

Brennan Estates Annual Budget/Board Meeting
 Olive B. Loss Elementary School Library
 Wednesday February 7th 2018 7PM

<u>Members of the Board</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Section</u>
Heather Pasquariello	President	Meadows
Ernest Dempsey	Vice President	Meadows
Geraldine Thomas	Treasurer	Meadows
Rose Ann Smith	Correspondence Secretary	Terrace Townhomes
Abeer Amir	Board Member	Terrace Townhomes
Zenobia Thompson	Board Member	Arbors
Courtney Glasgow-Rinaldi	Board Member	Meadows
Sekhar Arutla	Board Member	Southwoods
Vickie Coulter-Phillips	Board Member	Terrace Singles
Errol Rodriguez	Board Member	Woodlands

President Pasquariello brought the meeting to order at 7:03 PM

Senator Hansen and State Representative Earl Jacques both spoke briefly about items they wanted to bring to the community's attention. Representative Jacques noted that Fairview campus, middle school and high school are being built in Odessa to accommodate that region. Senator Hansen spoke on the topic of pan handling on route 40. She is meeting with cops about strategies to take care of this problem. There were 70 arrests for panhandling recently. One gentleman was arrested 20 times. Senator Hansen noted that among panhandlers, there were 2 groups. There are scammers from Elkton, then mental health/homeless/jobless individuals. Senator Hansen noted that to stop the panhandlers, the community must stop giving money and food. It is unfortunate and contradicts human decency, but that is the only way to stop the problem from persisting. Community members are supposed to call 911 when they see someone panhandling.

On the topic of Littering, there is a task force that has been recently formed. Senator Hansen has put forward many articles of legislation. Littering from dumping large trash bags has been a huge problem recently. "Keep American Beautiful" Public Information license plates will be available for purchase soon to help raise awareness. Senator Hansen is currently scheduling a meeting with waste haulers to discuss the trash that comes from the trash trucks.

There will be a gathering with Senator Hansen and State Representative Earle Jacques at Whereabouts Café in April. See Facebook for more details.

There will be a Small Business roundtable on the 28th of February at 10am. It will be located at the Kirkwood Highway Small business headquarters. There will be another Maintenance Corporation meeting in September. The meeting will probably be on the topic of Wastewater systems and how to better manage space to decrease littering and pollution.

New Castle County Councilman Powers arrived. Councilman Powers noted, concerning Old Porter Road on Fieldsboro, Bell and he voted against the bill on a road because there are ditches right on the side of the road. 3 people have died on that road due to their cars going off the road and into that ditch.

Ruby, Councilman's legislative aide sent information at the request of the Brennan Estates Board on reverse 911. This would mean that should the cops be called for a serious issue; community members would be notified by the authorities via automated call. The neighborhood would like to implement it or figure out how to enroll in it as the community was not notified of the last incident—which was extreme enough to warrant a notification.

Councilman Powers suggested that we invite a policeman to come and explain the process during the next meeting.

On the topic of Door-to-door salesmen, community members have been complaining about the influx of salesmen who seem to be suspicious. Salesmen must apply for a permit, once they're approved, they'll have a badge to show you they've been background checked by the county. President Pasquariello asked what steps to take to become a non-solicitation neighborhood. Councilman Powers said that oftentimes non-solicitation communities still get visited by solicitors. It was then noted that all community members can do is to check for the badge issued by the county.

Homeowner Q&A

President Pasquariello opened the floor for community questions.

Community members asked why they had not been emailed about prior meetings. The board responded that every month, emails are sent out to all community members who have their emails on the Brennan Community email subscription list. Some people noted that they are on the list, but do not receive emails every time. The board will investigate this issue.

Board Introduction

All board members introduced themselves, their history with the neighborhood, as well as what they do on the Board.

2018 Budget Vote

All submitted votes were counted. There were 70 total votes. One Brennan community member abstained from voting for the budget. 64 were in favor of the budget, 5 were opposed.

The budget is APPROVED.

2018 Board Member Vote

Arbours had no seats up for election. Zenobia Thompson retains her seat as a current board member.

Meadows had one of the three seats up for election. Courtney Glasgow-Rinaldi won with 10 votes.

Southwoods had its seat up for election. Sekhar Arutla won with 6 votes.

Terrace Singles had its seat up for election. Vickie Coulter won with 6 votes.

Terrace Townhomes had one of three seats up for election. Rose Smith won with 5 votes.

Woodlands had one seat up for election. Errol Rodriguez won with 1 vote.

All board members kept their seats and welcomed Errol Rodriguez as a new board member.

Conclusion

President Pasquariello told the community members the plans for the year ahead.

A MOTION was made to conclude the meeting. All Agreed. The meeting was concluded at 8:02.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held March 7th, 2018 at 7PM at the Olive B Loss Elementary School Library.