

Bentana Woods West Cluster Association
Board of Directors' Meeting: Tuesday, August 12, 2008

Board Members Present: Martin Dapot, Victoria Christie-Healy, Tom Bodine, Eileen DuBose, Jonathan Krentel, John Brigham, Jane LeGros

Landscape Committee Members Present: Susan Dapot

Playground Committee Member Present: Amy Bossie

Social Committee Members Present: Anne Smyers

Resident(s) Matt Kelly of 1506 Farsta; Rebecca Krentel

Call to Order: 7:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

Discussion and Actions:

1. **Members Forum:** In response to the letter concerning Fire Lane Issues Matt Kelly voiced his objection to the painting of yellow curbs for fire lane enforcement, but he was agreeable to towing cars in the fire lanes. Ann Smyers has heard the same objection from two other neighbors. In Farsta the visitor's spaces are misused by renters. Rebecca Krentel of 1528 Scandia was concerned about any plans to reduce the parking islands in order to create additional parking space.
2. **Playground Committee:** Amy Bossie got a quote to replace some timbers in the playground between Scandia and Farsta for \$1300.00. The quote was provided by a neighbor who lives at 1538 Scandia Circle. The board seemed to feel that we need another quote, which we will get from Cardinal Landscaping during their slow season.
3. **Landscape Committee:** Cardinal Landscaping will reseed the area affected by heavy equipment between Park Glen and the wooded area for \$2590.00. They will also flatten out the woodchips (resulting from tree work) for \$500.00. There is a unanimous decision from the board to remove a tree on common property next to 1525 Scandia Circle which is blocking access to a severely damaged tree behind the same address. The homeowner is paying for this work. Sue Dapot will submit the proper forms to RA.
4. **Social Committee:** Anne Smyers will organize a Labor Day Picnic on the triangle between Farsta and Scandia. The date and time will be Monday, September 1st in the late afternoon. The cluster will provide hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, sodas, condiments and paper products. The turnout expected is around thirty people. The rain date will be the following Saturday. The budget for this social event is \$250.00 to \$300.00.
5. **Parking Problems:** (see attached the copy of the Fairfax County Facilities Manual regarding the code on fire lanes). The board feels that we should enforce the prohibition against curbside parking. It is NOT the intention to tow attended vehicles which are being loaded, washed, etc. We would restrict the towing times between 5:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. The vote was unanimous to start enforcing towing. The board discussed the idea of removing two half islands in the 1500 block of Scandia Circle. The board voted to start the paperwork to remove the islands and vote on this issue next month. In the meantime we will speak to the owners of the "end" parking spaces on Scandia, to ask them to find parking between the islands. A letter from TWC will be mailed to each resident informing them of the towing for curb parking, and new signs will be ordered for the three entrances.
6. **Financial:** There will be several increases in our cluster services for 2009. So far we know that AAA Trash Removal and Cardinal Landscaping will go up in price. Other expenses such as electricity are expected to increase as well. Two or three officers will meet to generate the 2009 budget. Dues increases are likely based on proposed increases and needed reserves.
7. **Signs for Entrances:** It has been proposed that the cluster use signs at each entrance to communicate about monthly board meetings, social gatherings, leaf pick-up and other matters as necessary. The board has approved the purchase of three signs to cost no more than \$100.00 each.
8. **Minutes** of July meeting were approved with slight modifications.

Upcoming Meetings: September 2, 2008 at 1533 Park Glen

Victoria Christie-Healy, Secretary