**Guilford Association Board – August 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Virtual Meeting

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT (14): Tom Hobbs, Margaret Alton, Doug Borg, Cathy Boyne, Emily Brennan, Elizabeth Comer, Carl Coscia, Sarah Crowe, Clarke Griffin, Jeremy Hoffman, Chris Lyon, Brandon McCullough, Steve Murphy, Richard Yost

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT (5): Josh Angulo-Bartlett, Tim Chriss, Kelly Maher, Lee Miller, Bill Reinhoff

OTHER INVITEES: Patrick Nolan

Board Member and Office Staff Welcomes: Emily Brennan, Richard Yost, Patrick Nolan

**Pre-Meeting Update – Tom Hobbs**

Motion to approve the June 2020 minutes; all in favor

**Security**

Two game/hunting cameras have been ordered for placement on trees on Northway and Southway; high-resolution; affordable; only Security Committee will have access to camera videos; cameras send real-time photos to Wolf Security personnel if trespassers are present.

Hours for GSP/Wolf Security are fine as is; current spend for patrols will require taking from Association reserve.

**Neighborhood Issues**

* 5G Verizon Network Install: mentioned in upcoming Summer Newsletter; Verizon wants to install its own transmitters instead of renting Crown Castle transmitters. Verizon wants to install 27-ft high poles…Guilford is fighting the install; Tom H wrote a letter explaining need for a Section 106 Review from the state due to historic designation. Tom H researched that there is no agreement to install same type poles in neighborhoods including Georgetown, Bethesda and Chevy Chase.
	+ Tom needs help from the Board/Office to continue fighting Verizon.
* Bright LED Streetlights: Baltimore’s program to install brighter LED lamps began in April 2019, under direction of former Mayor Pugh. Baltimore DOT purchased thousands of ultra-bright bulbs/lights. Cities such as New York and D.C. have same issues with lamps being too bright/intrusive. Tom H had requested ‘softer’ LED light bulbs, and Baltimore DOT apparently complied by replacing ultra-bright bulbs with softer light bulbs. Mary Pat Clarke believes DOT is replacing the bulbs, but some Board members do not believe the bulbs are any less intense. Negative posts on NextDoor App about bulbs along E 39th St.
	+ Suggest measuring light intensity with a light meter
	+ Check with Anthony Gill on exact specifications of bulbs (brightness, Kelvin temp., etc.). Tom H has specs for original ultra-bright bulbs.
	+ Are dimmable bulbs possible?

**Traffic Updates**

* 39th Street Traffic Calming: overall positive response; as expected, bike lanes are mostly unused.
* Greenmount Avenue Construction: Brandon Mc updates. DPW to complete their work by end of Oct 2020. Steel road plates have been removed, but are staged at intersection of Greenmount & Underwood. DOT to complete work at unknown date. Emily B indicated her expertise in construction law; Harrington Construction is contractor.

**Diversity/Inclusion Committee – Outreach Committee**

* Margaret suggests need for. Emily B suggests that an Outreach Committee would be preferable and more beneficial…agreement from other Board members. Discussion about Social Committee, brunch for new homeowners and lack of follow-up after brunch.
	+ Develop program for Outreach Committee; hold brainstorming call during next couple weeks with Emily B, Sarah C, Kelly M, and Brandon Mc.
	+ Invite other residents to join Committee (not just Board members)?
	+ Become more involved in neighboring communities such as Pen Lucy, Waverly, Charles Village; attend diversity seminars / events put on by JHU and Loyola.
	+ Include write-up in Newsletter about new homeowners
	+ Research who lived in Guilford homes in past, such as minorities and immigrants; difficult task, Library of Congress provides some info per street.

Mayor Brandon Scott wants to meet (likely virtually) during Oct 8th meeting

* + Prepare questions/discussion topics for Brandon (e.g., 5G install, LED bulbs).

No other business – Meeting concluded at 8:20 pm