

**Minutes of the Barcroft School and Civic League Meeting  
May 6, 2010  
Barcroft Community House**

**Chairperson:** Bryant Monroe, President, BSCL

**Announcements and Updates**

Parking issues continue with the National Guard construction project. Additional permit parking is being added to the neighborhood, and traffic volume appears to be increasing. This topic will be part of one of the Fall BSCL meetings.

Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH) provided an update on Buchanan Gardens. APAH expects a tax credit decision soon and expects to begin renovations in April 2011. APAH is currently working on a relocation plan for residents.

Pam Holcomb provided an update on the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO), which has its new Executive Director on board. A new Irish pub is opening on Columbia Pike next to the Lost Dog Café. In addition, the new Giant is slated to open in early 2012.

**Treasurer's Report**

April was a good month with additional community house rental income of \$3,135. BSCL was in the black for the month. For the past 12 months, BSCL is now close to break even with a loss of \$338. Net worth of the organization is approximately \$48,000, and the goal is to keep a net balance of \$25,000.

**Officer Elections**

Barbara Swart chaired the Nominating Committee and put forward the proposed slate of officers for 2010-11:

President: Bryant Monroe  
Vice President: Barbara Clemens  
Recording Secretary: Jennifer Lis  
Corresponding Secretary: Teresa Saunders  
Treasurer: Gary Lefebvre  
Membership Secretary: Peg Lefebvre  
Board Member: Jim Kerr

A motion was made to nominate the slate. The motion passed unanimously.

**Community House Renovations**

Dave Michaelson summarized the proposed community house renovations and shared a sample bid breakdown. Key aspects of the work include exposing and restoring the original beadboard ceiling, moving the duct work, and adding indirect lighting and ceiling fans. The sample bid has a total cost of approximately \$63,000, excluding permit costs. The work is estimated to last 6 weeks and will include scaffolding.

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The attendees discussed a number of items including the higher than expected costs, whether the acoustics would be improved/worsened with the renovation, and how best to manage the timing of the work. The original goal was to perform the work in August 2010 when community house rentals are sparse. Barbara Swart noted that the community house is already booked for most weekends in October and that a cutoff date for new reservations had not been determined.

Mr. Michaelson recommended a first step to remove the ceiling to determine how much work is needed and whether this could result in a lower cost.

The group agreed to focus on the following next steps:

- Fundraising with a goal to raise \$40,000. Chris Ditta agreed to lead this effort.
- Determine permit requirements and cost implications
- Investigate changes to the design that could reduce project costs
- Discuss scheduling and determine appropriate cutoff date for reservations

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Lis.