

MINUTES OF THE LAKE BARCROFT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 9, 2000

The Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by Vice President Dave Goslin at 6425 Lakeview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Those present were LBA Directors Dave Goslin, George Waters, Bob Schreiber, Nan Brent, MacKensie Canter, David Feld, Karol Forsberg, Bob Foster, Therese St. Hilaire and Ralph Smalley. Also present was WID Operations Director, Stuart Finley. Guests included resident's Mike Niebling and Steve Yaffe.

The minutes of the LBA Board meeting of January 12, 2000 were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK SESSION ON LONG RANGE LBA POLICIES: Ralph Smalley distributed and discussed the minutes from the informal policy session that took place January 29th. Smalley stated that there were several items that the incoming Board should consider. The possibility of increasing yearly meetings to four times a year was discussed, with one being an organized social meeting for adults. Bob Foster suggested a structured activity for teenagers should be considered as well.

Smalley briefly touched on the demographics of the area and that a new generation was moving into the community.

Smalley made a motion to put on the April Board agenda, a continued discussion of general policies and informally solicit the public for their input. All voted in favor.

ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATION: George Waters discussed the need to place signs throughout the community reminding residents of the upcoming annual business meeting. It was agreed to ask David Feld to make up some signs. A brief discussion took place on topics to be discussed at the upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

MARCH BOARD MEETING DATE: George Waters reminded the Board of the bylaws requirements for the starting date of the new Board which states that the effective date is March 15th. After discussion, it was agreed to have the March Board meeting at the regular scheduled date of the second Wednesday which will be March 8th.

Bob Schreiber suggested an overall review of the bylaws should be done sometime over the next year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WID REPORT: Stu Finley reported that the annual WID meeting date may be moved from the weekend to a week night due to schedule conflicts. Finley added that the WID was involved in two easements to VDOT, involving gas and water lines under Tripps Run. He held up a map of the existing banks of Tripps Run and discussed the history of this area. Finley stated that \$110,000 was the anticipated cost for the debris diverter for this area and that the WID had spend \$25,000 on design costs. He explained that the T21 Grant that the WID is involved in, would be applied to this project.

WATER SAFETY/BEACH MAINTENANCE: Bob Foster stated that he needed to get together with Improvements Committee Chairman, Ernie Rauth and would supply the WID staff with a list after their discussion of beach improvements that needed attention prior to season. Foster informed the Board that he had been contacted by a resident who requested that her daughter's Girl Scout troop earn their leadership badge by spending five Saturday's cleaning Beach #4 and going into the area with adults to see if there has been any vandalism. Foster agreed to keep the Board informed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: LaChance discussed a recent membership issue that came up involving a resident who owned two properties and didn't feel that they were required to pay the \$25 transfer fee twice. She also mentioned a new owner located on Columbia Pike who purchased a house that did not have an existing membership which would now cost \$3,500. LaChance explained her request of crediting the \$150 service fee that was paid at settlement to the \$300 membership fee that was due prior to the increased amount. Mac Canter discussed the legal issue and the Board's right to grant an accommodation to settle this situation. Ralph Smalley made a motion to let the new resident become a member of LBA for the \$300 membership fee. All voted in favor. Waters will send a letter to the resident stating the Board's decision.

Ralph Smalley suggested having Lake accountant, Ivan Selig, show interest earned by percentage on the Thurgood Marshall fund on the monthly financial statement for the Association. Smalley agreed to contact Selig to discuss this further.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: Nan Brent reported that the committee had an on-site meeting at Pat DiVito's home to discuss his plans for realigning his rear boundary involving LBA property and placement of his new seawall. Two other ARC plans are presently being reviewed by the committee.

COMMUNITY WATCH/SECURITY: LaChance reported in Trakowski's absence that he was in the process of setting up a meeting with Police Officer Chip Connor to discuss ways of decreasing vandalism. She informed the Board that even though Trakowski was going off the Board, he has agreed to stay involved on this issue and assist as needed.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: George Waters reported that David Feld has officially retired from his job in the government and would now be devoting his efforts to "Geese Peace". Waters reminded the Board that his position as President was term limited and stated that he personally felt that Feld would be an excellent candidate to serve as the President of LBA and asked that his name be placed in nomination for this position.

LEGAL: Mac Canter reported that he had been in contact with attorney Frank Wagner of Beveridge & Diamond who informed him that developer, Mark Morgan was moving forward with his plans to develop twelve homes in the Parcel A area. Canter reported that changes to the final document should be completed soon for signatures and that Morgan has agreed to all terms requested by LBA. Canter informed the Board that he regretted in not sending a letter to Mr. DeAngelis yet regarding his present encroachment but stated that he would shortly do so.

PUBLICATIONS: Therese St. Hilaire commented on the series of articles that is being written by resident Tony Bracken for each issue of this year's Newsletter. She complimented the content and quality of these articles. Mac Canter suggested that George Waters should write a thank you letter to Bracken. Dave Goslin added that consideration should be given to publishing the twelve articles in a one-volume booklet to be distributed at the upcoming gala.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Karol Forsberg reported that she has been assured that the Zambelli can deliver the fireworks on July 4th, instead of the previous day which would require special storage. She added that the order for the fireworks has been placed and the required deposit of \$2,150 was paid. The \$75 permit required by Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) has also been paid.

It was suggested that a thank you letter should appear in the Newsletter to Chuck Haberlein for his ten years of service in running the fireworks show and to solicit for a new fireworks captain. Forsberg stated that Haberlein would be happy to train this person.

Forsberg informed the Board that the \$250 required deposit had been made to the Army/Navy Country Club for the upcoming gala. She discussed the various menu selections and costs involved, as well as music and decorations for the event. Therese St. Hilaire suggested soliciting sponsors to help finance this event.

CIVIC/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Bob Schreiber reported on the Beachway/Blair traffic study and the status of the recently mailed surveys. He stated that approximately 66% of the surveys have been returned but that it would take another month or so for additional solicitation in hopes of getting 70% to 75% on the returns. Karol Forsberg discussed the survey which included a map, description and a survey but informed Schreiber that the numbers were reversed on the items making it inconsistent. She questioned the true analysis that would be taken from this study and suggested that Schreiber should report this concern back to the appropriate people.

Schreiber introduced guests Mike Niebling and Steve Yaffe to assist with discussions involving the preservation of the Culmore playing field area. They presented a short video to the Board that promotes saving this area. Schreiber reminded the Board that a letter had been sent by the Board back in July of 1998 supporting the idea of preserving this area and felt that it was time for the Board to initiate another letter. Schreiber asked the Board to approve working with Waters on another letter. There was some discussion as to supporting a project that suggested use of eminent domain by the park authority. A motion was made and approved by Canter to send a letter encouraging Penny Gross to use public funds to preserve this area.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris LaChance, Lake Manager

Note: George Waters thanked Dave Goslin who was going off of the Board after having served six years and thanked Goslin for all of his hard work and efforts involving many important issues concerning the community during that time.