

**Tollgate Association
September 2011 Board Meeting**

Date and Time: September 10, 2011 at 9:00 am

Location: 131 Tollgate Way (Hogle residence)

Attending: Jim Hogle, Garry Sauner, Marie Murray, Margaret Melhem, Keith Powell

1. The June board meeting minutes were approved with no changes. They are now posted on our website <http://www.tollgateway.org/>.

2. Treasurer's Report – The treasurer's reports are posted at:

http://tollgateway.org/budget/2011_budget.pdf

http://tollgateway.org/budget/2011_net_worth.pdf

http://tollgateway.org/budget/2011_expenses.pdf

Expenses for the quarter to date were \$7,953.06. The largest expenses were \$2,330 for Lawn Maintenance and \$395 for common area brickwork repair at #100 and \$400 for power washing the walls at #100 and #101. Current assets are \$27,657.21. Outstanding liabilities are \$9,424.44, which includes \$9,320 for the landscape contract. The Association's current net worth is \$18,232.77. Overall everything is on track for the year.

There was a discussion of the need to start thinking about next year's budget requirements.

3. Committee Reports –

- Social Committee – The next big even is the Fall Social, which will be on September 18 and centered in a grilling event on the parking pad between #106 and #108. Everyone should bring an appetizer or desert while the association provides the main course and drinks. We are still looking for additional help for the committee. The committee is looking for suggestions for the Holiday Party (currently scheduled for December 11) and is looking for a volunteer venue!
- Landscape Committee –It has been a very tough summer for the common area plantings. There has been a great deal of drought damage. Additional planting is still due to go in at #101 and new bushes at #111 and #133. There was a

discussion of how to deal with drought loss when homeowners fail to water common property plants near their residences (often because they are away for extended periods.) There was also a discussion of the relative benefits of planting new plants and trees in Autumn or Spring.

- Tree Committee - The tree at #107 was removed when it was discovered to be diseased. It has been a hard drought season for trees as well as other landscape plants!
- Architecture Committee – The Committee approved a request to paint the exterior (front, storm, and basement doors, box bay window, and trim) at #116. An article will appear in the next Tollgate Fare to remind homeowners that ANY external modifications require Committee prior approval. This committee can respond quickly to requests and the committee may have useful suggestions, based on prior experience, regarding the work in question.
- Maintenance Committee – Please remember to keep trash receptacles out of sight except on the morning of trash pick-up. Do not store them in areas where the yard crew must traverse. There was a discussion of the new (and somewhat confusing new Falls Church City rules on trash and recycling.) Some clarification will be coming for the community, particularly for those residents who do not have the new City receptacles.

It was suggested that next year's budget include funding to sand and repaint the fences at #100 and #101 and the wrought iron rails around the gazebo. Estimates will be obtained for this work.

4. Old Business -

- Visitor Parking – The board hopes that the issue of painting visitor parking designations will be a topic of broad discussion at the Fall Social.
- Flashing Yellow Sign on 500 Broad Street – This is due for installation in September. It will be a 'your speed is' sign.

5. New Business –

- Looking for a new board member to succeed Bob Donaldson.

- A recent article in the Falls Church New Press referred briefly to a planning meeting for a possible Light Rail system that would run through Falls Church from Columbia Pike to Tysons Corner, possibly along Rt. 7. The board will be looking for additional information about this plan and how it might progress.
6. The meeting adjourned at 10:30. The next board meeting will be at 9 AM on October 1st at home of Keith Powell (#107).