

Tulip Hill Citizens Association
Spring Meeting – Sunday, May 17, 2009
Minutes

Michael Burack, President of THCA, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

Michael began by asking everyone present to contact him if they are not on the email list. He then proceeded to the business of the meeting.

1. Treasurer's Report: In the absence of our Treasurer, Liza Aronie, Michael provided a brief Treasurer's report. He stated that the association currently has \$2,347 in its account. The major expenditures this year were for refurbishing the entrances to Tulip Hill. At the entrance at Goldsboro Road, the bushes were pruned and brick walls were repaired and repainted. At the Massachusetts Avenue entrance, the sign was renovated and repainted, the bench was repainted, and some landscaping work was done. Next year Michael expects to do some more landscaping work at the Goldsboro Road entrance. With respect to dues, approximately 40% of the residents of Tulip Hill have paid their dues. Dues are \$50, and Michael hopes that those who haven't yet paid will do so before year's end.
2. New Business:
 - Michael reported on developments in the neighborhood. A large house is going up at 6708 Tulip Hill Terrace (formerly Dr. Briefs residence), including an addition that some neighbors understand may be used as an office for alternative medicine. At 5661 Bent Branch (formerly the Fefferman residence), the front yard is in terrible condition, but the builder who bought the house has said he plans to tear the house down and build another; hopefully that work will start soon. The house at 1 Buttonwood Lane (formerly the Kamenske home) was recently sold, and the buyer has begun some repairs and renovation. The vacant house at 6609 Tulip Hill Terrace (formerly the Cook residence) is foreclosure, but the front yard is now being mowed, evidently by the bank. There was follow-up discussion about whether any covenants restrict neighborhood construction, but Michael said that the neighborhood covenants had expired years ago for lack of a vote to renew.
 - Cate Bergessen discussed the situation of feral cats. As a dog walker she has become aware of the growing cat population, noting that one such cat has recently had another batch of kittens. She has learned a lot about stray, wild and feral cats, a problem that can easily escalate, and there was discussion about what if anything the association wants to do about it.
 - Michael urged everyone to pick up and discard any local trash they see lying around, in the interest of enhancing the appearance of the neighborhood.
 - A question was asked about the status of the street repairs. Michael was not certain what exactly was planned but believed it was repaving work.
 - Michael asked if anyone had any other issues or new business. Someone raised a question about whether a right-of-way through the neighborhood was owned by the

County and whether it could be turned into a path to access Glen Echo Park.
Following general discussion, with views expressed on both sides of the question,
Michael said he would look into the situation.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.