

**SIGNAL HILL HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 2457, SPRINGFIELD, VIRGINIA 22152  
MINUTES OF SHHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

The February 2005 SHHA Board Meeting was held on February 23 at Sharon Bulova's Office.

**BOARD MEMBERS & COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

Miriam Longo - President	Betty Morgan - Traffic Calming
Ed Rahme - Vice President	Linda Wirth - Secretary

**FEBRUARY 2005 BOARD MEETING**

I. CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD MEETING – Miriam called the Board Meeting to order at 7:03.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The January minutes were already approved electronically and posted to the website.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT – Ed went over some of the highlights of the report as David was not present and the report was delivered too late for the Board to adequately study it before the meeting. SHHA operated at a surplus of \$1,104 for January. This is because the management company divides all income for the year into the 12 months of the years. Grounds is the biggest expense for SHHA and very little is done in the winter months.

A. Assessments – Many 2005 assessments are still due but that is usual for this time of year. The number of assessments unpaid for multiple years has been reduced to two and they are being resolved.

1. One house was sold with the owner still owing \$85.55 in dues. Since SHHA has collected almost all of her delinquent dues the Board voted unanimously to accept the advice of our lawyer and write off the \$85.55. Since the owner had been making payments on her dues the Board had not been able to place a lien on her house.

2. A lien has been placed on 5484 Signal House Court for multiple years of unpaid dues. There will be a case in court on March 31, 2005.

3. A homeowner asked about the By-laws concerning delinquent homeowners and Ed explained SHHA's procedure.

4. Since the Treasurer's report was not complete approval was tabled.

#### IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

##### A. ACC – Miriam reported for Becky

1. Fence on Home Guard – Tabled until Board Members can look at fence.

2. 8916 Bald Hill, Ji Kin is responsible for repairing the fence behind his property that borders Rolling Rd. When Rolling Rd was widened SHHA prevailed upon VDOT to erect fences along Rolling Rd but in return the owners assumed the responsibility of maintenance for them. This was explained to Mr. Kin and he is going to repair his fence.

3. Sabrina Bellow requested adding a split rail fence to her existing fence. Miriam showed pictures showing that the fence only went up to the side of the house in the back. It was unanimously approved.

4. 5603 Light Infantry Dr, Al Kraft is building a retaining wall in his backyard because of an unforeseen increase in water flow after improvements to a neighboring home. Miriam showed pictures. It was unanimously approved.

5. 5627 Herberts Crossing, John Phillips requested permission to add a screened-in porch and a small deck to the back of his house. He is going to use vinyl for the fascia, railing and trim and maintenance free material for the deck. The Board could not tell the size of the porch & deck relative to the size of the house. Also, they wanted to see a sample of the vinyl so this request was tabled until further investigation.

6. 9127 Home Guard, Mr. Sheffield's request was too complex to go over at this meeting. Miriam and Becky will investigate more. It also involves a complaint which will be investigated by the management company.

B. TRAFFIC CALMING – Betty reported no issues. Miriam asked her to monitor the tree that obscures the stop sign at Lake Braddock and Parliament. Betty reported that there was some police enforcement at the stop signs.

C. WEBMASTER – Tom had given Miriam a folder.

V. JEFFREY CHARLES & ASSOCIATES REPORT – The Board had already gone over this during the Treasurer's Report.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Parking District – The February 28 hearing has been postponed. Instead Sharon Bulova has scheduled a meeting with the legal representatives of VDOT which all interested parties can attend on March 10 at 7:30 PM in the meeting

room at her office.

B. Newsletter articles – Miriam went over the articles for the newsletter. Ray gave Miriam a brochure from the County.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lights at Signal Hill sign – Vepco cut the power to the Signal Hill Lights because there was no record of payment. SHHA never received a bill for those lights. Miriam will contact Vepco to resolve this issue and to get the power restored.

B. Fence on Rolling Road – Already dealt with so Mr. Kin could leave early.

C. Ad Hoc Committee to promote civic activities – Miriam has a list of names and will meet with them next month.

D. Directory – Not enough forms have been returned to print a directory. Ed suggested waiting until the end of March or until 90% of the assessments are paid. Miriam agreed.

VIII OPEN FORUM FOR HOMEOWNERS – A number of homeowners expressed opinions about the Community Parking District. There was a great deal of discussion and it was impossible to for the Secretary to write down everything said word for word. The following is a summary to the best of her ability.

1. Betty Morgan – Betty expressed her concerns about the signage. She thinks the signs every 200 feet will look worse than trailers, boats, etc.

2. Chris Wallace – Miriam pointed out errors in Mr. Wallace's letter to the community. There have been numerous instances of boats, commercial trailers, etc. parked in Signal Hill. She mentioned only the most recent ones; a large boat on Lake Braddock that drew several complaints from homeowners, a racing trailer, and a commercial trailer on Signal Hill. She also mentioned that this idea did not originate with the Board and it was voted for by overwhelming majorities at two annual meetings. Mr. Wallace reiterated his opinion that there is no danger to SHHA from parked vehicles, that the attempt to establish a Community Parking District is an example of the "mob rule" that Jefferson spoke against. He also stated that enforcement would be excessive. He went into detail about his investigation of the validity of the petitions.

3. Timothy McBride spoke against the proposed District. He feels that it will restrict his freedom to park any one of his 4 vehicles in front of his house. He doesn't see any danger to SHHA from commercial vehicles, RVs, etc. being parked on the streets of SHHA.

4. Ed Maidamast spoke for the District. He mentioned experiences at a previous residence where the streets had many unsightly vehicles parked near his house. One was a flatbed trailer with two refrigerators on it. He could not get it moved as it was legal because the community where he lived was not a Community Parking District. He went into detail about trying to get commercial vans with flat tires moved. He was unsuccessful as a parked vehicle with a flat tire is legal.

5. Eileen from Mt. Burnside Way spoke for the District. Her support was based on previous experience with extremely unsightly vehicles parked near her home in Burke Station Square. Because this was not a Community Parking District the vehicles could not be forced to move.

6. Ray Antosh spoke against the District. He also said that enforcement would be excessive.

7. David O'Malley spoke in favor of the District.

The meeting then became a general discussion with homeowners expressing their points of view. A homeowner who is a realtor expressed support for the District.

The presentation of the petitions on Feb. 28 has been postponed

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17. The next meeting will be Mar. 30th at 7:00 in the meeting room in Sharon Bulova's office in King's Park Library. The April meeting will be on April 27.