

First Draft
Minutes
The Stoneleigh Community Association
Board of Governors
December 6, 2006

Bissett Schwanke	Stephen Ban
Kitty O'Connell	Lee Starkey
Richard Blesser	Brough Schamp
Christian Merlo	Ron Schneider
Shelley Rosborough	Joe Cirelli

- A. Bissett called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held in the cafeteria of the Stoneliagh Elementary School.
- B. Bissett introduced the Urban Design Assistance Team. The team came into play to help plan the community of Towson. It was too big of a project for the team to look at in a 5 day period. They focused mostly on the Towson circle area. The Steering Committee consists of people from the various communities in Towson. The committee went around asking people who live in Towson how they would like to see the area developed. Questions included:
What would you preserve?
What would you change?
What are you concerned about?
Jay Doyle will now give more detailed information. He will discuss the vision for tomorrow's Towson. Jay leads a team of urban planners and architects. Jay works for the Baltimore Office of Planning. See power point presentation included.

Questions from audience:

When would we see changes take place? First study traffic recommendations by traffic engineers. UDATs have different levels. Some things are a 2 year plan and some a 20 year plan.

Where will the money come from? Money will come from county capital dollars and the private sector. A large part will be handled by private businesses.

It wasn't until parking was handled in Bethesda, that Bethesda became a shopping destination. The opportunity for parking is being overlooked in Towson. As new businesses join, the county will need to think of different ways to park. The parking is a signage problem as well.

The metered parking is a problem. The police are diligent about checking meters and they are always handing out tickets!

- C. Welcome from Bissett. The Board is introduced. The minutes were approved. Bissett announced the slate of officers. Approved and seconded.

- D. Stephan Ban
We are in very good fiscal health. The philosophy in the past is that the pool and social committees should break even. The social committee sometimes makes a little profit. Your dues go to helping beautify and improve the community. For next year's budget – the board has recommended giving the pool 20,000 towards the pools debt and will leave us 30,000 left.
Stephen took questions.
How much debt does the pool have? A debt of \$100,000. The pool will be able to knock it down another 40,000 as well. Ron is hoping to be down to 40,000 this time next year.
The pool adds a tremendous value to our property.
Budget approved.
- E. Bissetts thanks fellow board members. Best part of serving, getting to know board members. We had a fun year, great social events, the pool ran smoothly. Many new trees were planted because of Brough. We made it through an audit with no penalties. It was a lot of work but it was worth it. She closed saying she is very happy to pass the torch over to Christian.
- F. Christian
We have had great participation with dues and generous donations for trees. Jamie and I hosted the new neighbor party and had fun and welcomed the new members of the community. Christian closed by thanking Bissett for her wonderful work.
- G. Kathleen
Biggest project this year was the curbs, it was an inconvenience but worth it. This coming year we will be working on traffic calming. We have been turned down by the county council so she may be calling on us to help. Asking other communities to join in and help.
The average sale of house went up 10%. Houses are still selling they are just taking a little longer. Let her know if you have any ideas or insights for her goal of traffic calming.
- H. Lee
This was a good year for Stoneliughite. All 4 issues went out. This summer we tried color, many compliments and comments. We will continue to use color. We have an excellent printer working with us. We receive beautiful photography from Brough Schamp.
We welcome Shelley as assistant editor. They will share duties this year. In the fall issue they featured an article about Boy Scouts. We would like to see more of this. More photos of children. A lot of fun stuff going on in the community we want to write about it.

I. Ron

The pool is in great shape. This year we will scale and wash pool well this year and work on the fountains of the baby pool

There was concern about how bad the pool looked, dirty, the grounds, Ron will be talking to the management about this.

Sharks self sufficient, and water ballet self sufficient.

The debt for the pool should be paid off by the end of 2007.

There are some additional expenses this year. There is an increase in minimum wage, there was fallen tree that needed to be cut down, and we will also need to cut back on the number of outside members.

We need new blood on the Pool Committee. Let him know if anyone wants to get involved.

J. The floor is now opened for discussion. Following are bullets of what was discussed:

* Talk of a Community yard sale. A possible date will be scheduled in May.

* Watch for crimes in the neighborhood. Communicate any information to the whole community. Carol is happy to join a committee to look into a way to insure all neighbors know about any incidents..

Stephen addressed the concerns. He and Christian are working on this. Email is still an important component. They are working on passing along the word to the neighbors.

They are trying to get a representative from the police to help address this problem.

- What about the home on Register Ave. They have been sited said Stephen Riley. The past owner died 5 years ago. The daughter is living in Ruxton. We need to put pressure on her. Take a look at the house, it is despicable. The president of the board needs to do more. The association needs to deal with the daughter and get it settled. Orville Mowbray.

- Kip Carson

Kip is concerned with neighbors cutting down trees because they are fixing sidewalks. Concerned about cutting down the old trees, he feels they are being cut down prematurely.

Should we be concerned about the pool being built on Bristol Road. Supposedly it is being built with code and without any variants. The only enforcement is the County. We have notified everyone that we will oppose any permits that aren't presented to the board.

All we can do is assert pressure on the Government and the neighbors to be good neighbors.

Stoneleigh sign being refurbished. Took it to shop to sand it, but now it might not be worth fixing it. We may get a new one. We will be getting 2500 from county so it may call us 3300 with a new sign and 4 free standing signs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31.