

**ASHBURN FARM ASSOCIATION
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

26 January 2010

ATTENDEES					
X	Ed Valaer Acting Chairman	X	Marc Ripperger Member		Jeremy Cushman Director of Ops
	Connie Olivera Member	X	Steve Lubore Member	X	Mike Kimmel OSC Liaison to BOT
X	Karen Tabor Secretary				

OPENING

Acting Chairman Ed Valaer called the January 2010 Open Space Committee (OSC) meeting to order at 6:44 pm at the Windmill Community Center.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the November 2009 meeting were approved as corrected. There was no December 2009 meeting due to the Christmas holidays.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Marc Ripperger, Board of Trustees (BOT) Secretary, attended the 12 January 2010 BOT meeting. He reported that Ed Valaer wrote a letter for the January's issue of "Across the Fence" newsletter suggesting ways for residents to "go green."

B. Jeremy Cushman forwarded pamphlets with photographic samples of grills to be considered for purchase for the Windmill Pavilion project. The information on grill #2 said that it had "vandal resistant grates and a theft proof firebox." The information provided with grill #1 did not specify this. The OSC would like for Jeremy to request further information and determine if grill #1 also has the indicated attributes. If it is determined that both are identical except for size, the OSC recommends the purchase of grill #1. If grill #1 does not have the same features as grill #2, the OSC recommends the purchase of grill #2.

C. Ongoing OSC Project List:

1. Additional trees and landscaping remains on the list of projects; however, due to funding issues, no action is currently being taken.
2. Environmental concerns

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3. Stump removal
4. Landscaping and grill around the Windmill Pavilion
5. Pathway to the Windmill Pavilion
6. Landscaping around new entrance signs

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Marc volunteered to talk to Alicia Young about posting the OSC minutes on the Ashburn Farm website.

B. The OSC recommended that areas for flowers and/or a vegetable garden be identified. Mike Kimmel volunteered to draft a small article for Alicia to put in the newsletter for residents that may be interested in starting a Garden Club. Karen Tabor suggested the OSC consider those areas such as the one on Hedgerow Terrace that are mulched and used to have landscaping on them but are now bare.

C. The landscaping material to be placed around the grill at the Windmill Pavilion was discussed. Grass, sand, concrete, asphalt, and rubber mulch were suggested. The OSC recommended asphalt due to its longevity and stain resistance. The OSC also recommended that galvanized trashcans be provided for the ashes from the grill.

D. Ed attended a "Green Expo" several weeks ago and provided the OSC with a list of ideas for environmental projects.

1. Green Power (energy) Countywide
2. Recycling
3. Commuter bus service-start new carpools
4. Window Films
5. Sprinkler Systems
6. Bicycling to work & shopping
7. Home energy audits
8. Energy Star Certification-Public buildings in the community
9. Community & Committee generated ideas on the environment.

After reviewing the items on the "Green Expo" list, the OSC decided to discuss recycling. A member notes that the Cascades community has had great success in their recycling efforts. Karen suggested that toter recycling storage bins be considered. Some members felt the cost would be too great to provide to every residence. Another member suggested that the number of residents interested in having a toter recycling storage bin be determined. A recommendation could then be made concerning whether the Ashburn Farm Association could purchase the toters and absorb the cost, or place the toters out for bid.

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Obtaining window film for the office was also discussed. Several companies were recommended; however, no recommendation was made.

E. Mike Reilly formally resigned as OSC Chairman at the 3 November BOT meeting. A motion was made and seconded to nominate Vice Chairman Ed Valaer as Chairman. A vote was taken and Ed Valaer was unanimously selected as the new OSC Chairman.

CLOSING:

A. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. The next meeting will be held on 23 February at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Windmill Community Center.

B. Submitted by: Karen Tabor