

MINUTES OF THE LAKE BARCROFT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
January 12, 2000

The Lake Barcroft Association (LBA) Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:46 PM by President George Waters at 6425 Lakeview Drive, Falls Church, Virginia. Those present were LBA Directors George Waters, Dave Goslin, Bob Schreiber, Ken Leventhal, Nan Brent, David Feld, Karol Forsberg, Bob Foster, Therese St. Hilaire and Fritz Trakowski. Also present was Improvements Committee Chairman, Ernie Rauth and WID Operations Director, Stuart Finley.

The minutes of the LBA Board meeting of December 8, 1999 were approved as corrected.

OLD BUSINESS

WORK SESSION ON LONG RANGE LBA PLANS: George Waters addressed Board member Ralph Smalley's proposal to have a Board member workshop meeting to discuss issues and concerns of the Board and the community in depth. He reminded the Board that the meeting would be held at Smalley's on Saturday, January 29th at 9:30 AM and encouraged Board members to attend. Per Smalley's request, LaChance requested Board members to contact him with items of interest for the agenda.

POTTERTON CAUSEWAY UPDATE: Waters reported that he had previously attended a VDOT meeting, along with resident Lester Edelman, about the causeway. He explained that the meeting covered the period that the bridge area would be closed due to construction and added that VDOT was aiming to begin the work immediately after school closes. Stuart Finley distributed a short report titled "Potterton Bridge Update" and requested that the text be included in the minutes. The report read:

"VDOT is reviewing plans to be included in a bid RFP to be issued ASAP to permit a quick construction start at the end of the present school year. Strategy is to perform major construction during school summer vacation to avoid necessity for school bus detours. WID consulting engineers have developed plans for a *diversion debris trap* to accumulate floating debris and facilitate removal. Fairfax County Department of Public Works has agreed to maintain the debris trap with post-storm debris removal. Maintenance Division has approved the plans and contemplates the use of a loader which will put accumulated debris into DPW trucks for removal.

At this time, several details remain to be worked out. Fairfax County Water Authority needs an easement to permit relocating a major water main. Stream bank stabilization plan to prevent erosion needs to be agreed upon. Financing of debris trap construction needs to be arranged.

WID is pleased with the cooperation being provided by VDOT, Corps of Engineers Permitting Office, Fairfax County Public Works Department, Mason District Supervisor's Office, Fairfax County Water Authority and adjacent property owners.

Meantime, WID is developing the first phase of its upstream debris trapping system. Fairfax County DPW Maintenance Division is cooperating."

Finley added that the bridge cost is estimated at around 1 million dollars or more. David Feld thanked Finley for his hard efforts.

NEW BUSINESS

FINALIZING 2000 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS: Ken Leventhal distributed to the Board the final budget for the fiscal year 2000 which was approved in December. Minor statistical adjustments were made in accordance with the Board's previous decision to present a balanced budget. These included changing anticipated donations from the Woman's Club from \$2,500 to \$500, and increasing the Geese Peace contribution from \$3,857 to \$5,857.

Leventhal announced that he was still looking for a reputable firm to perform an audit of the books of LBA and BBI and asked the Board for recommendations. Dave Goslin agreed to check with someone in his office who was a possible candidate.

PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING: Waters noted that the annual LBA meeting would be held on Wednesday, February 23rd at 7:30 PM in Belvedere Elementary School's cafeteria. Various agenda items were discussed and the following topics were agreed upon:

Minutes from the February 18, 1999 meeting
Introduction of Candidates
President's Report
2000 Budget/Treasurer's Report
Parcel A Report
Selected Committee Reports: Blair/Beachway Traffic Study & Community Garden/50th Anniversary Gala
Geese Update
WID Report (to include debris diverter update)
Lake Barcroft Foundation
Election Results

At present, eleven candidates have been qualified to run for seven open positions on the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WID REPORT: Stu Finley reported that the new WID budget had been adopted for the upcoming year. For the ninth year, the tax rate was set at 15.5 cents per \$100. He added that the WID has again applied for a \$250,000 319 Grant to start on July 1st. The WID has also applied for a Water Quality Improvement Grant in the amount of \$200,000 from the state of Virginia. Finley confirmed a previous report that WID's insurance coverage had been expanded but they were able to cut the cost in half by switching to a company that specializes in insuring governmental entities. He noted that there would be no major dredging this year but that there would be a dam safety project. Also, a new employee has been hired by the name of Davis Grant.

WATER SAFETY/BEACH MAINTENANCE: Bob Foster submitted a survey on needed repairs and improvements to the five beaches. He indicated a meeting will be held with Ernie Rauth and the WID staff to finalize a plan to complete the repairs and improvements.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW: Nan Brent reported that presently there was only one plan submitted to the committee for review, involving addition of a family room. Brent added that she had been working on an article for the upcoming Newsletter addressing procedures and placement of satellite dishes. Waters informed the Board that he had spoken with the resident who had recently placed two dishes in their front yard and was assured that they would appropriately landscape the area in the spring.

CIVIC/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: Bob Schreiber distributed a press release and a flyer concerning the movement to save the playing field area in Culmore. He added that Mr. Zimmer was still willing to review a bid to purchase this area. Schreiber informed the Board that a public meeting was held last night to discuss the measures proposed in the Blair Rd./Beachway Dr. traffic study. He explained that ballots were sent to residents in the surrounding corridor and to about 300 households overall. Over 100 ballots were currently being tabulated and analyzed. He stated that one speed hump and one traffic circle had been added to the original proposal.

Schreiber informed the Board that the Woodrow Wilson Action Group (WWAG) had sponsored this study which is one of ten VDOT pilot projects in Fairfax County and one of the largest. A final report will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors and then to VDOT.

Discussion took place about the letter that Board members received from resident David Joseph in which he expressed his concern over Board involvement in public issues (re: traffic study). Schreiber emphasized the need for Board members to become more involved in issues involving community problems. He suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Joseph informing him that the community has been kept informed through the Newsletter of issues that concern all residents and that the LBA has not taken an official stance at this time and furthermore that no Board member has been authorized to speak on behalf of the Board with regard to the Traffic Study. Waters agreed to write such a letter.

COMMUNITY WATCH: Fritz Trakowski reported that Ernie Rauth has contacted two parties about security and was still working on it. Bob Schreiber reported a resident, Ben Cooper, had had \$2,700 worth of damage done to his car. Nan Brent reported that Henry Borges's house had been broken into.

ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: David Feld reported that one of the pontoon boats used for the Geese Peace project, needed repair. He added that he is looking into inserting foam into the pontoons as a possible solution. Waters suggested putting an article in the Newsletter requesting donation of an unused barge.

Feld stated that the migrating geese were attempting to move back in and he would continue working with Holly Hazard and the border collie to discourage their return.

IMPROVEMENTS: Ernie Rauth distributed a breakdown for his beautification budget and explained that his total costs of \$45,000 for the year included labor from March to December for maintenance of the common areas, as well as incorporating in the mowing of the median strips. He added that new benefits for Delfino (i.e. health, IRA and liability) were now being included in this figure.

Rauth also distributed a proposed 5 year beautification and improvement program for the community. He briefly discussed the listed items and asked the Board for input. Bob Schreiber stated that he would like the Board to approve an official plan to know where we are going. He suggested also looking at signage and beautification possibilities for the "gateways" and "portals" to Lake Barcroft. Dave Goslin suggested distributing the list at the upcoming annual meeting. Schreiber requested the Publications Committee to work with Rauth on an informative article for the Newsletter about this.

Bob Schreiber distributed his proposed list of improvements for inclusion in the 5-year plan and agreed to work with Rauth to finalize the list.

LEGAL: George Waters reported on behalf of MacKensie Canter, who had spoken with the attorney from Jordan, Coyne and Savits who are the representatives for LBA's insurance company, (Scottsdale). Canter was informed that the decision to settle the pending lawsuit over the two drownings on August 14, 1997 for \$50,000 each was made by Scottsdale and that it was purely a business decision. The release and settlement agreement bind the administrators of the estates of the deceased and their attorneys or other representatives not to disclose or publicize the terms of the settlement. Additional signage was suggested for the area of the boat ramp at beach #4.

As for a Parcel A update, Canter stated that he had been in touch with the attorney from Beveridge & Diamond who informed him that he had been leaving messages almost daily for Tina Charvet, the attorney representing Mark Morgan and the Rec Corp., and had not been able to get a call back from her. To date, there is nothing new to report at this time until he can speak with someone from the Rec Corp.

PUBLICATIONS: Therese St. Hilaire reported that resident Tony Bracken was preparing articles for upcoming editions of the Newsletter on various topics including the history of the community, as well as personal stories about long-time residents.

SPECIAL EVENTS: Karol Forsberg reported that a deposit in the amount of \$250 had been made to the Army Navy Country Club in order to reserve November 4, 2000 for the 50th anniversary gala celebration of the community.

Forsberg stated that she had spoken with Chuck Haberlein about expenses for the upcoming July 4th fireworks and was informed that the costs should stay the same, around \$4,300. She added that she again would be meeting with Haberlein along with Ken Leventhal and David Feld to discuss future planning/coordination procedures for this event.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Chris LaChance, Lake Manager