

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

## of Community Associations

### Minutes for September 11, 2013

#### **Annual Meeting**

#### **Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

#### **(Approved by the Membership November 13, 2013)**

#### BDC Business:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM
- BDC minutes from the June Meeting, with an amendment from Mike Perel, were accepted and seconded.
- New officers of Braddock District Council were announced: Cliff Keenan, Chairman; George Klein, Vice Chairman; Tom McDonald, Treasurer; Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary.
- Outgoing Chair William Barfield turned the meeting over to the new Chairman, Cliff Keenan.
- Tom McDonald gave the Treasurer's Report. He also presented a budget for the upcoming year. The proposed budget was accepted as submitted by the Treasurer.
- The Chair announced that there were 43 paid members out of a total of about 143 associations located within the Braddock District.
- Barbara Varvaglione reported for the Aging in Place (AIP) Committee. The AIP Committee is now a member of the "Village to Village Network" at no cost for six months or longer. It is an information source of Villages across the country. The AIP Committee will be hosting Heidi L. Garvis, Senior Housing Consultant, on the topic How to Choose the Right Senior Living on September 18, at 7:30 p.m. located at the Braddock Supervisor's Office (attached to Kings Park Library). Another upcoming presentation will be given by Howard Houghton on October 30, at 7:00 p.m., on the topic of Medicare in the Kings Park Library Conference Room, 9002 Burk Lake Road.
- Michael Perel gave information about the "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" brochure. This information provided to help keep people in their homes as long as possible the brochure explains. With the funds available, it is enough to have 150 copies and digital copies as well. He wanted feedback from county staff and their suggestion was to remove "be mindful." There is a gatekeeper program in Oregon that enlists professionals. Mike also presented information on NOVA Annandale Campus regarding parking issues.
- Peggy Knight reported on behalf of *The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area* which will be sponsoring a "Meet and Greet" for the Braddock Area House of Delegates and Fairfax County Sheriff candidates running for office. This event will be held at the Kings Park Library (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke VA 22015) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30.
- Attendees were reminded of BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org>

## **BDC Fund (As of Sept 10, 2013)**

Balance at beginning of year	\$2,896.26
Dues Collected from 43 Associations	\$2,200.00
Total funds available	\$5,096.26

### Expenses

State Corporation Commission	\$25.00
June "BDC Picnic"	\$928.99
Snacks for other meeting	\$340.83
Website for two years – 2013, 2014	\$141.78
Mailing cost	\$55.39
Total expenses	\$1,491.99
Balance August 31, 2013	\$3,604.27

## **Braddock Road Beautification**

Program started February 2008

Total funds collected	\$8,616.96
Expenses	\$7,592.00
Balance August 31, 2013	\$1,024.96

## **Mary Read Memorial**

Program started February 2008

Total funds collected	\$3,923.00
Expenses – prior years	\$3,596.28
Expenses – 2012 - 2013	\$15.00
Balance August 31, 2013	\$311.72

Total Checking Account Balance (Sept 10) \$4,940.95

Submitted by:

Thomas B. McDonald, Jr.

Treasurer

September 10, 2013

## **Supervisor's Report:**

- Supervisor Cook will hold an HOA/CA Summit on September 23. This will be a summit for leaders of Braddock District home owners associations and civic associations. The summit will give community leaders an opportunity to trade ideas, talk about what has and hasn't worked in their communities, and increase communication. If you are an HOA/CA leader and would like to attend the summit, please email [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov) to RSVP.
- This fall, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will consider whether to amend the County Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction, by private builders, of small studio, or efficient, apartments called RSU's (Residential Studio Units). These units, common in urban areas, would be rental units of 500 square feet or less, geared toward individuals making less than \$45,000. The Board has asked the Planning Commission to conduct additional outreach and offer public engagement opportunities to evaluate the proposed amendment. There will be a public work session on September 25, 2013.
- Oak Hill Day will be held on September 28, 2013, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

- The University Community Forum is the group which includes George Mason University representatives and surrounding communities including the city of Fairfax and HOA/CAs in the Braddock District. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting, but the focus is on activities, issues and events in that area. The meeting will be on October 2, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at the Kings Park Library.
- The NVCC Wakefield Forum is designed so that representatives from the college's Annandale campus can meet with residents from surrounding communities and elected officials to talk about issues and events that impact that area. Again, anyone is welcome to attend. The next meeting for the NVCC Wakefield Forum will be held on October 15, with the location TBD. Watch for information in an upcoming *The Braddock Beacon*.
- Annual Pool Leaders Meeting will be held on September 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall.
- Supervisor Cook's office can be contacted at [braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **Michael Perel, NVCC Parking Issues:**

Follow-up information regarding the safety problems caused by community college parking policy of charge students parking fees in the Wakefield Chapel Road neighborhood:

- A large safety issues cause because the students who become careless pedestrians crossing the street, and there is poor visibility and no sidewalks on this section of Wakefield Chapel Road. When driving they stop or make a U turn to pull into available parking spots.
- The Wakefield Chapel Woods community has recently implemented a residential Permit Parking District what has kept students from parking on the part of Wakefield Chapel Road and part of Banff Street. Downside: students are finding other places to park. This includes residential roads across Little River Turnpike and many locations on Wakefield Chapel Road that are not under the RPPD jurisdiction.
- NVCC is the only community college in Virginia that has an optional parking fee polity.
- A recommendation that the next useful step would be to have the State fund an independent analysis into the feasibility of aligning the NVCC parking policy with that of all the other Virginia Community Colleges. This study is warranted at this time due to the burden NVCC is placing on the county as well as the continued safety risk and annoyance that the policy creates at this Annandale Campus neighborhood.
- The online petition to mobilize the community to push for elimination of parking fees continues to attract signers—91, many of whom have posted descriptions of close calls they have encountered with students. This is the petition link:  
<https://www.change.org/petitions/nvcc-annandale-campus-change-policies-that-endanger-safety-of-your-students-and-our-neighborhood>
- A number of online news articles have appeared and are giving the issue additional publicity. Here is the latest: <http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/article/20130313/NEWS/130319613/1117/nvcc-x2019-s-growing-creates-parking-pains-for-neighbors&template=fairfaxTimes>

### **Membership Year:**

- The membership year will be from July 1 through June 30.

### **Number of Meetings of BDC:**

- The Board will decide how many meetings will be held during the year.

**By-Law Discussion Regarding Changes to the By-Laws:**

- The modified By-Laws were presented by Cliff Keenan to the members present.
- The motion was made to accept the modifications to the By-Laws and seconded. The members voted to accept the changes.

There were 10 member associations present with 17 attendees.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by  
Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by  
Cliff Keenan, Chairman