

## Tollgate Association Board Meeting

**Date and Time:** March 2nd, 2013 at 9:00 am

**Location:** #107 Tollgate Way (Powell residence)

**Attending:** Ed Hahn, Joe Romer, Margaret Melhem, Keith Powell, Marie Murray, Bob Donaldson, and Garry Sauner.

1. Approved the previous meeting minutes, which will be posted online soon.
  
2. Treasurer's Report:  
[http://tollgateway.org/budget/2013\\_expenses.pdf](http://tollgateway.org/budget/2013_expenses.pdf)  
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3. Committee Reports:  
Existing Committee Chairs confirmed their commitment to serving for another year. The Board thanks our Chairs for their past service and for their commitment to continue serving.
  - Social – The Spring Picnic is planned for Sunday, May 5th. This year's picnic will be preceded by a walking tour to give interested homeowners an opportunity to learn about how our landscaping dollars are spent, and how the landscaping in Tollgate has evolved over the years. Details for the picnic and walking tour will be communicated soon.
  - Landscaping – Although the annual landscaping contract officially begins March 1st, Ramiro began their work two weeks early. The first Landscaping committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:30pm. This meeting will be used as an opportunity to discuss this year's landscaping projects.
  - Trees – Our trees fared the winter weather well. One tree remains to be planted in the neighborhood.
  - Architecture – The Committee received and approved one request from #125 (Echemendia) to have roof work performed and to replace existing siding. This work will commence in March.
  - Maintenance – The Association's lightbulb supply has dwindled, and a new batch will be purchased soon. The Board revisited the costs and benefits of the current CFL bulbs. Although they seem to burn out a bit sooner than originally

expected and cost more than traditional bulbs, the electricity cost savings still outweigh the purchase costs.

Two contractors provided estimates to perform brickwork maintenance on the front walls facing Broad Street (#100 and #101), as follows:

Brian Black: \$1,600.00

Vaughan Restoration Masonry: \$3,025.00

Given his lower estimate, combined with the positive reviews for his prior work performed on behalf of several Tollgate homeowners, the Board motioned, and approved, the work to be performed by Brian Black. A date has not yet been set for work to begin.

4. Old Business:

- Pest Control – Although rat activity has decreased during the winter months, homeowners are still reminded to properly store trash and other sources of food so as to not to attract rodents within the neighborhood. Homeowners are encouraged to report rat activity to the Board for tracking purposes.
- Street Lights – Electrical work was performed after a string of street lights went out in February. Two corroded junction boxes were discovered and replaced.

An effort to clean and straighten the neighborhood lampposts is ongoing. This work is being performed by Bob Donaldson at no expense to the Association. The Board and Committee members thanked Bob for his work.

5. New Business:

The City of Falls Church is considering the adoption of a "Storm water Utility" to pay for needed infrastructure improvements to solve some of the recent flooding problems and meet the mandatory requirements of the EPA's Chesapeake Bay Ordinance. The additional spending required will result in a "Storm water Utility Fee" based on the amount of potential run off from each property. The average utility bill will be approx. \$250/yr and be billed with your current property tax bill. The money will go into a separate fund that can only be spent on storm water infrastructure. This is likely to be enacted and effective with the next tax bill cycle.

6. The next meeting will be on April 6, 2013 at #102 (Melhem residence). The Board meeting concluded at 10:15 am.