

Tulip Hill Citizens Association

Fall Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2017

This Tulip Hill Citizens Association (THCA) meeting took place on October 28, 2017, at the home of Madeline Weiss. *Thank you very much, Madeline for hosting the meeting!*

Andreea Schwartz, President of the THCA, started and facilitated the meeting.

New Board Members. Andreea introduced new THCA Board members Roxana Pierce, Vice President, and Stacy Rich, Social Chair.

Halloween Party. Andreea mentioned that Stacy, as the new Social Chair, had organized the Halloween Party to follow the THCA meeting. The bounce house and face painting were fun additions. *Many thanks to Stacy and everyone that helped make the event successful!*

THCA Goals & Accomplishments To-Date. Andreea reiterated that her primary goals for the neighborhood are to increase safety; enhance beauty; and foster a sense of community. Our key accomplishments in 2017 were:

- Safety – We put up “No Parking” signs at the entrance of Massachusetts Avenue and Bent Branch Road. While we can’t technically enforce the signs with lawn services, utility companies, etc., we hope the signs have had some positive impact. Also, residents walking through the neighborhood are encouraged to pick up nails and other such hazardous items left in the street by construction crews.
- Beautification – We procured a new landscaping company earlier in the year. As we make progress on the entrance sign projects, we will do landscaping at the entrances in earnest.
- Sense of Community – We had many well-attended Front Yard Fridays (FYF), placed American flags in everyone’s front lawns for Fourth of July, and held our annual Halloween parade and party. If anyone would like to volunteer to host a FYF, please contact Stacy Rich at stacyrich@gmail.com.

THCA Dues. We currently have about \$10,000 in the budget. We will allocate the bulk of these monies toward the entrances signs and landscaping (in the spring). Approximately 70 households have paid dues so far this year. The group expressed that dues participation should be much higher and brainstormed some ideas for future consideration by the THCA Board. Annual dues collection will now take place each January, starting January 2018.

Entrance Signs. The current entrance signs are falling apart and need to be modernized. Roxana Pierce, the new THCA VP, is leading the effort to replace/refurbish the signs, in conjunction with Andreea. Due to cost of signs and our budget limitations, we will begin by replacing the sign at Massachusetts Avenue and Bent Branch Road entrance in Nov/Dec 2017, and refurbish the two signs at Goldsboro Road and Tulip Hill Terrance later in 2018 or 2019. The group agreed that we should choose signs that will fit the character of the neighborhood and require minimal, long-term maintenance. Further, we agreed that the signs at Massachusetts Avenue and Goldsboro Road should coordinate/complement each other.

If residents wish to expedite the refurbishing of the two signs at Goldsboro Road and Tulip Hill Terrance, residents will need to make noncompulsory contributions beyond the \$60 dues that will be collected in Jan 2018. Alternatively, we can implement a one-time increase to the 2018 dues to amass enough funds to address the signs in spring of 2018. The Board will give this additional consideration and provide updates to the neighborhood.

Air Traffic. Finally, the group discussed the recurrent and possibly increasing airplane traffic over the neighborhood. The discussed conclusion with an understanding that some residents in THCA are actively participating in the effort to reduce air traffic, but that in reality, there may be little change to affect due to do the significant cross-state economic considerations at play.

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