

GREENBELT EAST ADVISORY COALITION

THURSDAY, September 12, 2013 – 7:30 PM

Greenbelt Lake Village
6400 Lake Park Drive, Greenbelt

Members Present:

Tom Crandall, Chairperson	Primary Representative, Greenbelt Lake Village CA
Austin Henry, First Vice Chairperson.	Primary Representative, Greenspring I HOA
Terry Benedik, Second Vice Chairperson	Primary Representative, Greenbriar HOA
Charlene Mac Adams, Treasurer	Primary Representative, Greenwood Village HOA
Judith Thompson, Secretary	Primary Representative, Windsor Green HOA
Eulalie Gower-Lucas	Alternate Representative, Greenspring I HOA
Ed Putens	Primary Representative, Greenbrook Estates HOA/ Greenbelt City Council
Pat McCoy	Alternate Representative, Greenbelt Lake Village CA
Roody Rosales	Alternate Representative, Greenbrook Village HOA
Robert Thomas	Alternate Representative, Greenbrook Estates HOA

Visitors:

J Davis	Mayor, Greenbelt City Council
Silke Pope	Greenbelt City Council
Stewart Allen	President, Greenbrook Village HOA

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

II. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: The following additions were made to VI: New Business: 3. County Bill, CB-89; 4. Joint Meeting GEAC and GHI.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 11th and August 1st minutes: No minutes were taken since there was no quorum for either meeting.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Charlene reported that the current GEAC bank balance is \$2,650.65.

V. PROGRAM – No Program

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Format for "Meet the City Council Candidates Night" Forum October 3rd, 2013 Meeting:
 - a. After considerable discussion, GEAC decided to change the past format of candidates answering a set of predetermined questions created by GEAC.
 - b. Instead, the meeting will be divided into the following: 7:30-8:00 p.m. Short Introductory Speeches by Candidates; 8:00-9:00 Informal Mixing/Question-Answer Period Between Individual Candidates and Voters; 9:00-9:30 Closure- Final Short Candidate Statements.
 - c. Austin, Terry, and Charlene volunteered to come early to set up for the meeting. Tom will be the Emcee.
 - d. Judith volunteered to write an article for the Greenbelt News Review advertising the forum.

- e. Tom will get the information of the candidates and invite them to the forum.
- f. Terry will reserve the room for the evening at Greenbriar.

2. Questions for the State, County, and City Representatives – Nov. 7th Meeting:

- a. Terry has the list of names of invitees.
- b. GEAC members need to send questions and topics to Tom ASAP.

3. Night Out Against Crime – A Joint GEAC Event:

a. GEAC members will be asking their various member boards if they would prefer participating in an August Night Out against crime as one large group sponsored with GEAC, rather than, as in the past, separate celebrations held on the same night by all the different associations. The joint event could be held at Schrom Hills Park on the first Monday or Tuesday in August. **Pat McCoy was volunteered to check with Parks & Planning this January to reserve the park for this event.**

4. County Law, CB-89-2012:

- a. Roody Rosales reported to GEAC on a new county law (effective January, 2013) and the correspondence he has had with County and Greenbelt City officials asking how this bill to help community associations make landlords better maintain their multi-family rental facilities in Common Ownership Communities would be enforced. (See enclosure). He also asked whether the County rentals laws are subordinate to the City laws or vice versa. So far he is still awaiting answers.
- b. Austin is continuing to gather information regarding Delegate Braveboy's initiatives on housing issues.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. The discussion of the contents for the GEAC letter to the City Council regarding the matter of landlords, rentals licenses to so-called relations is on hold, pending further information about CB-89-2012.
- 2. Update with state Delegates on the rental issues. Austin: postponed pending further information on CB-89-2012.
- 3. Update in regards to progress dealing/negotiations with PEPCO on tree cutting/replacements – Derek Thompson: No report at this time.
- 4. The Great South East Shake Out Updates – Pat McCoy: Pat sent GEAC information by email mentioning how everyone can participate in the event on October 17, 2013 at 10:18 a.m. EDT. National Preparedness Month is September.
- 5. Pat also sent the group an email announcing Prince George's County and the City of Laurel will be offering a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training session from Saturday, October 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m. until Sunday, October 20, 2013, 4:00 p.m.

VIII. COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. Flea Market: Because the committee feels it needs more time to organize the event, it has been postponed until next year.

2. Mayor Davis announced the following upcoming events in Greenbelt:
 - a. September 21: Firemen's Convention
 - b. September 28, Seniors Forum
 - c. Aging Week, September 22-28
 - d. September 20, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Event
 - e. Schrom Hills Park Schrom Fest, October 19, 2013.

IX. GEAC ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. September 21, 2013: Representatives from the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum will be available at Greenspring I's Annual Multicultural Picnic for interviews with anyone who has historical stories to tell about Greenbelt's early years.

X. NEXT MEETING – Thursday, October 3, 2013, 7:30 PM, Greenbriar, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt: GEAC City Council Candidates Forum for Greenbelt Voters.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Austin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Thompson, Secretary