

Arden Advisory Committee Meeting, 5 March, 2007 - uncorrected

Present: Mike Curtis (Trustee), Christine Demsey (Audit), Aaron Hamburger (Trustee), Matthew Lo (Budget), Connee McKinney (Trustee, arrived mid-meeting), Lisa Mullinax (Archives), Sue Rothrock (Civic), Danny Schweers (Secretary), Steven Threefoot (Assembly Chair), Elizabeth Varley (Advisory Chair), Cecilia Vore (Registration) and Larry Walker (Playground, Assessors).

Elizabeth called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

Danny showed a book, *Monopoly: The Story Behind the World's Best-Selling Game*, donated by Preservation Delaware to the Arden Library because the book mentions Arden on page 11 and Henry George many places.

Steven: Has put an article about recycling in the *Arden Page*. He will follow up.

We have a verbal agreement with Comcast, similar to the Verizon franchise agreement. Instead of three TV connections, there will be Internet connections: at the Buzz, the Museum and Gild Hall.

There will be a gathering March 31 celebrating the departure (no, that's not right) the many contributions of Aaron and Sally Hamburger before they move to New York City, a city in for a shock.

There is a Delaware League of Local Governments trip to D.C., March 14 to meet with our two U.S. Senators and our U.S. Representative.

Multiple Domiciles: no progress, no Community Planning meetings for 6 months or so. [It was noted that leaseholders not living in Arden can propose alternative assessments, but have no other say in Village life, since the Village reserves all other decision-making powers to residents, regardless of whether they are leaseholders or not.

Website: Need to look at having an official website over the next year, perhaps with a .gov suffix.

AUDIT: Christine reported that Cookie Ohlson is looking at Traffic Calming grant: \$981 is still sitting there, must be spent on capital project. Steven suggests planting trees or shrubs; Christine suggests chevrons. Another grant for paths is in Civic, some money left over. Amount is unknown at moment.

CIVIC: Sue reported that House Bill 1 was stricken in its entirety, putting off yard waste ban, but our trash service is not picking up yard waste unless it is put in brown recyclable bags, which are now stronger.

Verizon: still some trees in the way, their fate yet to be decided. Special problem is with two trees on leaseholds that really should come down. Mike recommends cutting down damaged trees rather than leaving them as eyesores.

ASSESSORS: Larry reports they are meeting, with no major changes expected.

PLAYGROUND: Larry will have usual report to make.

BUDGET: Matthew says 3-year budget forecast will be presented at the March meeting. Request budgets be sent to Jack soon. Requests report from Audit Committee. County and School taxes are difficult to predict, are due in September.

ARCHIVES: Lisa reports that, on April 15, American Planning convention meets in Philadelphia with trip down to Arden as one of their workshop activities.

REGISTRATION: Cecilia says we need additional nominees from Community Planning, Forest, BWVC, and Safety, and need Town Secretary nominee. Larry is willing to serve as Secretary, but if so, would not be a nominee for Playground.

TRUSTEES: Aaron hopes to have a Trustee nominee to announce at Town Meeting.

Trustee does not have to be a resident of the Village. Contemplating splitting up the work of the Trustee's Administrative Assistant, between leasehold and accounting duties. Elizabeth would like to surrender the accounting duties, which would need to be located outside of Elizabeth's house, possibly at the Buzz Ware Village Center. Elizabeth and Steven will talk with BWVC Committee about setting up a Village office. We do not anticipate an increase in costs.

WEBSITE: Danny estimates that yearly website maintenance would run \$600/year plus as much as \$100/year hosting. Steven wonders what other documents might be put on an official site.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,
Danny Schweers, Secretary