

# BMCA General Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Monday, 18 October 2010 / 7:30-9:00 PM

**Location:** Church of the Brethren

## **Minutes:**

1. **Welcome and introductions:** Conducted by Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) President, Mr. Mike McComis.

- **Note:** BMCA June 7, 2010 General Meeting Minutes were inadvertently not reviewed, but are presumed to be approved as submitted.

2. **Reflections on 2009-2010.** Mike summarized some of the major BMCA accomplishments of 2009 and 2010, and congratulated the Association on a very successful and productive year.

3. **Neighborhood 25 Initiative.** Special guest, Ms. Mary Hines, Arlington County Board Member and liaison to the Arlington County Traffic Calming Committee. Key points:

- Three main methods to reduce traffic speeds: construction, education, and enforcement
- County funds are much tighter, and so new emphasize is on non construction means (i.e., less expensive) to reduce traffic speed in neighborhoods.

- Neighborhood 25 is a proposed plan to implement a pilot traffic education and enforcement program in four Arlington County neighborhoods, one of which is Boulevard Manor. Program consists of:

- Designate a two week program period
- Put "Neighborhood 25" signs out in front yards
- Increase enforcement (Sherriff and Arlington County Police)
- Evaluate / take add'l data to see if program is effective
- Boulevard Manor streets to be included are: 1<sup>st</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and Montague Avenue.
- Arlington Service Road not included (jurisdiction issues with State), but much traffic concerns there as well.
- BMCA President to collect lists of names from each of the four streets included in this program of residents who are willing to put signs out in their yards.

4. **Board Activity Since June 2010.** BMCA Board staff continued to work key programs and events, to include the 2010 BMCA Community Picnic held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, a first ever BMCA social "tailgater" at the Washington-Lee High School football game on October 15<sup>th</sup>, and planning for the December Christmas caroling event and other programs and events for 2011.

5. **Treasurer's Report.** Submitted and approved as follows.

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2010 .....	\$ 3,261.96
<u>Membership Dues/Donations/Interest Income (Year-to-Date) .....</u>	<u>\$ 3,561.66</u>

Beginning 2010 Balance + Income as of 7 Jun 2010 .....	\$ 6,823.62
<u>Expenses to date .....</u>	<u>(\$1,200.80)</u>
<b>TOTAL Balance as of 18 October 2010 .....</b>	<b>\$5,622.82</b>

A detailed “Report of 2010 Events and Expenses / Budget,” as well a “Historical Revenue/Membership” report, are included as an attachments to these minutes.

6. Committee Reports:

a. Reevesland: A formal Working Group has been stood up to review possible future uses of the Reevesland property. Membership on this working group includes Arlington County Historical Affairs and Parks staff, as well as BMCA reps. A site visit was conduct several weeks ago, during which the facility was determined to be in a state of disrepair (the County has commenced with addressing some of the more dangerous issues). Two parties showing interest in future use of this property include:

1. Arlington Arts League
2. Lawns-to-Lettuce (L-2-L)
3. Plus some other general ideas and concepts

Ms. Joan Horwitt, lead organizer for L-2-L, gave an overview of her program, including a history of gardening by Mr. Reeves. Her vision for the L-2-L on the Reevesland property is based on two phases:

- Phase I: Outdoor vegetable garden in concert with the Ashlawn School
- Phase II: Use of the house for L-2-L and related meetings, education,

workshops, etc.

Additional meetings are scheduled later this month by the Working Group, with progress on this initiative to be presented at future BMCA Board and General Meetings.

b. Parks. Key and most significant ongoing project is the new playground, which is currently behind schedule for completion due to contractor issues. Two basic playground equipment themes: train theme (for larger kids) and a farmland theme (for smaller kids). Estimated completion in late November/December. Ribbon cutting date is TBD.

c. Conservation (NCP) and Beautification. The County is now planning on constructing two pending projects (4<sup>th</sup> Road traffic Calming and Montague & 1<sup>ST</sup> Streets traffic calming and streetlights) simultaneously, with construction to start as soon as December 2010. Also, the new Boulevard Manor signs are now in place.

d. Hospitality. Next event is the Christmas caroling scheduled for December. Additional details will be promulgated via the BMCA LISTSERV.

e. Safety. Corporal Beth Lennon of the Arlington County Police Department is the new BMCA liaison. No significant or pending safety or police related issues in the Boulevard Manor

area. All BMCA residents are asked to keep a watchful eye out for any suspicious activity, and report it immediately to the Police.

Mike also presented a short summary of the Arlington County “*Missing Links*” program, which can provide funding and projects to complete missing sections of sidewalks in Arlington County neighborhoods. If anyone is interested in pursuing this, then they should review the program’s specific and submission process on the Arlington Country website.

f. Membership. BMCA membership is up about 20%. Thanks to all of the sustaining members and new members for your support!

7. New Business. Tony Ermovick mentioned the NCAC’s proposed new program for funding “Micro Projects.” Specific details will soon be published, but in summary this program will provide a means to fund and complete projects of small dollar value (<\$10,000) submitted by Arlington County civic associations. Once the program specifics are announced, then established projects from the BMCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) or ad hoc projects can be submitted.

8. Upcoming Meetings. The tentative schedule for upcoming BMCA General Meetings is as follows:

- February 28, 2011
- June 6, 2011
- October 17, 2011

9. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Next Meeting: February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

***Tony Ermovick***

Attachments:

1. Detailed Report of 2010 Events and Expenses / Budget as of October 18, 2010
2. Historical Revenue/Membership Detail

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Report of 2010 Events and Expenses / Budget  
As of October 18, 2010**

January 1, 2010 Bank Balance: \$3,261.96  
October 18, 2010 Bank Balance: \$ 5,622.82

		<u>2010 Budget</u>	<u>2010 Actual</u>
T.B.D.	New Social Event (Oct. W-L Football Social)	\$ 400	T.B.D.
January	Membership Drive	35	86.56
January	Signage to announce general meetings	150	
January	Annual .org & .com web registration	50	
February	Newsletter	90	
February	General Meeting (donation for room)	50	50.00
	Refreshments	30	
April	Easter Egg Hunt / Social	100	85.96
	<i>Ashlawn Fun Fair Donation (approved in 2010)</i>	<i>N/A</i>	125.00
May	Newsletter	90	
June	General Meeting (donation for room)	50	50.00
	Refreshments	30	
July	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Ice Cream Social	150	146.18
August	Arlington Civic Federation Dues	50	50.00
Sept.	BMCA Annual Picnic	750	457.10
October	Newsletter	90	
October	General Meeting (donation for room)	50	
	Refreshments	30	
December	Arlington Community Church (Donation for meeting room for year)	100	
December	Miscellaneous	<u>100</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,395</b>	<b>1,100.80</b>

Membership Dues/Donations Revenue Detail:

Actual Collected Revenue Y.T.D. as of 10/18/10: \$3,560\* \*not including 12/2009 Income Taxes paid in 10/10

2010 Membership Dues/Donations = \$3,480, consisting of \$2,740 in membership dues and \$740 in donations.

Submitted for Approval by the BMCA Budget Committee by:  
Rob Pilot, Mike McConis, Steve Schwartz, Judy Norton

Attachment (1)

## HISTORICAL REVENUE/MEMBERSHIP DETAIL:

### Revenue Detail:

2007 Actual Revenue from membership dues:	\$1,480
2008 Actual Revenue from membership dues:	\$1,300
2009 Actual Revenue from membership dues:	\$1,560
2010 Y.T.D. Actual Revenue from membership dues:	\$3,480
(consists of \$2,740 in membership dues and \$740 in donations)	

### Member Detail:

2007 Members:	284
2008 Members:	241
2009 Members:	237
2010 Y.T.D. Members:	274 (159 households)