## Fox Hills Civic Association Annual Meeting Minutes May 11, 2022 at 7:30 pm

Board members present were: Phil Cantor, Cheryl Katz, Carol Tseng, Rajani Ravi, Anita Blumenthal, Josh Denney, Linda Mabbs, Lauren Koubek

Meeting was called to order at 7:30pm.

Board members introduced themselves.

Membership Status: Currently we have 392 members. 92% of the previous year's members renewed and we have 19 new members. (Last year we had 404 members.)

Treasurer's Report: We have been using Paypal for membership payment. 75% of members used Paypay. Also the transaction fees were reduced this year because 75% of Paypal users elected to pay the transaction fee. The transaction fees were reduced from \$434 (2021) to \$173 (2022). We appreciate our members for doing this.

This year's income from membership dues was \$14,269. Total expenses so far is \$13433, leaving a current balance of \$18,816 in the bank. Increases in expenses this year came from landscaping costs and postage for additional mailings. Most of the members paid on time and those using Paypal helped streamline things tremendously.

Additional landscaping costs were from tree removal and new plantings. The landscaping company we use is Angel's Landscaping (used for over 20 years).

Tax returns and personal property report has been filed and is up to date.

Listserve Report: We have 458 members. We purged email addresses that were bouncing.

Directory: We are getting ready to print a new directory this year. All members are asked to go to the AtoZ website to verify their information. We print a directory every 3 years though the online directory can be updated at any time. Ads can be placed in the directory for a fee that helps offset the cost of the printing. This year the directory will be mailed to all members. Only members will get a printed directory.

Website: Let us know if there is anything that needs to be added/edited on the website.

New Business:

Welcomed Sgt Yuen (community operations supervisor)

Two community service officers for the 1<sup>st</sup> district are Officer Bruce Beardsly and Officer Michelle Smith. Contact methods – can call the station or email

Sgt Yuen's email: <a href="mailto:yuens@montgomerycountymd.gov">yuens@montgomerycountymd.gov</a>

Summary of events: 2 auto thefts in past 6 months. Mostly crimes of opportunity. Recent arrest led to slowdown in activity. Most recovered cars were found in DC. 1 burglary in past 6 months (theft of EasyPass from car in a garage.) Identity theft is more prevalent. Crime is very low in this neighborhood.

Question: Linda Mabbs – Student drop offs at school or pick ups with cars parked at intersections. Also speeding cars on Gainsborough near Cabin John Middle School.

Answer: No longer have traffic squad at district level (centralized now.) Only 1 traffic complaint officer at each district. Every school in county has same complaint. He will let the shift supervisors know and request a car to drive there during pick up and drop off time. Will request that SafeSpeed vans will be deployed here more randomly.

Question: Matt Hermann – Robberies reported in area that are linked to organized crime. Are there any in our neighborhood?

Answer: Sgt Yuen – Not seeing any organized robbery trends at this moment. Detectives are cooperating with other regions.

Please feel free to call or email community officers if you have any further questions or concerns. Bring garage door openers inside from cars parked outside. Do not leave cars running outside. If you have videos of any crime in progress make sure to inform the police.

- Phil Incidents of graffiti in the neighborhood. Never had this problem before. FHCA hired a company to clean off the graffiti the next day.
- Election of Board: Motion was made to keep the present members of the Board. Motion was approved. If anyone is interested in joining the Board please let us know.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.