

Kings Park West Civic Association
Membership Meeting
28 September 2021
Location: Braddock Hall

Board Members Present: Sarah Lennon/President, Mike Stonkey/Vice President, Jonathan Reiser/Treasurer, Adrienne Barna/Member at Large, Kaycie Blaylock/Member at Large, Donna Thomas/Member at Large, Karen Cosgrove/Secretary (via Zoom).

Committee Chairs Present: Nick Schumaker/Membership Committee, Tom McCook/Parks & Lake

Members Present: 27, including: 15 (in-person), 7 (by proxy), 5 (via Zoom)

Call to Order: Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

Opening Remarks: Sarah stated that the last meeting was in Fall '20, and the civic association has been busy. We have still been able to have trick or treating in a creative way, host the Eggstravaganza, and she loves that everyone continues to be creative.

Revision to bylaws: Mike stated that the board realized there was a knowledge gap with many of the positions rotating at the same time. He discussed the following proposed language: Directors shall be elected to 2-year terms, with the terms of the President, Secretary, and an At-Large Member beginning in even-numbered years. In order to maintain continuity, the terms of the Vice President, Treasurer, and two At Large Members would begin in odd numbered years. Special elections can be held to fill positions, if needed.

The motion to change the bylaws was approved.

Board Positions Vote: Sarah stated that the Vice President, Treasurer, and 2 At Large members are up for election. Mike is interested in continuing to serve as Vice President, Jonathan would like to return to an At Large position, and Donna would like to continue as an At Large member. Sarah added that Adrienne has completed three, two-year terms, and will no longer serve on the board - she thanked Adrienne for her hard work and dedication in her role, especially with the sign boards/posting, as well as presenting her with a certificate of appreciation.

Karen Emmons volunteered to take the Treasurer position, and discussed how she has helped other organizations in that role. Sarah asked if any others were interested in the board positions, and no one responded. The KPWCA members in attendance approved all of the board positions.

Karen Emmons was elected as the new Treasurer, Mike Stonkey was re-elected as the Vice-President, and Donna Thomas and Jonathan Reiser will continue to serve as At Large members.

Membership Committee Report: Nick Schumaker stated that we have almost 900 members this year. We have opportunities to boost our membership by bringing a neighbor and being a block captain. The membership drive will kick off on Friday October 1st. Sarah reminded everyone to check out the KPWCA website and FB page. She also stated that Tim Hartle has done an awesome job with the new website.

Parks and Lake: Tom McCook stated that the Herald contains an outline for the annual plan. Lakeside park - the Fairfax Park Authority has paved from the parking lot to the bridge. The roads help with ADA compliance. The Fairfax Park Authority also paid 4 months for the porta potties, while the civic association paid 4 months. Shane's Creek (tributary) - the Department of Public Water and Environmental Services will rehabilitate the area over the next few years. Predecisional information - KPWCA will pay for year 1, while Glen Cove will pay for years 2 - 4.

District Supervisor Update: Supervisor Walkinshaw joined the meeting. He thanked KPWCA for our incredible work, level of engagement, and being a Braddock Nights sponsor. He stated that Fairfax county has a high COVID transmission rate, but we have 82% of 18+ year olds vaccinated. He urged everyone to get vaccinated. He wants to ensure we emerge from the pandemic stronger than we entered. He urged everyone to continue supporting community businesses, and stated that the next food drive is on October 9th. He is proud of the community spirit and how everyone has pulled together.

The 2023 Braddock road improvement project has 17 improvements. \$54M has been secured for Phase 1, to improve intersections and pedestrian walkways. The Lake Accontick dredging project will remove soils to transport to a drying location (this planning is still underway). In addition, \$20M has been secured for the Audrey Moore rec center (the district's oldest rec center). These funds are for phase 1 - Supervisor Walkinshaw will host community meetings and a survey, and this work is planned for 2023.

Supervisor Walkinshaw encouraged everyone to subscribe to the Braddock District email advisories. The board voted on a 5 cent fee on single-use plastic bags for retail stores. He stated that this has proven to be effective in MD and throughout the country. He also discussed recycling plastic bags - turning the bags into a new product is actually a very expensive process, and not a solution for us at this time. The 5 cent fee will go into effect on January 1, 2022.

Supervisor Walkinshaw took questions from the members. Kaycie Blaylock asked about the SAC space challenge in the schools. Supervisor Walkinshaw stated that it's a county government program that takes place in schools. He continues to look into capital investments and space use, as well as asking about other approaches to this issue. He added that there is an additional \$30M for schools to invest in capital improvements in the future.

Mike Stonkey asked about bottle deposit laws. Supervisor Walkinshaw stated that we don't have that authority, and that opposition comes from the retailers concerning using their space. It is also a challenge for the county to facilitate the collection.

Another member thanked Supervisor Walkinshaw for his help with the KPW road repaving, and the Royal Lake dredging. Supervisor Walkinshaw stated that VDOT owns the roads, and he meets with them to discuss community needs. There is a 10-year road improvement cycle in northern VA, and VDOT is digging through their backlog. Supervisor Walkinshaw thanked the members for the opportunity to visit, and encouraged the community to continue sending questions and concerns to his office.

Upcoming Events: Sarah announced the Halloween festival and parade (October 17th). She stated that there would be acrobats, an illusionist, inflatable slides, water and popcorn, and the Captain Cookie truck at Lakeside Park. The Fall Dumpster Day will be on November 13th at Lakeview Swim Club (open to all paid Civic Association members). Kaycie encouraged members to continue their creativity in distributing Halloween candy (tables, clothespins, ect.). She also mentioned having Halloween lights on the KPWCA FB page. She asked the members to send any ideas to the At Large members.

In Memoriam: Kaycie discussed the wonderful life of friend and neighbor, Silvio (Cap) Capponi, Jr., who recently passed away from a long battle with a debilitating condition. His wife, Sarah is hoping for pictures of people eating something with a loved one or maybe just a great neighbor, just like so many people did with Cap. Until the family website is up, feel free to email boardmember2@kpwca.org. The full details can be found on page 14 of the September Herald.

The next board meeting will be October 19th.

Adjournment: Sarah adjourned the meeting at 8:16pm.