

**Minutes of the Greater Farmland Civic Association (GFCA)  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 9, 2019**

The Board of Directors of the Greater Farmland Civic Association met on January 9, 2019 at the home of GFCA President Ed Rich, 11703 Hitching Post Lane, Rockville, MD 20852 at 7:30 PM. Board members and Committee Chairs in attendance: Ed Rich, Toby Levin, Mark Friedman, Marjorie Railey, Tom Biggs, Rick Gentry, Marta Vogel, Kathy Hoffman, Scott Keohane, Emily Mintz, Dotan Weinman, and Karen Fricke. Ed Rich called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM

**President's Report:** Ed reported that he attended went to the County Executive's listening session about three weeks ago and was able to speak to Marc Elrich about neighborhood concerns regarding expansion of I-270; resurfacing of roads in neighborhood; stop sign issues; crosswalk and sidewalk issues. Elrich seemed receptive. Ed has asked for copies of all work orders for neighborhood.

**Treasurer's Report:** Tom reported that we have 391 members @ \$35 for a total of \$13,685. The membership fees are our greatest income. We are right around \$25,000 in the bank.

**Committee Reports:**

**Membership** Emily reported 378 members, but will check with Tom about #s. Several neighbors paid odd amounts. Maybe will try to get block captains to try to reach out to noncompliant. We need another 120 to get to last year's membership #s. Possibly send out personalized emails to non-paying folks? We will get 500 directories in mid-March at no cost to us. Newsletter will go out well before annual meeting. Would like articles no later than mid-February.

**Welcome Committee** Ed made pitch for welcome packages. Rick said we need block captains to advise who are new neighbors. He only had two block captains report new neighbors. Marjorie is trying to get block captains confirmed. There are 40 block captains. Some of them don't have email.

**Beautification**

Pamela reported through Karen that Beautification will start calling itself Landscaping. This committee will join forces with Garden Club to tackle neighborhood projects. In spring we will sponsor storm drain painting, literature, and signage to promote better environmental stewardship (no dog

poop down the drain!) Pamela will reach out to DOT about barriers at circles. Marta has ordered signage for Montrose Road/Tildenwood entrance.

### **Garden Club**

Karen reported that club has 10 or so members at each meeting. Enthusiasm for group. Rick mentioned that Tilden Middle School has a garden club. Karen will reach out to them to let them know that we exist and are available for consult. Emily requested a neighborhood Garden Tour.

### **Social**

Community Day Picnic is June 8, 3 to 6PM. Wristbands worked well at last one, so we will do that again. Pony rides. Ask Pamela to take lead on that again. Rick will do the BBQ. Ed will rent the school. Idea to suggest to Farmland PTA if they want to do a raffle to raise \$ for themselves. Don't need paper flyers, but street signs are good. Maybe stick-in-the ground tall sail signs? No more hand-made signs! Nearby area (non- Greater Farmland) residents can pay a fee to attend, but can't join GFCA.

Emily suggested that Winter in Farmland should be in January. Fewer people this year than last year or year before.

### **Yard Sale**

18<sup>th</sup> of May. Mark is flexible to leadership of yard sale committee.

### **Traffic/Pedestrian Safety**

Welcome Scott, who has agreed to take over this committee. Issues to be addressed: safety, fast driving, implement stop signs, work order since May of last year to re-do crosswalks, bike lanes on main streets to slow down traffic.

### **New Business:**

### **Event Schedule**

Annual Meeting March 27 at 7:00 or 7:30. Ed will check signs

Next board meetings April 10, July 10, Oct 2.

Everyone liked the idea of changing Winter on Farmland to January. Scheduled Saturday, January 11, 2020. Santa will become a snowman.

Future dates for Community Meetings: Oct. 23 Discussion about whether December meeting is necessary.

Wine and cheese block captain reception Sunday October 6 at 6PM. Kathy will organize.

**Board Elections**

Ed will send out a listserv memo asking for interest in new board members and committee members. Need nominating committee.

Karen moved and Doton seconded adjourning. At 9:02PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Fricke  
Secretary