

Fox Hills Civic Association (FHCA)

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2019

Board members present were: Phil Cantor, Josh Denney, Honey Rosen, Anita Blumenthal and Rajani Ravi.

Meeting was called to order 7 p.m. on May 15, 2019 by FHCA President Phil Cantor

Treasury Report: Rajani Ravi presented the Treasury report. Revenue for year ending May 15, 2019 was \$13,264. Expenses were \$12,317 and the Current Balance is \$15,587. It was pointed out that expenses for gate maintenance and repairs were higher than last year because of damage from strong winds in March of 2018. In addition, the upcoming new FHCA membership directory also incurred expenses. (Discussion below)

Rajani also explained the importance of paying annual dues by December 15 of each year; otherwise the Potomac Disposal discount rate will not apply for the following quarter.

Dues-paying members of FHCA are eligible for a discount rate for trash collection from Potomac Disposal. The company abides by the list that FHCA provides them of members who have paid their dues for the upcoming year. If a member does not pay dues by December 15, then that member is not on the Potomac Disposal discount list for the first quarter of the following year.

Membership Status: Phil Cantor noted that the FHCA membership (368 in 2018, 369 in 2019) is at about the historical average.

Yahoo Group & Membership Directory Update: Josh Denney discussed the Yahoo Group (also known as the ListServe) and gave an update on the upcoming FHCA Member Directory.

Direction sheets were available at the meeting, giving instructions on joining the ListServe, sending a message, viewing archives, and other functions. Josh explained that he screens messages to ensure that all senders live in Fox Hills.

Concerning the new membership directory, Josh explained that the project has been outsourced to A to Z Connect and will include both an online directory—which can be updated at any time—and a print version, which will be updated every two years.

Every household in Fox Hills will have access to the online directory and be able to change their own information, including names of household members, phone numbers and email addresses; however, only members can do searches. Only paid members will receive the hardcopy version of the directory.

The directory site online also includes areas to recommend vendors, contractors, and neighbor-to-neighbor opportunities (e.g., babysitting). These are not paid ads.

Josh stressed that the ListServe will also continue to serve these functions and more (lost pets, items for sale, one-time issues, etc.).

Josh emphasized that the directory will go to print very soon, so it is very important for all members to ensure that their information is accurate (or to opt out of having information appear). Emails and postal mail letters giving instructions were sent out a month or two ago.

Also, A to Z Connect sells ads of various sizes for the directory. Ads will appear in both the online and the hardcopy versions. FHCA receives a portion of the money collected.

New Business: During the New Business Open Forum, there were a number of announcements and queries

- Announcements about area swim and tennis clubs: Eastgate has closed; Inverness and Tally Ho will soon have their open houses.
- Announcement of 50th birthday party of Bells Mill Elementary School
- Verizon has pulled out of its effort to erect a radio tower at Worland.
- A suggestion was made that we seek to have the county vacuum up our leaves after we've piled them up in the street in front of our houses twice every autumn. The person making this suggestion explained:
 - There's a petition process, and 80 percent of the homeowners need to sign the petition before April 15, 2020 (however, there was no indication of whether the plan needed to encompass an area larger than Fox Hills).
 - This additional service would add \$100 a year to everyone's real estate taxes.

The county's current program of weekly curbside collection of leaves and yard waste in plastic bins/paper bags (already paid for in our taxes) will continue.

The suggestion gave rise to expressions of dissent.

Election of Board Members: By unanimous vote, all board members were re-elected for another year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.