

## Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League General Meeting

Date: January 17, 2023

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Kempsville Middle School

### Call to Order

President John Sutton called the Bellamy Manor Estates Civic League Meeting to order at 7:05.

### Pledge of Allegiance

President John Sutton led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Guest Speaker

Ryan Myers, Public Utilities Engineer, reviewed an informative power point presentation on the Fox Run Pump Station #436 replacement project. The project is to replace and update the original pump station at that location. The project is slated to begin in the summer of 2024 and will take 14 months to complete. The current station will remain in service until completion of the project. During the question-and-answer portion of the presentation, Mr. Myers addressed citizens' concerns regarding noise, traffic disruption, dirt and debris on the roadway and possible damage to nearby homes as a result of vibrations during the initial construction phase.

### Intermission

Since residents of Fox Run were invited to hear Mr. Myers' presentation, a 5- minute break was held so that those residents could leave before the BMECL business meeting.

### Treasure's Report

Heather Brinkerhoff, Treasurer, reported a beginning balance of \$1957.83 in January, 2023, expenditures totaling \$708.12, and a current balance of \$1249.71. Expenditures for the year include Yard of the Month expenses, insurance and Website expenses.

### Committee Reports Posted for Viewing:

#### Yard of the Month Report

Submitted by John Baldwin

BMECL designates a yard as Yard of the Month by posting a sign on the lawn and gifting the owner with a \$25 gift card to McDonald's Garden Center. In 2023, the Yard of the Month went to:

May – Jean and Fred Harrison @ 4728 Chalfont Drive

JUNE – Ynez and Joe Peterson @ 4641 Eastwind Drive

JULY – Eujung Kim @ 4720 Eastwind Drive

AUGUST – Fatima and Sergio Aromas @ 4765 Eastwind Drive

SEPTEMBER – Charlene Bearden & Catherine Eversole @ 4921 Admiration Drive

OCTOBER – Ashleigh & Eric Sanzone @ 960 Michaux Court

#### Flags and Flyers Committee Report

Submitted by Ann Farr

Although the Flags and Flyers Committee currently has 25 members listed, the same 13/14 volunteers have been actively posting since 2020. Due to Covid concerns, in 2020 we assigned each volunteer a particular section to cover for the entire year instead of assigning different people for each posting date. Volunteers now keep their bags, flags and maps for the year. Our volunteers delivered flyers and posted flags on Memorial Day, July 4 th and Veterans Day in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023.

#### Webmaster's Report

Submitted by Kevin Aviles

We will be shopping for a new web service at the end of our current contract due to the significant administrative issues we have encountered this past year. Our domain name registration is up to date.

#### Resident Round Table

🗨️ Susan Mayo stated that she would like to see BMECL reinvigorated with social events such as restaurant outings and July 4 th events including a parade. She also stated that she would like to see BMECL meetings held on a regular basis. She suggested that a formal election be held in the near future.

🗨️ Dan Adams thanked the Board for its efforts in keeping BMECL viable during the past 3 years. He would like to see a formal election as well.

🗨️ Heather Brinkerhoff explained that the reason we did the board election of officers is that there were no other options during Covid.

🗨️ Judy Schorr stated that there has been a lack of involvement in the organization since Covid.

🗨️ Rebecca Fenska stated that there has been a decline in for the past several years because of a lack of volunteers.

🗨️ Roger Farr suggested a door-to-door campaign to invite neighbors to join BMECL.

📌 Will Fideau suggested that we develop an action plan by the end of the year.

📌 Veronica Russell stated that she would like to see the Civic League address the issue of traffic calming on Timberlake and Edwin. She also proposed that BMECL establish a Facebook page to enhance communication and volunteered to help with social media and social activities.

📌 Responding to questions about the website, Kevin Aviles, Webmaster, stated that we will be shopping for a new web service at the end of our current contract due to the significant administration issues we have encountered during the past year. Our domain name registration is up to date.

📌 Janice Pagau expressed concerns about the lack of a crosswalk on Edwin and Whipaway. She stated that the issue preventing a crosswalk is that there is no ramp on the sidewalk at Whipaway and Edwin and, therefore, the intersection does not meet the ADA requirements.

📌 Deaner Lawless gave a brief review of his recent conversation with Bryan Proctor regarding traffic calming.

📌 Heather Brinkerhoff stated that she had received an email from Virginia Beach Traffic Engineering Department explaining that Fox Run has requested to be increased from phase 3 to phase 4 for their traffic study. Bellamy Manor Estates can be added to the petition of Fox Run as a continuance of the study on Edwin Drive.

📌 Ynez and Joe Peterson suggested an email campaign for traffic calming. Emails should be sent to our local city council representative.

📌 Will Fideau suggested that we develop an action plan to address traffic concerns and invite our local council member to speak at the next meeting.

📌 A motion was made by Susan Mayo to have a planning meeting in January.

The motion was seconded and passed. After discussion, it was decided that the planning meeting will take place on January 19, 2024. The format for that meeting is to be determined.

📌 Dan Adams reported that entryway signs at Dunhill and at Timberlake are broken/missing. An inventory of the signs will be conducted with results presented at the January meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ann Farr, BMECL Secretary