

CHEA Board Meeting Minutes, May 23, 2007

The CHEA Board meeting convened at 7:05 p.m. Present were Board members Cathy Beard, Ron Blunck, Ron Browning, Selma Clayman, Sam Goward, Don Hein, Jean Lee, Anne Scott, and Beverly Silverberg.

CHEA Officers: Pursuant to Article IV, Officers and Board Members, B., of the CHEA Constitution, Beverly Silverberg became the CHEA President upon the resignation of former President, Bill DeWitt, on May 9, 2007. After a discussion about the best way for the Board to proceed until the next general election, Ron Blunck moved, and Anne Scott seconded, a motion to show a sign of support for Beverly as the President and to approve Elaine Murphy as Vice President.

Election: There was a discussion about the next annual election. Any active Member may nominate and vote for candidates for office. The Board has scheduled the annual election for Monday, September 10, 2007, at 7 p.m. The location is pending. Bev challenged each of us to bring at least one other resident to the Board.

CHEA Newsletter: We plan to issue a newsletter shortly. A main item will be an article to notify all residents of the upcoming election and include specifics about the process. Residents interested in being considered for an officer or board member position will be asked to indicate such interest. Self nominations are encouraged. A second notice will be sent out to all residents in August reminding us of the annual election and listing those who have expressed interest in serving as an officer or board member. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted during the meeting.

Development: Ron Blunck gave an update of the following development projects:

- 1) Buddington North (Intergenerational Housing): Notification signs have been posted at the end of Windsor and Lovell announcing a May 31, 2007, hearing in Upper Marlboro to discuss the subdivision plan. The plan to be presented is the one we have previously seen as a Board.
- 2) Buddington South: An easement issue which UM has appears to be nearing resolution. It is anticipated that UM will sell the necessary piece of property to Michael and Company. There seems to be no real urgency on the part of the developer about moving forward.
- 3) Cafritz Property: Public meetings have been scheduled for this property (Route 1 near the postal distribution center and the armory) at Riverdale Elementary School, 5006 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. The meeting dates are:
Saturday, June 2nd, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.. Attend at any time.
Thursday, June 7th, 7-9 p.m.
Thursday, June 14th, 7-9 p.m. This is scheduled as a "Wrap-Up Meeting."
The June 2nd and 7th workshops will give each of us a chance to share our ideas and

concerns for this project. The Board is hoping that Lisa Holt and Selma Clayman will be able to attend this meeting.

For Sale: Ron Blunck gave us a “heads up” that the Lejins property is for sale for \$ 1.4 million. Due to the condition of the house and the size of the property, there is some local speculation that the land could be subdivided.

Rentals: There was also a discussion about University Park’s concerns about the increasing number of investors buying rental houses in the town since College Park has changed its codes thus making it harder for investors to buy there. The University Park Council is discussing these issues and the possibility of code changes also. There are currently rental properties in College Heights Estates. Will the code changes around us mean more investors will look at CHE?

College Park Route 1 Corridor Transportation Study: A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 30th, 7-10 p.m., at City of College Park City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 4500 Knox Road. The consultant's preliminary findings and recommendations on important issues related to new development along US Route 1 will be presented. A final report will be available after comments from this meeting are considered. Topics that will be covered include transit and shuttle service, transportation demand management strategies, transportation adequacy under the adequate public facilities ordinance, parking requirements and policies, access management, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities

CHEA Communications: Everyone on the Board is being asked to champion a particular area/topic and provide updates for CHEA communications.

Development Issues:	Ron Blunck
New Neighbors Welcome (names and process):	Jean Bourne-Pirovic
Street Signs/Street Conditions:	Ron Browning
CHEAFest	Selma Clayman Christopher Blunck
Assessment Issues, etc.	Sam Goward
Treasurer Info	Don Hein
Neighborhood Watch	Lisa Holt
Newsletter	Anne Scott
Snow/Leaf Removal:	Bev Silverberg

If your name/area is not listed above, please send Bev an email indicating your area of interest.

We discussed the possibility of having frequent email notices (perhaps bi-weekly) with a quarterly CHEA Newsletter to keep residents informed. We discussed that a email “CHEA Alert” system to disseminate urgent information to residents would be extremely helpful. We would also like to distribute the CHEA Newsletter electronically. We do

not have everyone's email. We will stress the usefulness of providing an email address in the next newsletter, and on the web site. We will emphasize again our sensitivity to securing any information which is provided. After a cost analysis, we would like to ask for a donation from residents who would receive the newsletter by mail. Please submit your item to jtsads@aol.com by Sunday, May 27, 2007.

Designation: Ron Blunck reported that a line item has been included in the County budget to designate College Heights Estates as a Historic Area. This is a multi-step process and we will follow the process.

CHEAFest: The next CHEAFest is scheduled for Sunday, September 20, 2007. The location is yet to be determined. Bev and Selma agreed to be on the Committee. We hope that Christopher Blunck will rejoin as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Scott
May 24, 2007