

Kemp Mill Civic Association
Wednesday, 16 October 2017
Kemp Mill Elementary School All-purpose Room
7:30 pm

- President Alan Felsen opened the meeting.
 - Delegate Marice Morales and two candidates for the District 19 House of Delegates seat, Vaughn Stewart and Marlin Jenkins, introduced themselves.
 - Minutes from the September 6, 2017 general meeting were approved by a voice vote.
 - The meeting agenda was approved by a voice vote.

- Committee Reports
 - Marisol Ravicz presented the Treasurer's report: there is \$4,584,30 in our checking account and \$3,126 in CDs as of 9/30/17. The current paid membership is 150 households.
 - Parks - Seth Jacobson (chair)
 - Damage due to vandalism at the Kemp Mill Urban Park (on Arcola) was reported and repaired
 - The bridge to the Kemp Mill Swim Club is deteriorating. This was reported to the Parks Dept for evaluation and repair
 - The Parks Dept is in the midst of a renovation of Brookside Gardens Nature Center
 - Special events will be held to commemorate Emancipation Day on November 4-5. Refer to www.montgomeryparks.org/step-back-time-relive-history-marylands-emanicipation-days/ for more information
 - Neighborhood Beautification - Pete Lublin (chair); reported by Alan Felsen. The committee has been refurbishing some of the plantings on the median strip in preparation for winter
 - Deer - Jonathan Agion (chair); reported by Alan Felsen. A tick-tube making event was held by the KMCA and was very popular

- Montgomery County 4th District Community Services Officer, Ofc. Katie Beard
 - Office Beard introduced herself as the police liaison to communities. She reported that the major crime affecting Kemp Mill is theft from cars and reminded everyone to lock car doors. Officer Beard posts on nextdoor.com regularly.
 - Q&A:
 - Speeding on Kenbrook - she will refer the complaint to the officer in charge of assessing speeding
 - Details about crimes in the neighborhood - there have been 14 thefts since June 1, 8 from cars, 1 from a building and 3 others. Individuals can contact her for more information
 - Condition of streets - this is outside of her area of responsibility

- Speeding on Claybrook - she will refer the complaint to the officer in charge of assessing speeding
 - Speeding on Lovejoy - Alan Felsen responded that the KMCA is looking to reconstitute the Traffic Committee to work with the County to develop a comprehensive traffic plan for the entire neighborhood
- At this time, a motion to change the agenda to move up the announcements was approved by a voice vote.
- Announcements
 - Chris Farrell reported about a Board of Elections meeting to discuss sites for early voting in 2018. The Wheaton Interim Library is not slated as a future site. Instead, the Board is considering the Senior Center on Ferrara, the Silver Spring Civic Building and other public venues with a preference for those with surface parking
 - Alan Felsen reported that the KMCA has rejoined the Montgomery County Civic Federation, an umbrella group of civic associations that meets once a month. The KMCA is entitled to four delegates and volunteers are being sought. Arthur Williams volunteered.
 - Alan Felsen reported that the minutes of the recent KMCA Executive Committee meeting are available on the kempmill.org Website.
 - Northwood Chesapeake Bay Trail, Jennifer Chambers
 - Jennifer Chambers described the trail, which was constructed in 2010-2011 (see map at <http://www.fosc.org/AL-NorthwoodCBTrail.htm>). Part of the land is still owned by the State Highway Administration and her group is working with the Parks Dept. to purchase that land. She is head of the group responsible for maintenance of the trail and encourages everyone to use it as much as possible. A work day to help clean the trail is scheduled for November 19, and volunteer stewards are welcome to help out with regular maintenance. In response to questions, she stated that lighting cannot be added until the land is under the jurisdiction of the Parks Dept., and that graffiti should be reported to her at jennifer@hikingalong.com
- New committees
 - Per the bylaws, all committees are dissolved after an election and must be re-formed. There are no standing committees. With the exception of the budget committee, all the committees are looking for volunteers to serve.
 - Social media & internet - chaired by George Silberman (george@cancerpolicy.net). Will manage the Google group, Facebook and Twitter 'assets' of the KMCA and make recommendations about policies.
 - Budget - will provide a budget and make budget figures available. Chaired by Marisol Ravicz (treasurer@kempmillcivic.org). The members are the 3 past treasurers. In response to a question, it was clarified that this committee is not

- responsible for fundraising.
- Special committee for by-laws - will be disbanded once it completes its responsibilities. Craig Gordon will chair (gordoncraig@mac.com). The goal is to review the bylaws and make recommendations for changes to the membership. Suggestions for by-law changes should be sent directly to Craig.
 - Deer - looking for volunteers. This committee is focused on deer and not on other wildlife. Chair is Jonathan Aghion (aghion@gmail.com).
 - Membership and outreach - will be chaired by Rosalyn King (srki97@aol.com).
 - Neighborhood beautification - chaired by Pete Lublin (outdoorsguy_1999@yahoo.com).
 - Parks - chaired by Seth Jacobson (vicepresident@kempmillecivic.org). Alan Felsen has a conflict of interest in dealing with the County Parks Dept because of his employment, so Seth Jacobson will handle all issues related to interactions with the Parks Dept.
 - Transportation - chaired by Gil Chlewicki (gchlewicki@gmail.com). Will be doing a survey to determine neighborhood needs and then develop a proposed plan. There was extensive discussion about speed bumps, lighting and sidewalks.
- Other business
 - There was discussion about how to complain about downed wires, which appears to be a problem
 - The County noise ordinance was reviewed (see <http://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/5528>)
 - October 28th is a prescription drug take-back day - see https://apps.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/NTBI/ntbi.do?_flowId=public-lite-flow to find a participating site.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rebekah Rasooly