

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Minutes for Monthly Meeting on October 13, 2009

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**Chair:** - Meeting call to order with Pledge of Allegiance.

- Chair welcomed attendees and **emphasized this year's focus is to reach out to grab friends and neighbors to become active and involved.**
- Chair and Vice Chair recently met with Chairwoman Bulova.
  - o She remains connected to Braddock District and listens to BDC input.

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

BDC Balance: \$4,173.07

Braddock Beautification balance: \$1,751.96

Mary Reed Memorial Balance: \$610.12

2010 BDC Dues Received to Date: \$100.00 + 1 Check to be deposited

**BDC 2009/2010 Dues Invoices:** Please ensure your association officers are aware that invoices will be sent this week. BDC requires your association's financial support to accomplish its mission and goals as established **for all Braddock District Homeowner and Civic Associations.**

### **Grass Cutting Discussion Again:**

- Continues to be #1 subject received by far in Supervisor Cook's office.
- Discussions about VDOT responsibility, \$300K per mowing cost, and recognition of Braddock District pride were raised again.
- Supervisor requested BDC consider making a plea to County for mowing funds.
- Task Force Created to Frame Issue and Options:
  - o Members - Tom Reinkober, Frank Magnuson, Rick Huska & Bruce Wallachy

### **BDC Web Site Development:**

- Mike Perel (Oak Hill Civic Assn) agreed to work with Bruce Wallachy to update the old or create a new useful BDC web site, currently at [www.bdcfx.org](http://www.bdcfx.org)

### **Taste of Braddock:**

- Date: Thursday, **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- Restaurant information details to be provided to Ann Sharp, Supervisor's office.
- **BDC volunteers** needed to pick up food donations. Please appeal to your members to consider assisting BDC **by driving prepared foods from a participating restaurant to Braddock Hall.**

### **County Budget Hearings Continue:**

- The March 9, 2010, BDC Program will be on the Advertised County Budget for 2011.
- **November 14<sup>th</sup>** is Budget Meeting for Comment in Braddock Hall

### **Braddock Information Forum (February 9, 2010):**

- Topic Needs Finalization at BDC Meeting, November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Proposed Topic: **Homeowner & Civic Associations: Differences and Similarities; Common Problems; Shared Solutions**

### **Special Thanks to Kevin Morse and [CAS Lawn and Landscape:](#)**

- Completed major work in preparing Oak Hill Mansion grounds for October 3<sup>rd</sup> **Braddock History Day.**
- 300 to 350 attended

### **Supervisor John Cook's Summary:**

- Announced the **Community Engagement Initiative Town Hall Kickoff**
  - o Time: **Wednesday, October 21st, at 7:30 PM**
  - o Location: **Lake Braddock Secondary School Cafeteria**
  - o Collaborative effort with BDC, Fairfax County Human Services, Fairfax County Community and Recreation Services and Volunteer Fairfax.
  - o Starts a New Paradigm in Government Services
  - o Purpose:
    - **Get to Know Neighbors** - Communities with Block Parties Have Less Crime.
    - **Strengthen Organizations** by Developing Leadership through
      - Neighborhood College
      - Leadership Institute
  - o Goal: Strengthen Braddock District citizenship and leadership
- **Neighborhood College:**
  - o Series of Weekly Meetings
  - o Learn how to work with other residents, community organizations and local governments to strengthen and promote a sense of community
- **Leadership Institute:**
  - o Target Date: **All Day, Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**
  - o Training on what it means to be a leader
    - Legal issues, financial concerns, how to get volunteers, how to improve the running of organizations, membership management, county support
- **BDC to Host a Table at the Initiative Kickoff:**
  - o Bill Barfield & Jan Hedetniemi will be present
  - o All BDC members are invited to join
  - o **Goal: Showcase BDC and its value to Braddock District Associations**

**NEXT BDC MEETING: Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in Braddock Hall**

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BDC Secretary

Approved by  
Bill Barfield  
BDC Chairman