

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Minutes for January 12, 2010 at Braddock District Hall

**Chair:** Meeting called to order at 7:33 PM

- Opened with Pledge of Allegiance.
- Welcomed attendees and acknowledged many new faces.
- Reminded attendees that the BDC name represents the non-profit membership incorporation of the *Braddock District Council of Associations, Inc.* Chair briefly reviewed Article II of the By Laws, Purpose of BDC – "...to collectively represent the interests of community associations, in good standing, ... facilitate cooperation and coordination between community associations of the Braddock Magisterial District, and to provide a path of communications between associations and officials/elected representatives ...".
- Recognized Dottie Dane as Membership Committee Chair for the new attendees
- Recognized Paul Maltagliati as Program Committee Chair
- Solicited Topics for May and June BDC Meeting Programs
- Thanked Mike Perel for great work on BDC website ([www.bdcfx.org](http://www.bdcfx.org)). Chair requested associations to send pictures of their entrance signs or logos for inclusion in the site Gallery. Chair also suggested members submit neighborhood pictures of the big January snowfall for uploading.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Carry-over BDC account balance	\$1,632.56	
2010 BDC dues rec'd a/o 4 Jan	\$1,225.00	(22 Associations)
Braddock Beautification balance:	\$1,751.96	
Mary Reed Memorial balance:	<u>\$ 610.12</u>	
BDC account balance a/o 12 Jan:	\$5,219.64	

**Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks:** Tom Kennedy (Braddock Representative to Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee)

- He is point of contact for adding or changing sidewalks & trails (tfinda@aol.com). Requests can also be made from Fairfax County Website:
- Like grass, sidewalk and trail appearance speaks loudly about community priorities
- Starting **Adopt-A-Trail program**. Currently only for Fairfax County Park trails.
- Handed out two flyers (attached) for BDC members and for use in their Newsletters:
  - o *Community Reinvigoration of Trails and Sidewalks*
  - o *Enjoy Your Fairfax County Farmers Market's*

## Grass Cutting Decision:

- Using the previously distributed BDC Issue #1 Grass Cutting paper, the Grass Committee discussed the purpose and described the proposed options to help attendees understand the scope of each activity and the potential results.
- During the presentation, attendees commented that they wanted **clarification of and combinations of the options** presented. They also wanted **additional time** for their associations to review and decide which option for the BDC course of action.
- After defining the voting eligibility per by-laws (paid up dues and number of votes by association size), **no motion for a vote was made from the floor.**
- The BDC requested the **Grass Committee engage with VDOT** to clearly understand what number of mowings, what roads, potential for adjustments, etc. VDOT will perform. The Committee will **revise and electronically distribute the options paper for associations to review prior to taking a vote.**
- The **vote** will be taken from **Associations in good standing** at the **February 9, 2010**, BDC monthly meeting. There will be little or no discussion of these final options.
- [Addendum to minutes: The Grass Committee is working on the assigned task so that associations will receive a revised BDC Issue #1 paper with sufficient time for their review prior to the vote on February 9<sup>th</sup>. This vote will occur during the light meal prior to start of the Information Forum. Associations in good standing may also vote before February 9<sup>th</sup> using the absentee ballot which will accompany the new Issue #1 paper email distributed on/about 22 January.]
- Questions, comments, or absentee votes should be directed to Grass Committee Chairman Bruce Wallachy [bwallbdc@gmail.com](mailto:bwallbdc@gmail.com) or to Bill Barfield, [WSBarfield@cox.net](mailto:WSBarfield@cox.net) .

## Web Page Development

- Mike Perel indicated the site is up and functioning. It is also being updated with current and archival BDC records and photos. He requested that associations send him more pictures of their neighborhood signs and logos. Visit the Site: [www.bdcfx.org](http://www.bdcfx.org)

## Information Forum

- Tena Bluhm, Chair, reminded attendees of **Braddock Information Forum on February 9, 2010, starting with a light dinner meal at 6 PM** in Braddock Hall and Kings Park Library Room. The forum will end at 9:15 PM.

## Dog Park Awareness

- Bruce Wallachy announced that the establishment of a dog park in Braddock District is being pursued. He asked attendees to spread the word in their associations. A group of Braddock District dog owners is supporting the Fairfax County Park Authority in this effort. Currently, Braddock District does not have a dog park.

## Beautification of Braddock Road

- Tom Reinkober reported no change. Little need for activity over last few months.

## Supervisor Cook

- BDC congratulated Mr. Cook on becoming the father of two baby sons, adding to a household of 4 daughters. Mother and sons are doing well. Mom and dad are adjusting to less sleep, new routines!
- Announced the **Board of Supervisors approved an amendment for an expanded parking district** around intersection of Roberts Road and Tapestry Drive. Two more weeks is needed to approve an ordinance and a public hearing will be announced and scheduled after a 30 days Period
- **Community Leadership Institute for Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, has 55 people signed up. It is still open for additional participants.
- **Neighborhood College** will follow soon in the spring.
- In response to a request to spot-pave an Oak Leather Drive location, Supervisor will have county assess, since VDOT has already announced that there will be no repaving this year. County will assess whether a spot improvement could be made.

## Community News & Announcements:

- **Leadership Institute**, Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 to 4:15 PM
- **West Springfield District / Neighborhood Watch Coordinators Meeting**, Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Robinson High School, Recital Hall, Room #407. Kings Park West Neighborhood Watch will present an overview of their secure website.
- **Wakefield Chapel Road/Danbury Forest Drive Analysis** meeting, Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in Kings Glen Elementary School.
- **Braddock District – George Mason University Forum**: Next Meeting with Fairfax City on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 PM in Fairfax City Hall, 10455 Armstrong St.
- **Braddock Information Forum**, Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, light dinner at 6 PM; include the **BDC Grass Cutting Vote**.
- **Braddock NVCC Forum** meets Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in Sprague Center.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Submitted by:  
Bruce Wallachy  
Secretary, BDC  
18 January 2010

Approved by:  
Bill Barfield  
Chairman, BDC

**Two attachments** for publication in your Association Newsletters follow:

## Attachment 1

**"Community Reinvigoration of Trails and Sidewalks"** - Our community sidewalks and trails are a key ingredient in maintaining and improving the quality of life in Fairfax County. Keeping our sidewalks and trails clear and accessible helps to maintain a safe environment for children to bike and play, for neighbors to socialize and for residents to commute to school, work and nearby shopping centers. Conditions which can inhibit the full enjoyment of our neighborhood sidewalks and trails include

- Narrowing of sidewalks and trails due to overgrowth of grass or weeds
- Restriction of access due to overgrowth of bushes into a walkway. Sidewalks are designed with a one foot clearance on either side.
- Low overhanging trees that interfere with both biking or walking. Sidewalks are designed with a 10ft vertical clearance.
- In addition, for safety reasons, county zoning requires that visibility around a corner include an unobstructed view between 3 and 10 feet in height to a line approximately 15 to 20 feet back from the corner along each side.

Frequently bushes and trees planted without recognition of future growth have resulted in generations of unusable sidewalks and unsafe corner conditions for both pedestrians and vehicles.

The [Civic Assoc or HOA] asks that all resident look critically at the condition of their sidewalks and nearby trails to help maintain and improve the overall accessibility and quality of life within our community both this spring and throughout the year."

## Attachment 2



### Enjoy Your Fairfax County Farmers Market's

As spring approaches, so does the opening of the Fairfax County Farmers Markets. Sponsored through Green Spring Garden Park and coordinated by volunteer market masters, these markets run from the beginning of May until the end of October or later depending on the market. The markets offer a wonderful range of delicious fresh produce grown on local farms and orchards within a 12.5 mile radius of Fairfax County. Other products offered include bread and other bakery items, meat and eggs, ice cream, cheese, salsa, honey, plants and flowers; all produced by local vendors.

Markets within the Braddock District include the Wakefield and Burke Markets. Others on the edge of the Braddock District include the Fairfax, Vienna/Oakton and Annandale markets. Details on the locations, dates and times of these markets can be found at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farm-mkt.htm)."

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