

Cedarwood Annual Meeting Minutes - April 26, 2016

Bill's Farewell as Co-president, will stay on scholarship committee

- Thank you all and looking forward to still being part of community
- Thank you from association
- From Mayor McCarthy - City Proclamation - commendation in Role of Co-pres in Cedarwood assoc

Elisse - Treasury report

- \$1100 scholarship fund & Tag sale
- Garden committee
- Website hosting
- Dues raised to \$15 for 2016, \$20 for 2017
- Financial Statement accepted

Trying to raise \$\$ to cover activities, but also trying to raise money with dinners / fundraisers

- Fun 5K before annual picnic
- Will be filing for nonprofit status, so donations will be deductible

Surveys - please take the time to fill these out to increase outreach, garner more participation and get feedback

- Planter survey - Brad has taken lead on effort to plant the boxes by the playground and wanted feedback

Thinking of moving to more of an executive board format instead of President/Co-pres/VP

- Would be for next year
- Allow more divvying up of responsibilities
- Surveys are about more events that would need more people involved

Mayor McCarthy

- Thank you for patience with playground
- City Engineer
 - National Grid - Beginning of June
 - Villa / cedarwood/thornton
 - Has to go in front of committee to dig over paving - waiting to hear about Villa
 - Concerns with equipment / trash left behind - kids playing on it, not safe and trucks speeding down Cedarwood ave
 - Mayor has had conversations about leaving trucks, especially in paved area
 - Cut hole in driveway 5 university park - road paved, hole not covered
 - 271, 89 florence, flag circle no loam, rocks, no seed, pipes in the center - national grid is unresponsive
 - "Sidewalk" area in front of Lynelle destroyed
 - 71-79 Virginia curb was replaced with blob of asphalt.
 - Florence & Cedarwood destroyed grass from parking
 - Paved roads were done badly crumbling, not finished, potholes everywhere
 - Brim & Tree on 62 Cedarwood
 - Summit side of Florence all scraped and dug up
 - Virginia & Cedarwood Right hand- sewer in front of several houses
 - Flooded basement -
 - cameraed it before they dug, found issue, had to fix cross piped

- Issue with cross piped on Thornton - Mayor not allowing them to do anything until they prove problem.
 - D'ellesandro - same
 - Paving in Sept
 - Issues with Thornton road
 - Handicap ramps at cedarwood
 - Water & Sewer plan is going to have happen at some point
 - With the committee to have paving set to 5 years and to file claims against utilities
 - Lower end of Summit to Weston, be paved eventually, as well as Rockridge to Weston
 - Reminder that once it's paved, traffic will go faster and there are no putting in stop signs because it's a private way.
 - Before Summit gets paved, will send out survey to make sure residents want the paving and the traffic that comes with
 - Could get stop sign on Rockridge at Summit, since that's public
- Crime
 - Working on #'s for crime rates in Cedarwood
 - Know who committed crimes in cedarwood, but can't locate him, not in our jurisdiction
 - Inside cedarwood job - someone visiting , they have prints
 - Found some of items missing
 - 5K damage in cedarwood playground - fence pushed in, the racer boarding (for street hockey)
 - Signage and cameras to discourage
 - Asked for extra patrols from police
- Playground - issues with drainage on soccer field - will have that tested
 - Idea of adding skating rink in winter on field
 - Mayor will ask Rec dept -
- Request for some type educational campaign about intersections to make Cedarwood safer
- Where is info to research Private Ways - the rules
 - Mass General Laws & City of Waltham
 - Review Thornton & Hamilton for stop sign
- Polaroid Complex
 - Carmine Thomas - update
 - Actively working with Mass dept of transportation for Phase 2
 - Green Street connector
 - route 117 bridge replacement and expansion (6 lanes)
 - internal connection to points to north - tower road to connect to back
 - potential bear hill rd, 3rd ave improvements
 - draft environmental eval
 - Stowe street - City should determine whether it stays open or closed
 - MEPA - 280M Sqft
 - Bridge is needed - stick within state layout back entrance to polaroid site - bear hill to green to highway.
 - align Winter with Wyman alongside 3rd ave
- Contact Michael Gavin on how to have a voice with the traffic commission
 - Remember the loudest ward heard - we need to be that voice.

Kathleen - Events Update

- Trying to get more and more people involved
- Sent out an email on the parents group, and got some volunteers, but if anyone else is interested, for yard sale, meet your neighbors

Gayle - Gardening

- Replace tree by bus stop (other one died) - spoke with Joe Giordano to make that happen
- Asked about removing mulch from young trees so they survive
- hoped to organize Earth Day clean-up at the park - 10am on Friday 4/29 will be doing that

Bill - Scholarship

- \$1500 for HS student for College
- Winner announced at Awards day at Waltham High - had 4 great applicants this year
- -Reach out to your neighbors to get more involved in the association

Make neighborhood site easier to find

Meg - Outreach

- Gets new neighbor list - gets notes to them, will add site address
- Meet the neighbors event on June 4th

Election of Officers

- Presidential Committee: Kevin Delaney, Lynelle Devine & Kathleen Gambale
- VP - Nomination - Christine Sobolewski & Brad Pielech
- Secretary: Natasha Ross
- Treasurer: Elisse Ghitelman