

**Barcroft School and Civic League
Executive Committee Minutes**

April, 2 2008

Gary and Peg Lefebvre's Home

Board Members and General Members Present

President, Heidi Wicker
Vice President, Bryant Monroe
Treasurer, Gary Lefebvre
Corresponding Secretary, Wesley Stien
Board Member, Jim Kerr
Board Member, Mike Behringer
General Member, Elaine Squeri

Business

Gary Lefebvre questioned the board about maintaining phone service at the Barcroft Community House given the cost of maintaining service and its utility to the community. After discussion and upon good reason the members present representing a quorum of the board voted to cancel phone service to the Community House at this time.

Heidi Wicker and Randy Swart brought to the board's attention that the Barcroft Community House will soon need to be painted due to deteriorating conditions. Randy informed the board that Arlington County could find us in violation of local code if the situation is not remedied. After a discussion of costs and community resources it was decided that the board discuss the matter with David Michaelson for recommendations and an estimate for having the Community House professionally painted. David is a Barcroft Board Member and an expert on home maintenance.

Gary brought to the board's attention several other maintenance issues with the Community house including a cabinet that is pulling away from the wall and badly worn tables on the stage. Mike Behringer volunteered to look at the cabinet to assess its condition further and the board decided to individually monitor the cost of replacement tables at several retail establishments before committing to replacement of the tables at this time.

Heidi updated the board on the status of the replacement tree for the community house. The tree has been purchased and is a magnolia tree. It is ready to be planted. Gary informed the board that the community has donated \$2,250 dollars to date for the cost of replacing the tree.

Jim informed the committee that the piano will soon be moved from the community house and discussed the various methods for relocating the piano.

Heidi called on the board for any fund raising ideas to help further defer the cost of replacing the tree at the Community House and for the general fund. Wesley Stien suggested a scavenger hunt of the neighborhood whereby teams would be shown a series of pictures and would have to locate the subject of the pictures and duplicate them. The winner may be able to “name” the new tree in front of the Community House or have their name on a plaque beside the tree. This suggestion was set aside and scheduled for further action in the spring.

Heidi informed the committee about her contact with the developer of the old Bob & Edith’s restaurant. The developer plans to follow form based code. He said the property is about 40,000 square feet and although he doesn’t have specific plans yet he is currently envisioning a four story building with the first floor retail store front and the upper three levels apartments. Heidi informed the board that the developer is pleasant and willing to work with the community. He will attend the general meeting April 3, 2008 to discuss his plans further.

Bryant informed the board about the developments of the National Guard relocation plan currently underway as a result of the BRAC plan. Bryant informed the board about his efforts on behalf of the neighborhood to address the traffic and parking effects that will follow the currently scheduled construction plans. Bryant informed the board about its options for representing the interests of Barcroft as the process moves forward. After discussion and as an extension of the sound background work performed by Bryant and other interested members of surrounding neighborhoods it was decided that a joint letter be drafted by the presidents of Barcroft and Alcova Heights neighborhoods to address concerns for the base expansion and the associated environmental impact study. Further, it was decided that the issue be put before the general membership for a resolution to file a joint letter addressing the environmental impact study.

Randy informed the committee about the status of the conservation plan. The board discussed possibilities for distributing the plan to Barcroft residents before the May submission deadline and posting the plan on the website.