

Minutes of the Oakmont Citizen's Committee
8:00 pm January 23, 2007

Attendees: Laurens van der Tak; David Levy; Barbara Moskowitz; Irv Faibisch; Ase Sewall; Marilyn Mazuzan

OLD BUSINESS

Treasurer's Report

Balance for January is \$34,864.43. There have been no unusual expenses deposits. Ase filed the annual report on anticipated debt (\$0).

David continues to look for a replacement for auditor Bill Tayman, who has taken another job.

The letter to the County requesting an audit of our taxes is still on hold pending receipt of a final report audit report for the last fiscal year.

Monahan House Repairs

David wrote and hand delivered letters to Peter Monahan regarding Oakmont concern for the dead tree in the front yard and concern for the fact that progress on repairs to the house seems to have stopped. David has not received a response to either letter.

NIH/Suburban Report

Marilyn reported that both the NIH and Suburban Hospital citizens' groups are concerned about the impact the BRAC will have on surrounding neighborhoods. BRAC will greatly increase traffic on Wisconsin Avenue with overflow affecting already-crowded Old Georgetown Road and other smaller streets in the area. Increased traffic into and out of the NIH Metro station will create an increasingly dangerous situation for pedestrians using mass transit and having to cross Wisconsin Avenue to get to Navy Medical.

In addition to a 25-30% increase in the number of employees reporting to Navy Medical, there will be a large increase in patients and visitors. Outpatient visits, already in the thousands, are expected to increase "by thousands." Helicopter trips will also increase proportionally.

Marilyn urged comment from both the town and from each of us as individuals by the deadline of February 3, so our comments will be included in the Environmental Impact Statement. The Committee agreed the town response should ask planners to focus on ways to mitigate impact on air quality, traffic, and general quality of life.

On another subject, NIH badly needs blood donors. Donors can get extended visitor passes to allow them to get on campus if they donate regularly.

Building ordinance

Barbara presented copies of the revised resolution, a draft permit application, and a draft of factors to consider in reviewing permits. We will review the draft at the town meeting in the spring, following circulation of a flyer with the meeting agenda, a schedule of additional meetings, and a copy of the resolution attached. Following the town meeting, we will revise the draft in response to any comments we get, and then we will hold a public hearing to vote on the resolution. This meeting will require 30 day

notification.

Website

Barbara presented two options for a new website design and the Committee agreed to go forward with one that has an area on the home page for posting meeting dates and other news. The Committee reviewed an proposed outline for revised content. David Roe has been notified that we will be making a change. Barbara will make necessary arrangements with Alex Baden, Edit.com, and David Roe to bring about the change.

NEW BUSINESS

Town Meeting Agenda Items

Laurens did a rough estimate of the cost of various concrete repairs being considered by the Committee:

- Repairing driveway aprons on upper Oakmont Avenue and extending the Oak Place sidewalk all the way to Hempstead: \$12,000
- Doing the above plus replacing the asphalt curbs on Oakmont: \$50,000 - \$75,000

The Committee will make this an agenda item at the Town Meeting.

David asked that the agenda also include a proposal to stop having the town reimburse residents for water quality fees so this money can be used for capital projects and other expenditures benefiting the town.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Laurens will draft a letter from the town regarding BRAC impact.
2. Laurens will create a PDF file of drawings from the drainage project showing features of Oakmont, including property lines. We will include these on the newly redesigned website. He will also get a copy of the County zoning map for Committee use.
3. Barbara will make arrangements to transfer the website to its new home and oversee the redesign.
4. David will create a flyer about the new website and about the Resolution and distribute it in advance of the town meeting this spring.

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 13 at 8:00 pm