

May Board Of Directors Meeting

At the May Board of Directors meeting a quorum was not present and no action could be taken. Eight members attended, however, and there was discussion regarding the Hickory Creek property on Pensive Lane that was owned by Fairfax County Public School (FCPS) and its transfer to Fairfax County. I requested Jeff Rainy and Brian Thompson to be part of a committee of the Association to make recommendations to the Board regarding the future use of the property. I then propose that the Board hold a special meeting of the membership to develop community support for a position. Incident to and prior to the meeting can be a survey using the web site, fliers and, possibly, petitions. What is necessary is that the members understand the facts and the alternatives.

The property was owned by FCPS, but rejected several years ago for use as an elementary school site. It and ten other properties were transferred by FCPS to the County in exchange for the County raising the ceiling on the authorized bonds for schools. After the transfer, the Board of Supervisors will decide on the use of the properties. No decision has been made as to the use of the Hickory Creek site and it is unlikely that a decision will be made for several months. The options that have been mentioned are to sell the property as house sites or transfer it to the Fairfax County Park Authority. If it is transferred to the Park Authority, it may leave it as is, create a community park or develop recreational fields. It is not in the 2004-2008 Park Authority Plan, so it must decide, most probably, in the 2008 Plan. Among the Board of Supervisors and Park Authority considerations are the costs of developing anything on the site and it appears to have extensive steam bed and wet land areas that limit its development. At the Association meeting, a third alternative that was discussed was for the Association to acquire it and incorporate it into the common area. None of these have been decided or foreclosed; that is what the Committee should do. For that reason, I ask members to agree to serve on the committee that will develop recommendations for the Board and, ultimately, the Association. If you will volunteer, please call me.

The Association also received a request for volunteers from Fairfax County for a Medical reserve Corps to respond to large scale events during a public emergency. Medical and non-medically trained person can volunteer. If you are interested register on-line at www.fairfaxmrs.org or telephone 703-246-2433.

Finally, if anyone is considering termite treatment, Connor's Pest Service stated if at least three houses can be treated at the same time the price will be approximately one-half of the price to treat a single house. If you are interested, call me.

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