

Kings Park Association
General Meeting
March 21, 2016
Hernwood Elementary School

Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Keith Dyson at 7:04 PM.

Guest Speaker

- I. President Dyson introduced our guest speaker. Mr. Clyde Trombetti, Jr. is a Public Information Specialist with the Baltimore County Department of Public Works Bureau of Solid Waste Management.

Mr. Trombetti presented a comprehensive overview of the county's solid waste management system. The county provides service to 821,000 individuals which accounts for 300,000 homes in Baltimore County. The county picks up 70% of yard materials with a total of 775,000 weekly pick-ups. This service is provided by 43 private haulers which are divided into five geographical areas. Unlike Baltimore City, the county contracts its work to private haulers; whereas, the City maintains its own Department of Public Works. 59% of the budget that is \$63 million is allocated for solid waste management.

There are three ways to dispose of solid waste: 1) recycle, the one landfill left is located in the White Marsh area. The landfill is expected to last until 2053. Commercial companies pay a fee to dispose of the waste collected. 2) Utilize waste energy facility, 3) dispose of in landfill. Recycling saves energy and generates income for the county of approximately \$2 million annually. Use of the waste energy facility produces steam that can be sold.

There was a landfill located in the Hernwood area but it is closed. It was used for 30 years. Landfills pollute the air and produce methane gas which is said to raise the air quality index. Landfills are lined so that they do not emit hazardous leaching which can leak into ground water and pipes.

The goal of this department is to increase recycling and decrease that which is not recyclable. Some neighborhood exceed 50% others are less than 20%. Last year, 54,000 tons were recycled capturing 16% of all waste collected. This saved the county about \$5 million.

The county offers a 90 minute tour of its facility. About 10-30 people are separated into three groups. It also produces a refuse directory.

Mr. Trombetti responded to Q&A. He responded to questions about acceptable and unacceptable recyclables. Plastic bags are not allowed. They can collect assorted items to be recycled or marketed for sale. Aluminum cans, paper and bottles can be compacted and resold to make new bottles, cans, and paper. He gave his telephone number if further questions arose.

Reading of Minutes

II. Minutes were read by Recording Secretary Pearl Kirby. There was a motion made to approve the reading of the minutes. By voice vote, the minutes were approved.

III.

Budget Report

President Dyson gave an overview of the 2015 budget. For 2015, dues in the amount of \$3,450.00 were collected. The BGE entrance walls were delayed due to construction. The following is the breakdown of the budget for 2015:

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| Administrative costs | 805.53 |
| BGE | 355.63 |
| Hospitality | 73.08 |
| Internet/Website | 203.76 |
| KP Improvements | 1,610.00 |
| Neighborhood Events | 706.05 |
| Printing | 1,208.75 |
| Other Deposits/Credits | 1,550.00 |
| Total | \$ 4,962.80 |

Administrative Costs include bank fees, supplies, stamps, envelopes, etc.
Improvements include grass cuts, flower beds, painting of wall sign, mulch, fertilize, etc.
Neighborhood events include refreshments for general meetings, community shred day, refreshments for Community Shred and Clean Up Days.

IV. New Business

A. Proposed 2016 Budget

The proposed budget for the calendar year 2016 is \$6,600.00. This is an increase of \$1,100.00 from the 2015 budget. The proposed budget includes increases are for KP Improvements and Neighborhood Events.

B. 2015 & 2016 KPA Membership

In 2015, out of 539 homes in the development, 520 homes were occupied. A total of **336** homes paid dues of **\$ 10.00**, with **64.62%** of homes paying dues. This is a **9%** decrease in membership.

As of March 2016, **39** households have paid for the year. We have a total of **23 block captains**, who take responsibility for all **539 homes** in the development. The annual membership is far less than other neighborhoods. To maintain the quality of life, environmentally friendly and aesthetically pleasing community, the Association needs the support of all. Encourage your neighbors to pay dues. Membership dues can be paid by mail and to your block captain. Dues are also collected at the Shred Day(s) and bi-annual Community Clean Up events. Remember, signs are posted at each main entrance to remind residents of the Membership Drive. Membership drive runs from April 1st- May31st each year.

C. Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.)

More members are needed by the C.O.P. The peak times for patrolling are after school hours, late night, and early morning.

D. Community Clean Up Day

The Community Clean Up Day will be held on April 23, 2016, at the corner of Marriottsville and Live Oak Roads from 7:00 am until Noon or until all dumpsters are filled.

E. Miscellaneous

Pearl Kirby reported on four proposed zoning changes along the Liberty Road corridor that were presented to the Combined Community Advocacy Council of Greater Randallstown.

- 1) To open a small used car dealership that would house no more than twenty cars - Council stated that its representative at the zoning meeting would oppose.
- 2) To open a medical supply store between Randallstown Elementary School and a church housed near Liberty and Greens Lane - Council voted to oppose this rezoning plan.
- 3) To rezone a small landscaping business wherein all equipment would be housed in contained buildings - Council voted in favor of the rezoning measure.
- 4) Vaughn Greene Funeral establishment proposed the addition of a hall to provide catered services - The Hall would be adjacent to the already established business. Council voted in favor of the Vaughn Greene proposal.

Mrs. Kirby also learned of a rumor that the current Golden Dragon owners might sell to an interested "Wawa" franchise.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pearl Kirby, Recording Secretary