighborhood. Karen will look into the county's assessment of problematic street names.

Emily moved and Marjorie seconded adjourning. Adjourned at 8:43PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fricke  
Secretary