

Bradmoor Neighborhood Association (BNA) Annual Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2017

In attendance: roughly 50 people and the full board. Many new members and renewals were enrolled.

Elections and Board Status

By voice vote, the BNA membership present at the meeting elected the following members for two year terms: Andrew (“Andy”) Pessin (President), Sally Pessin (Secretary), Ben Jabara (At-Large Member), Morgan Fishman (At-Large Member). In accepting the President position, Andy relinquished his At-Large Member seat (elected March 2016).

Stephanie Mantelmacher (Vice President), Kathleen Stetson (Treasurer), and Koli Banik (At-Large Member) are incumbents with one year remaining in their current terms. The BNA now has a full board.

Front-Yard Fridays

Lisa Krim, one of the creators of the summertime Front Yard Fridays, spoke about the program, including the host and guest responsibilities. Although not a BNA event, the BNA will support those in the neighborhood who wish to continue this wonderful program through announcements on the Bradmoor listserve.

Last year, participants used “Sign up genius” to have people commit to different Fridays during the summer. Weather permitting, a Front Yard Friday will usually begin between 5:30-6:30 pm. To advertise the event as well as to find prospective hosts, Lisa suggested posting notices on the local telephone polls.

Traffic Calming Measures

Kyle Liang from the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) Division of Traffic Engineering and Operations, gave a presentation on the proposed traffic circle at the intersection of Bradmoor Drive and Roosevelt Street and on proposed traffic calming measures for the 8700 block of Bradmoor Drive (between Folkstone Road and Madison Street).

Traffic Circle

With respect to the traffic circle (also referred to as a roundabout), there will be a mountable surface on the perimeter of the circle so that large trucks like moving vans can traverse the circle. The purpose of the traffic circle is to slow the speed of traffic, make the intersection safer for both pedestrians and vehicles, and hopefully, deter some of the cut-through traffic. Some of those in attendance

requested that the perimeter be made of brick like the circles on Ewing. MCDOT is scheduled to install the circle this summer.

The MCDOT will place the proper signage and lighting around the circle. It is the community's responsibility to maintain the median. The Ride-On Bus Stop may have to be moved to accommodate the circle. A notice will be posted before the construction is to begin.

Approval of Traffic Circle Installation

The membership present at the meeting approved, by voice vote, the installation of the traffic circle at the intersection of Bradmoor Drive and Roosevelt Street. There was no vocal opposition to the installation of the traffic circle by any of the membership present at the meeting.

8700 Block of Bradmoor Drive

The proposed traffic calming measures for the 8700 block of Bradmoor Drive generated much discussion (the drawings showing the proposed measures were posted to the BNA website prior to the meeting). Based upon a previous MCDOT traffic study, MCDOT concluded that the 8700 block was eligible for speed bumps. However, under the applicable MCDOT requirements, 80% of the homeowners who are directly affected (i.e., who own property along the affected street segment) must approve of the speed bumps. Only 20% of those indirectly impacted will have to approve of the bumps.

Some of the attendees expressed concern about the loss of on-street parking that would occur as a result of the proposed bump-outs shown on the MCDOT drawings. At least one attendee supported the installation of a median strip. The BNA President announced the formation of an 8700 block subcommittee (under the BNA Traffic and Safety Committee) to explore the various alternatives (e.g., scaled back version of proposed measures, such as smaller bump-outs to reduce loss of on-street parking; median strip; speed bumps).

Bradley Hills Village Presentation

Steve Borko, a representative from the Bradley Hills Village (BHV), spoke about the BHV program that was started to allow seniors in the community to age in place. Bradmoor is one of the neighborhoods within the BHV service area. It is staffed by volunteers within the community who are willing to do various tasks for the members, such as driving seniors to medical appointments, pet sitting, plant watering, etc. All volunteers are subject to traffic violation and criminal background checks. As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the BHV has the authority to grant SSL hours to students who wish to volunteer.

The BHV is in the process of receiving a grant from Montgomery County. The BHV is also working with Suburban Hospital to smooth the discharge process from hospital stays to home. Membership is between \$150 (one person) and \$200 (two people). The BHV's other main mission is to provide social interaction for those who may desire it. There are many planned activities, such as book clubs, organized walking club, a dog walking group, lectures, etc. For more information on joining or volunteer, please contact: Syma Mendelsohn at symamendelsohn@gmail.com.

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