

**Springfield Civic Association (SCA)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, 16 October 2017**

**Board of Director (BOD) Attendees:**

Bruce Waggoner (President)  
Gail Nittle (First Vice President)  
Sandy Frieswyk (Treasurer)  
Barbara Coder (Secretary)

**Directors at Large:**

Joe McGowan (SCA Hospitality)

**Special Guests:**

Julie Childers (Trails for Youth Organization (TYO) Executive Director)  
Pat Childers (TYO)  
Jillian Hanright (Essex Ave Traffic Calming Task Force)  
Michelle Duell (Essex Ave Traffic Calming Task Force)  
Larry Farnsworth (Essex Ave Traffic Calming Task Force)  
Gary Bangs (Springfield Swim and Racquet Club (SSRC) BOD President)

Bruce Waggoner called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**New Business:**

Bruce invited special guests to provide updates/status reports on their respective projects/areas.

**Pump Track at Brookfield Park:** Julie Childers provided a status report on the bicycle pump track at Brookfield Park that was constructed with approval of the Fairfax County Parks Board. TYO, a nonprofit organization based in Springfield that supports youth through recreation and programs, received in 2015 a matching fund grant to build a 2,000-square foot dirt pump track at Brookfield Park. The nature of the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant dictated that the Fairfax County Parks Authority (FCPA) control the funds. FCPA contracted a specialist with expertise in trail building and pump track creation. Ed Richardson, FCPA Area 4 Manager which includes Brookfield Park, oversaw the pump track construction. Julie reported the project was slow to start and required intervention by Supervisor McKay to obtain dirt required to build the track. Once completed, TYO noted the pump track was not constructed properly. The track was built facing inward vice outward making it unsafe. TYO advised Mr. Richardson of track safety concerns in May 2017. TYO is frustrated about lack of communication from Mr. Richardson and lack of corrective action to make the pump track safe for use by TYO and the greater Springfield community. TYO sought counsel and support of SCA BOD in bringing this matter to a successful resolution.

TYO is uncertain whether the contractor has been paid in full or how much money is required to fix the track. Julie believes machinery (bobcat) will be required to push dirt outwards and additional dirt may be required to fix track construction errors. Julie also noted rain barrels to

collect water to control dust at the track were not provided as expected along with signage for helmets.

After discussion, the SCA BOD passed a motion to reach out to Mr. Richardson and other relevant FCPA and Lee District partners to request a meeting to address resolution of TYO concerns with the Brookfield Park pump track.

**Essex Ave Traffic Calming Task Force:** Jillian Hanright, SCA member and Task Force lead, provided on update the task force initiative. Members of the Traffic Calming Task Force met with representatives from Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) and Supervisor McKay's office on 11 October. Participants included task force members, three FCDOT staff, Joan Cook from Supervisor McKay's office and Fairfax County Fire and Rescue reps. The meeting was held to determine next steps to move forward with speed humps to calm traffic on Essex Ave. Jillian reported that FCDOT conducted a traffic calming engineering review as part of the Residential Traffic Administration Program (RTAP). Based on traffic study data collected on 7 June, FCDOT ruled Essex Ave met road criteria (total vehicle volume/average speed above 25 mph posted speed limit/dwellings per thousand feet) for acceptance into the traffic calming program. On 7 June, Essex Ave had 3,288 vehicles meeting volume requirement of 600-6,000 vehicles per day. Average eastbound/westbound speeds also met average speed of 30 mph or 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed requirements.

FCDOT created a conceptual traffic calming plan consisting of two speed humps on Essex Ave (one adjacent to 6021 Frederick St, 6020 and 6024 Dinwiddie St; and second adjacent to 7013, 7014, 7015 Essex Ave). In order to move forward with the proposal, the task force must obtain approval/signatures of plan from affected residences (6 houses adjacent to humps). Once affected residents approve, a community awareness meeting focused on the traffic calming proposal is required. The task force hopes to hold at Crestwood Elementary School. The community awareness meeting will include reps from FCDOT, police and fire department. After the community awareness meeting, a ballot process will be conducted over a three-week period by postal mail. For the proposal to pass at least 50 percent of 123 residences (defined by County) must participate in the ballot process and among that 50 percent at least 60 percent (37 residences) must vote in favor of the traffic calming initiative. Residents participating in the ballot process can be either renters or homeowners. Crestwood Elementary School will not have a vote in this process. The task force plans a door-to-door awareness campaign to engage neighbors about the speed hump proposal and to educate residents about the ballot process requirements. The task force intends to distribute documents regarding the proposal in both English and Spanish. The task force may require a bilingual translator to assist in explaining the proposal to residents and answering any questions. The task force believes initial concerns regarding fire department response times are unfounded and parking concerns are also moot as the proposed speed humps will not impact parking.

The task force requested SCA BOD funding for printing, paper, envelopes and stamps to assist with the balloting process. The SCA BOD passed a motion to provide the task force with funding not to exceed \$200 for use as described above. The task force will provide SCA Treasurer with receipts for reimbursement.

**Springfield Swim and Racquet Club:** Gary Bangs, SSRC BOD President, provided an update on health and wealth of the SSRC. Gary reported that SSRC had entered an agreement with Ryan's Landscaping to allow the company to use its parking lot in exchange for landscaping services. Ryan's Landscaping has cut down five trees, mows the grass and removes leaves. Gary reported the lower level tennis courts have not been used for three years. The upper courts are in worse shape. SSRC explored costs to resurface the courts and estimates were cost prohibitive at \$40K per court. SSRC BOD has made substantial investments in the property in the last couple of years. These investments have included refinishing the pool lining, resurfacing diving board, re-caulking, replacing cast iron sewer lines with PVC pipes, and a new pool cover. The improvements have been funded by pool members and funding from T-Mobile for future cell tower. SSRC has 120 members who pay \$400 annually to use the facility. T-Mobile provides SSRC \$21K annually as a retainer to build a cell tower on SSRC property. T-Mobile recently renewed its contract with SSRC for five years and has recently taken soil samples suggesting plans for the cell tower construction are progressing. SSRC has placed a banner on the tennis court fencing to advertise the facility.

Gary believes the property is being underused and he would like to partner with the community to find mutually supportable initiatives to include potentially hosting flea markets, yard sales or a farmer's market. SSRC property has five acres with only about one-third used. When questioned about potential of dog park or public use of the facility, Gary indicated that SSRC insurance only covers members and fencing is designed to keep non-members from accessing the facility.

#### **Report of Treasurer:**

Sandy Frieswyk reported that since last BOD meeting \$651.30 was collected in annual SCA dues and donations. A total of 33 families paid SCA dues at 19 September General Membership meeting. SCA balance is \$9,945.27. Sandy also indicated that Mike's American Grill donated a \$25 gift certificate that SCA BOD will use as door prize at next general membership meeting.

#### **Old Business:**

Bruce Waggoner provided an update from recent Fairfax County Land Use Committee meeting. Fairfax County intends to update its zoning ordinance which has outdated language. Sheehy Ford/Subaru is pursuing construction of a car wash for its facility as a water management initiative which will also bring environmental benefits. The Land Use Committee approved an upscale White Horse car wash to be located behind the Shoppers Food in Kingstowne. This small business made several presentations to the committee before approval was granted.

SCA has two designated representatives to the Fairfax County Land Use Committee. The primary representative is Bruce Waggoner and Marta Morrissey serves as his alternate.

SCA discussed the possibility of moving the November general membership meeting up by one week to 14 Nov due to scheduled 21 Nov meeting proximity to the Thanksgiving holiday. After weighing the pros/cons, BOD members decided stick with the 21 Nov date. Representatives from the Springfield Chamber of Commerce and Town Center are scheduled to present at the 21 Nov meeting.

**Actions:**

1. SCA President will engage FCPA Area 4 Director and other relevant County and Lee District representatives via email proposing meeting to resolve TYO concerns regarding the Brookfield Park pump track.
2. SCA Treasurer will reimburse Essex Ave Traffic Calming Task Force for printing, paper, envelopes and stamps not to exceed \$200 to support balloting process.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.