## Duplex Council Meeting March 19, 2018 Meeting House

Attending: 2 Directors and 10 Residents; Total: 12 (11 from DC 1 TH)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

#### 1. Landscaping Snow Removal Issues

- We discussed the job of tree pruning along Walden Meadow/Marble Faun.

  Although there were tree limbs down along WM, there were none in the location of the tree trimming. All agreed that it was a nice job and the trees looked good.
- Kathleen will talk to Chris about the tree limbs down on WM in the Conservancy section. (He has talked to Russo who has been contracted to pick up the downed branches.)
- We discussed the four outstanding proposals from Russo.
  - **1. \$1,499.54** for removing 2 large limbs from a tree behind #27 MF. Kathleen will talk to Chris to see if we can get a tree company to assess the trees in that area. Is this something we can put off or do we need to address it now.
  - **2.** \$903.98 for work to screen #4 MF as the Pine trees are thin and privacy is compromised.
  - **3.** \$404.13 for one 6' White Pine to replace the gap in the privacy planting behind #6 Dunbar.
  - **4.** \$1,497.41 for work to clear the wood line in the rear of #25 MF to #1 MF as well as the rear of #2-6 Scarlet Lane.
- Member shared that we should have criteria for deciding on proposals especially when the budget is tight. Priorities should be assigned: Examples include: 1) Safety Issue 2) Replacement and 3) Cosmetic
- Because of the hit we have taken to our budget this year, we will wait until the fall to make a decision about all four of the landscaping proposals. That was the agreement of the group.
- So far there have been no issues or concerns and the residents in attendance felt the snow removal has been going well. Hopefully we have reached the end of the snow season!
- 2. **Proposal to erect a 20 foot fiberglass flag pole** in the Dunbar circle was made by John, the resident at 7 Dunbar. He is willing to pay for it but would accept donations. A discussion ensued. Most residents were in favor but there was one in opposition who was concerned about the noise it may create as that is near her bedroom window. John was given the AAI which would be the next step and he can decide if he wants to

proceed. We appreciate John's willingness to erect the flag and bring some American Spirit to our neighborhood.

# 3. There are now 28 DC residents who have not voted for the boundaries yet. We increased because of residents moving.

4 on Haskins; 10 on MF; 14 on Scarlet; none on Dunbar Please encourage your neighbors to vote. Kathleen and Diane Bernier have a list and will try to encourage those who are still outstanding to vote yes on the boundaries.

#### 4. Reports: Kathleen/Michelle

a. We are currently looking for two new directors for our Duplex Council. We discussed this at the meeting. Michelle Hoffman shared what her responsibilities were. It is critical that we maintain the DC voice on the Conservancy. If you have a slight interest, please contact Kathleen Tracy and discuss how you might serve our Council as a Director.

#### 5. Standards Committee Report: Theda

- a) There was no meeting in March and so nothing to report.
- b) Reminder: put in your **AAI before** doing any work on the outside of your home.

## 6. Reminder of upcoming events: Please check the WW calendar as changes can be made.

- 1. Vote on Boundaries (28 more DC residents need to vote)
- 2. Yoga is back on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 6-7:00pm
- 3. Annual Spring Fling and Egg Hunt at MH 3/24/18 2-3:30PM
- 4. March Conservancy Board Meeting 3/28/18 @ MH 7PM
- 5. Book Club Meeting 4/5/18 @ MH 7PM
- 6. Standards Committee 4/19/18 @ MH 7PM
- 7. Next DC Meeting at 2 Dunbar Dr. 4/16/18 @ 7PM
- 8. April Conservancy Board Meeting 4/25/18 @ MH 7PM

### 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be **April 16, 2018 at 7 o'clock at 2 Dunbar Drive**. Please email agenda items to Kathleen Tracy, DC Secretary, at least 1 week prior to the meeting. (Kathleentracy@sbcglobal.net)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen Tracy