**MAPLEWOOD CITIZENS ASSOCIATION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Date: April 27, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES:

Present: Allen Myers, president; Mary Jo Deering, vice-president; Hugh Barteman, treasurer; Jo Batky, secretary; Jan Maalouf, Ralph Schofer

SECRETARY’S REPORT: The draft minutes from 2/24/16 had previously been distributed and were approved by motion.

TREASURER’S REPORT: The report covers 2/25/16-4/27/16. Ending balance $13392.20. The report was approved by motion. Membership is 188.

LIAISONREPORTS:

NIH-Ralph: No news! A neighbor reports smoke coming from an unidentified building at NIH, possibly related to cleaning pipes. Allen requested Ralph look into this.

BRAC-Jan: Still in process of selecting contractor for construction of tunnel under Rockville Pike. Work at Rockville Pike and Cedar to be complete by late Fall 2016. Jan will look into the Old Georgetown & Cedar work. Next meeting of BIC (BRAC Implementation Committee) 5/17/16.

Bethesda Country Day-Allen: Nobel will be installing playground equipment on the greenspace to be available for public use. The BCDS lease has been finalized for 10 more years with a possibility of five more. Bike rest-area is getting a lot of use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Village-MaryJo: Spring Fling bakesale raised $103. CPR (2 hour) course planned for 5/14 for $10 donation. 5/7 Oldies Dance Party planned. Welcome wagon continuing. May village planning meeting will focus on “looking ahead” and discussing potential transportation/services. Discussion about potential future gathering location. There is now a facebook page and list-serv for families with young children as well as the Village Facebook page.

BRT Advisory-Ralph states no activity. Allen requested Ralph to “stay involved.” Next meeting in May.

Neighborhood Watch: Allison Peppleman will take over with Bill Hagen as a back-up.

OLD BUSINESS:

Spring Social-Chip: Very successful. 35 members paid dues to attend the party including 25 new members. Attendance was approximately 140. Motion by Jo was passed to donate $100 each to the Bethesda Rescue Squad and the Bethesda Fire Department (if they were present). Discussion about timing of activities so that next year the fire fighters get more attention. The magician was enjoyed by the children. Motion approved to give Mike Naas $100 (at the May meeting) to thank him for his continuous services to us at KOC.

Happy Hour-Jo: First happy hour in April was a great success. 28 + people. We brought food and bought pizza and drinks. KOC may cater food in the future. Will continue 2nd Wednesday, 6-8 pm every month.

Pooks Hill Marriott Development-Allen: Tentative date for meeting in the summer. Park and Planning website should post the date.

Replacement for newsletter editor: Really need new editor to replace Jan!

Alta Vista & Old Georgetown Intersection: (1) Construction should be this summer for “bump-out” on the sidewalk at the northeast corner of Alta Vista & Old Georgetown. The bump-out will be smaller than originally planned, there will not be turn restrictions for trucks entering Alta Vista and there will not be a traffic signal or crosswalk. Also work to be completed at Alta Vista & #355 providing discontinuance of rush-hour turn restrictions and crosswalk painting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community & Environmental Defense Services Report: Interesting issue about overcrowded schools and services offered to neighborhoods including legal, lobbying efforts. We will not pursue this service.

Residential Permit Parking Signs: Some old signs have been replaced and some signs have changed from 2-hour restrictions to permit only. Allen will investigate if this change was intentional.

Pop-Up Taxi Stand: This is not allowed in Maplewood. Please let Allen know if you see taxis parked.

Neighborhood Solar Project-Jan: Neighborhood Sun is a start-up project promoting neighborhoods purchase of solar energy as a group versus individually. Much interest in the subject. Allen wants to wait for legislation concerning this subject.

Recommended dues for 2016-2017: Motion approved to propose $25/year to continue. Will vote at May General meeting.

Speaker & Agenda for 5/18/16 MCA meeting:

1. MaryJo will look into speaker about Pepco/Exelon merger, energy issues and alternative power sources. Ralph suggested director of “Power-Up Montgomery.”
2. Election
3. Dues

Mapleleaf Items for May:

 Allen: Presidents Column, Intersections and construction, Pooks Hill development, election and dues

Jo: Happy Hour

Jo or Chip: Spring Fling

MaryJo: Village

Deadline May 3, 2016

2016-17 dates for meetings:

Wednesday: June 15 EXEC (if needed)

Tuesday, August 30 EXEC

Wednesday, September 21 GENL

Monday, October 24 EXEC

Wednesday, November 16 GENL

Tuesday, January 3, 2017 EXEC

Wednesday, January 25, 2017 GENL

Tuesday, February 21, 2017 EXEC

Wednesday, March 15, 2017 GENL

Monday, April 24, 2017 EXEC

Wednesday, May 17, 2017 GENL

Meeting adjourned at: 9:40

Draft minutes prepared by Jo Batky, secretary