

# BMCA General Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Monday, October 16, 2017 / 7:00-8:30 PM

**Location:** Church of the Brethren, Fellowship Hall

**Minutes:** *(Note: not necessarily in chronological order as presented during the meeting)*

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Christopher Tighe, new Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) President, introduced himself and the other BMCA officers and board members.

Minutes from June 12, 2017 BMCA General Meeting approved.

**Agenda:** Attachment #1 shows the Agenda for tonight's meeting.

## **Ashlawn Elementary School Principal, Breonna McClain**

Ms. McClain stated that this year Ashlawn has almost 700 students, slightly ahead of projections. She said some BMCA-related Ashlawn activities include the ASPAN walk and fund-raiser, and the very popular Reevesland partnership. The kids love walking to, and learning, at the garden. In response to questions, she said that there are two new music teachers at the school and some of the music lesson schedules have changed accordingly. Students may miss instructional class time for music lessons, but teachers work with the students to make-up the work. She also said that residents should contact APS or the County to report issues such as dead trees and fallen concrete pieces. Regarding teacher and staff parking, she said that Ashlawn does not have any arrangements to park at Dominion Hills pool. Also, she said she would look into the grate/drain at the bottom of the kiss-n-drop which may be a safety hazard. Chris will send her a picture of it.

## **Update from Police Department District One Commander, David Giroux**

Commander Giroux explained that District One is the Northwest corner of Arlington and that his team deals with non-emergency issues. He provided updates on the following areas.

1. Bluemont Park- The gate going to Bluemont Park from 4<sup>th</sup> Street & Manchester is being kept open after hours following a request by the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority (NVRPA) to maintain access to the W&OD trail over which it has jurisdiction. Commander Giroux is compiling statistics about trail usage after hours and police calls of which he thinks there are few. He will share his findings with Chris. He also said that the police could patrol the area more. Matt Smith pointed out that there is ample parking for trail users at the nearby tennis courts.
2. County Crime Update – Serious offenses in the county were down slightly in 2016 as were larceny and misdemeanors. Traffic crashes were also down. Larceny from autos is the biggest crime category in BMCA, mainly from unlocked vehicles. Car theft is way down due to modern security features in cars. In response to a question, he said that residents could call the non-emergency police number to check if door-to-door vendors like tree-removal companies are licensed.
3. School-Related Incident – Recently about 20-30 under-age teenagers were found drinking at a “powder-puff” football game on a Saturday on a school property. The goal of the police is not to arrest kids, but to work with the school administrators and resource officers to find the appropriate services for each person such as substance abuse counseling, or the juvenile justice system if needed.

## **Update on Neighborhood Issues, Chris Tighe**

1. Reevesland – Habitat for Humanity is working with the County to see what they can do. The Reevesland property needs a lot of work.
2. Upton Hill Park – The NVRPA is working with the County on various options. It has been decided, based on BMCA input, that there will be no traffic loop through the park. They will, however, put in a lower parking lot with access to/from Wilson Boulevard.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Street & Manchester Intersection – BMCA resident Chuck Norton got kudos for alerting the County, and thereby preventing a catastrophe, that the contractor began digging without calling Miss Utility first.
4. Emergency Preparedness – Everyone should have their own “to-go” bags, shelter-in-place procedures, and plans of where to go if evacuation is necessary.
5. County Snow Melting Operations in Bluemont Parking Lot – There is much concern about the environmental and health hazards of operating the snow melting equipment so close to BMCA houses.
6. County Accessory Dwelling Proposal – New proposals under consideration would allow accessory dwellings of one and a half stories to be built within one foot of a neighboring parcel. There was a lot of concern about this. Chris said that all residents should make their concerns known to the County.

## **Middle School Boundary Changes**

School Board member Reid Goldstein was present to summarize and answer questions about current middle school boundary changes. The School Board is taking community input on several options to change the boundaries to accommodate a new middle school starting in Fall 2019 and to balance student enrollment across the county. The School Board will make a final decision on boundaries, and whether to move 8<sup>th</sup> graders along with 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders the first year, in December 2017. In response to questions, he said that the staff will consider all of the conflicting criteria to arrive at a recommendation. He also said that it is unlikely the School Board will re-visit last year’s high school boundary changes in the near future. Ways to provide input can be found at [engage@apsva.us](mailto:engage@apsva.us). You can also contact Mr. Goldstein directly with any questions or concerns.

Separately at this meeting, Chris asked the attendees if anyone was interested in leading a task force on middle school boundaries to provide a BMCA perspective and input to the process. No one was interested, but individuals are encouraged to continue to provide their own input to the process.

## **Spy Hill Issues, Mr. Jordan, President of the Spy Hill Homeowners Association**

Mr. Jordan addressed recent issues concerning the hill and pathway from Montague Street to Liberty Street in Spy Hill. This is at the location of the middle school bus stop and fence rails there have been broken from boys jumping on them. A police report has been filed, not to get the kids in trouble, but to get them to stop. Repairing the rails is a big expense for Spy Hill. Also, he reminded everyone that the pathway has an easement, but the surrounding hill is private property and a safety hazard to play on. They will post signs about this as well.

## **Brian Hannigan, Dominion Hills Civic Association President**

Mr. Hannigan discussed the Dominion Hills Shopping Center. The owners of the center are seeking tenants that have a constant stream of customers. Several tenants are moving out such as the Chiropractor and Taste By Katie. Unfortunately, the lack of a back alley at the center makes it less attractive to prospective tenants.

## **Budget and Committee Reports**

- Budget – Treasurer Rob Pilot gave the budget (Attachment #2). There is about a \$7500 balance in the account. The largest expense has been the recent civic association picnic which was “wonderful as always” and came in

under budget. There was talk about whether the Civic Federation will decide that officers need liability insurance. Rob said that it is possible, but would be expensive.

- Hospitality – Claudia Maloney stated that the annual Veteran’s Day dinner will be Friday November 10<sup>th</sup> with catering by Rocklands and guest speaker John Van Lare. Pastor Nancy announced the annual Church Soup and Pie Bazaar will be on November 4<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that she is retiring in January.
- Membership – Matt Smith noted that BMCA has 281 members, about half of the BMCA households, and the largest number since 2004.
- Beautification – Josh Handler announced that there would be a clean-up at Powhatan Springs on Saturday. Also, they will continue with plantings along Rte. 50 and plan to put in a Butterfly Garden. He will be looking for new projects to do in the Spring.

The President ended the meeting at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laura Ermovick*  
Acting BMCA Secretary

**Attachments:**

1. Agenda for October 16, 2017 Meeting
2. BMCA Treasurer’s Report, October 16, 2017 and report fo 2016 Actual Income & Expenses and 2017 Budget/Actual Income & Expenses



**Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Neighborhood Meeting  
Monday, October 16, 2017  
Church of the Brethren  
Agenda**

7:00 pm

- Introduction of the BMCA president, officers, and Board members
- A conversation with Ashlawn Elementary School's newly appointed principal, Breonna McClain
- A safety update from Arlington County Police Dept. District One Commander David Giroux
- Update on neighborhood issues (Reevesland, Upton Hill, Emergency preparedness, Halloween safety, Snow removal/Bluemont., etc.)
- Entertain Motion to Create BMCA Task Force Reps for MS re-districting (President will be member)
- BMCA Committee reports.

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You will receive an automated reply containing instructions to confirm your membership.

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**Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Treasurer's Report  
October 16, 2017**

**Beginning Balance as of 1/01/2017:** **\$ 7,323.30**  
(Combined Balance of BB&T Checking & Savings Accounts)

**Membership Dues/Donations Income (Y.T.D.):** + **\$ 3,437.00**  
**Interest credits Y.T.D.** + **\$ 1.06**

**Revenue Balance** (Beginning Balance + Income) **as of 10/16/2017: \$10,761.36**

**Expenses to date:**  
cleared Bank account **(\$3,232.88)\***  
issued, not yet cleared Bank account **(\$ 80.69)**  
**Total Expenses Y.T.D.** - **\$ 3,313.57**

**TOTAL Balance as of 10/16/2017: = \$ 7,447.79**

\*Figure includes two checks for reimbursement requests totaling \$106.50 which were part of 2016 expenses

**CURRENT BB&T BALANCE as of 10/16/2017: \$ 7,528.48**  
(see bank online overview on reverse page)

**Submitted for Approval by Rob Pilot, Treasurer**

## Boulevard Manor Civic Association

### Report of 2016 Actual Income & Expenses and 2017 Budget/Actual Income & Expenses

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Actual
<b>Income</b>			
Membership & Donations	2,959.00	3,000.00	3,437.00
<b>Ongoing Expenses</b>			
Annual Legal Fees for Incorporation	-	100.00	
Ashlawn Fun Fair Donation	200.00	150.00	150.00
Beautification	-	200.00	100.00
Civic Federation Membership	50.00	50.00	50.00
Meeting Refreshments	18.82	100.00	
Meeting Space	250.00	250.00	150.00
Newsletter Printing	37.99	270.00	41.41
Signage	150.41	200.00	
Supplies	-	50.00	
Website Reg & Maintenance	130.22	150.00	
Welcome Committee	-	200.00	37.03
Social Events ( <i>detail below</i> )	-	-	-
Easter Egg Hunt	110.53	150.00	104.09
Ice Cream Social	-	150.00	81.81
Fall Picnic	1,090.22	1,300.00	1,230.73
Veterans Day Social	578.75	600.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	150.00	62.00
Ongoing Expenses Total	<u>2,616.94</u>	<u>4,070.00</u>	<u>2,007.07</u>
<b>Extraordinary/One Time Expenses</b>			
Corporation Formation Fees			
Route 50 Frontage Improvements/Design		1,000.00	1,200.00
One time Expenses Total	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>2,616.94</u>	<u>5,070.00</u>	<u>3,207.07</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>342.06</u>	<u>(2,070.00)</u>	<u>229.93</u>

<b>Note:</b>	<i>Beginning Bank Balance as of 1/1/15:</i>	<i>\$8,000.90</i>
	<i>Beginning Bank Balance as of 1/1/16:</i>	<i>\$8,058.90</i>
	<i>Beginning Bank Balance as of 1/1/17:</i>	<i>\$7,323.41</i>
	<i>Current Bank Balance as of 10/16/17:</i>	<i>\$7,528.48</i>

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## Small Business Online Banking

### Accounts Overview

#### Checking and Savings Accounts

Account Name	Account Type	Account #	Interest Paid (YTD)	Interest Rate	Balance	As of	Next Renewal Date
Paypal Account 0187	Checking	0187	N/A	N/A	\$1,501.62	10/16/17	N/A
Savings Account 0195	Checking	0195	\$1.06	0.020 %	\$5,088.60	10/16/17	N/A
Operating Account 0209	Checking	0209	N/A	N/A	\$938.26	10/16/17	N/A
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$7,528.48</b>		

#### Upcoming Payments

From	To	Amount	Next Date	Frequency	# Remaining
You currently have no bill payments scheduled.					

#### Upcoming Transfers

From	To	Amount	Next Date	Frequency	# Remaining
You currently have no transfers scheduled.					

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