



NEW MARK COMMONS
HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 206
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
February 21, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. at the home of Judy Mermelstein by the President, Ardis Fisher.

The minutes were approved. Steve reported that over \$28,000 in dues had been collected. Also, all residents requesting an extension in paying their dues will be charged the \$5/month late fee.

A discussion then followed about allowing residents to use community property and equipment (with reference to the snow blower) and it was decided not to allow this, except perhaps in extraordinary circumstances such as the last snow; and then only with special permission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Tennis - Ardis will contact the contractors about our choices of court colors and a decision will be made on this. Ursula is preparing a report on the lake for the annual meeting and David Wolfe will be asked to prepare one for the tennis committee. Ardis will check with Gene Sullivan about whether he will continue as Lake Chairman. C&C - Judy will type the final copy of the letter to Mayor and Council about the PRU with copies to Blick and Hobbs. Ardis will also pursue a solution to the Summit trash problem. SOCIAL - there have been about 10 reservations made for the dinner dance in March. L&G - Ursula will contact Eunie Fordham about chairing this committee. MAINTENANCE - Bruce is gone, and it was agreed to advertise in the middle of March for 2 full-time workers for the summer at \$5/hour, college students. Judy will call the City for referrals under their program.

OLD BUSINESS - Since no one contacted Manny Gordon, Ardis will do this. We are all to try and find someone to run for the Board. Steve will draft a letter to all residents if we get no volunteers.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
January 3, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Rupert Curry, Steve Plotkin, Ursual Rein,
Judy Mermelstein, Shiela Marshall, Rick Winecoff

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the President,
Ardis Fisher.

The minutes were approved and correspondence was noted from both
Dr. Straus and Jim Baker.

Treasurer's Report - Steve reported nothing new on our suit; he
will write Splinters with an accounting for the year and publish
the new dues rates with a due date of March 1 to be paid in full.

Community Forum: Shiela Marshall discussed what was happening with
the teenagers and the City Recreation Department. After much
discussion about past history in our efforts to work with this group,
Ardis will talk with Mr. Olson and so will Shiela about why the
Board won't at this point allow this group to use the clubhouse or
place any formal sanction on the group.

Committee Reports - Maintenance - a new stove, refrigerator and
floor have been purchased for the clubhouse. Rick will get the old
stove. Rick has been cutting and clearing trees along the bike path.
Trucks and cars driving along the path will be prosecuted for tres-
passing. Rick was given permission to order the spraying trailer
at the end of February. Social - There will be no Valentine's Party,
but probably some social function at the end of February. Tennis -
a color for the final surface will be selected in the spring.
Newsletter - Steve will do Splinters and a notice will be put in
for carriers of newspapers to secure them during windy and stormy
weather. Lake - the fountains are ready for winter and Rick will
get a new nozzle for spring. City & Council - A discussion of the
PRU report was tabled until the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
March 7, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Rupert Curry,
Manny Gordon, Syd Corwin, Rick Winecoff, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p.m. by the President, Ardis Fisher. The minutes were approved and there was no correspondence. Steve reported that about \$71,000 in dues had been collected.

Community Forum: Syd Corwin came to discuss the theft of a large ceramic vase from in front of her front door and the general problems with vandalism in our community, lack of parental concern, problems with overlapping jurisdictions with Rockville and Montgomery County Police, neighborhood fear of our young vandals in terms of retaliation, etc. After much discussion of past history and what has been tried in the past, the general frustration on the part of everyone at the meeting was evidenced. We all agreed to continue to make the community aware of what their part is in all of this, i.e., reporting to the Police anyone caught by them and prosecution. Syd did suggest that block captains might be helpful. The general consensus was that a "vigilante committee" of 40-50 guards might be the only solution, but that this was obviously out of the question.

Committee Reports: Social - We are still short about 20 couples for the dinner dance. A final decision on whether to hold it or not will be made on March 19. Tennis - Ardis selected green for the court area and brown for the outside area. Maintenance - A motion by Rupert, seconded by Ardis was passed 4-0 giving Rick permission to sell the truck and then use the money to buy an open trailer which Rick can attach to his truck for any hauling we might have. Judy and Ardis will continue to be liaisons with Rick until the new Board is elected at which time a permanent liaison will be selected. Judy will place ads in the Sentinel and Journal this month for two summer college student workers at \$5.00/hour. Rick was authorized to buy steel plates to secure the trash cans around the neighborhood. He was also authorized to purchase an electric chain saw to replace his that was broken doing community work, for the community. City and Council - The Ardis/Steve letter on the PRU has raised tempers at City Hall. Ardis and Rupert will keep up with this. Newsletter - Ardis will do splinters for this month. Landscaping and Grounds - Juni Fordham will contact Vasia and this about becoming Chairperson for this committee. Lake - Ardis has been unable to reach Gene about his continuing to chair this committee.

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Old Business - Everything is set for the Annual Meeting. Judy will have copies of the Approved 1979 Budget and the letter to Mayor and Council duplicated for the meeting. Most committees have their reports ready.

Board of Director Elections - Manny will decide whether to run or not and to join the Board now, Rupert is still deciding about whether to stay or not. Ursula spoke with both Mrs. Chang and Mrs. Lubran about running. Anne Taylor indicated she will run and Judy still has to contact Carl Root. Rupert Curry will speak with Alan Perry about running.

New Business - Ardis raised the question about a Fidelity Bond. Judy will check with Stuart Lloyd on this.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
March 21, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Manny Gordon,
Mike Murphy, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 at the home of Steve Plotkin by the President, Ardis Fisher.

The minutes were approved and the only correspondence was from the City acknowledging our letter about the PRU. The City will brief us on the I-270 interchange on April 4 at 9:00 p.m. The public hearing will be on April 25 at Julius West at 7:30 p.m.

Treasurer's Report - We are still missing quite a few checks, and Stuart Lloyd picked up the 1978 books for his final audit.

Committee Reports - MAINTENANCE - Rick was authorized to purchase a new edger and sell the heavy gasoline one. We have hired our two summer workers, the truck may be sold this week; the fountains are fixed and we will turn them on now from 10 to 10 and in the summer from 11 to 11. Rick has been given permission to get bass for the lake. He is to get an estimate on the brick wall at the 870 townhouse; to walk through the community and list concrete repairs needed, including curbing and the area by the back door of the clubhouse. It was suggested that some of this repair work could be done with blue-stone and sealer. Rick is replacing the photocells on the path lights and has been asked to scrape and paint the downspouts on the clubhouse.

POOL - Judy will speak with David Lamb on progress here.

LAKE - Ardis has still been unable to reach Gene Sullivan.

LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS - We still don't have a chairperson for this committee but we will buy mulch, spray trees, etc. No new planting will be done until a chairperson volunteers. We still need to try and organize Earth Day. Judy will check with the City about replacing the tree on the Esplanade near Radburn. Ardis will write a letter to the "woodcutters" about clearing out the debris they created.

CITY AND COUNCIL - The letter from the 800 block was taken to the City. Ardis will have G. Wimsatt check on the possible development of the school property behind Don Mills Court.

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NEWSLETTER - We all agreed to raise the delivery fee to \$15/month in 1979.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL - Ardis will have Elias check the flue on the townhouse that backs up to the path on the clubhouse side of the Esplanade.

TENNIS - The courts are about finished, the nets need to be put back up. Everything looks terrific.

SOCIAL - The Disco Dance is on for this Saturday with approximately 30 couples.

OLD BUSINESS - As yet we have no one running for the Board.

NEW BUSINESS - Manny suggested that we run regulations on dogs in the April Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 4, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Ursula Rein, Manny Gordon, Steve Plotkin,
Rupert Curry, Rick Winecoff, Jim Bullard, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 p.m. by the President, Ardis Fisher.

The minutes were approved. Correspondence included the fact that Mr. Bergdorf is proposing to build 13 townhouses on the Village Greene; the neighbors of 12 Scandia Way are having problems with the appearance of that house and grounds. It was decided that the neighbors must voice their complaints to their neighbor as legally there is nothing either the City or the Board can do. Rupert will call the residents of 342 about the complaint about their abandoned car and tell them if it is not removed, we will have it towed. Rick said that he would cut off one limb of the choke cherry behind 312 and that this should solve the problem there. The tree at the corner of Radburn and NME will be replaced either by the City or us.

Treasurer's Report - Steve will draft a letter to the 60 residents who have not paid their dues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - MAINTENANCE- Rick said we sold the truck for \$375; the gutter by the door of the clubhouse needs to be replaced, we have bought the sprayer and he will send his little form note to the people on Farsta who have not replaced the plants that were covered by insurance. LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS - Ardis will write a letter to the woodcutters about cleaning up their debris, and will remind the 2 committee co-chairpersons about setting up Earth Day. LAKE - it was decided to run the fountains for the spring from 10 to 10. NEWSLETTER - Jim is going to try and do an article on the PRU, both past and present history; dog regulations; splinters from Ardis and a notice about keeping skateboards and bikes off the tennis courts. SOCIAL - The Disco Dinner Dance was a success and right now we know of nothing else planned. TENNIS - they are having a meeting 4/9 and Ardis suggested that they need a new roll-dry. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL- now that spring is here we are getting more requests. CITY AND COUNCIL Ardis is still trying to get more information on the proposed possible development of houses on the School Board property.

OLD BUSINESS - We will need five new Board members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 with the arrival of representatives from the City to discuss the proposed interchange at Seven Locks and Maryland (Falls Road).



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
February 7, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Bruce Mazzie,
Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. by the President,
Ardis Fisher, at Judy's home.

There were no minutes as there was no quorum at the previous
meeting. Correspondence - A letter from John Yarbrough asked that
the community maintain the two cut-throughs, one at the end of
Welwyn Way and the other one at the end of Harlow Court. Rick has
taken care of this and Judy will notify John. Ms. Jones at 142 NME
requested that the fence be repaired. She will be notified that
the policy is to remove the fence as it needs repairs.

Treasurer's Report - We finally collected the delinquent 1978
dues check (without suing) and Steve is sending a letter requesting
payment of the 1979 dues or suit will be initiated immediately. So
far we have collected over \$17,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: SOCIAL - a dinner dance is planned for March 24-
at \$15.00/couple, limit of 40 couples. There will be crepes, wine,
salad, and disco dancing taught by the Gildenhorns. MAINTENANCE -
Bruce reported that this would be his last meeting but that he would
help hire the 2 summer workers for lawn maintenance. TENNIS - their
party was a huge success and they returned the \$200 advance. CITY &
COUNCIL - no date yet for PRU hearing. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL - Ardis
submitted Elias' name to the City for their advisor program, and Judy
will let the snow removal firm know that they missed the 700 block.
NEWSLETTER - Everyone is pleased with Jim's work. Bruce will put
in a notice about the dangers of being on the lake when it isn't
completely frozen. LANDSCAPING & GROUNDS - We will run one more ad
for a chairperson and then will have to recruit one.

OLD BUSINESS - It was decided that election of officers will be
held at the end of May. Biographies must be in to Judy by May 1
to make the 5/10 Newsletter deadline. Ballots will be collected
and counted by June 1 and there will be a joint meeting of both
boards on June 6. A motion made by Bruce, seconded by Ardis and
passed 4-0 to appoint Manny Gordon to the Board to fill out Bruce's
term on the condition that he remove his boat.

NEW BUSINESS - All committee chairmen will be asked to submit a short
statement for the Annual Meeting on their 1978 activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
April 18, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Mike Murphy,
Rick Winecoff, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 PM by the President, Ardis Fisher.

The minutes were approved. Only correspondence was a letter from the 310-312 residents about the choke cherry which is on Rick's do list. Steve will draft a nasty letter to our woodcutters about cleaning up their mess.

Treasurer's Report - Steve has drafted letters to our non-paid up residents.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Landscaping and Grounds - Earth Day is planned for early May. It was suggested that the area behind the garage needed attention, we need more azealas, the path from the 800 block to the pool needs attention; that the crab apples which need replacement should be replaced by similar cherry trees; that the City will not replace the tree at Radburn Court and we need to do this; and that a sycamore tree behind the Murphy's needs replacement.

Maintenance - Rick has started the mowing program with one part-time worker. A notice will be placed in the May Newsletter requesting that residents not fish in the lake for one year in order to build up the bass. Rick was authorized to spend \$487 on 97 pounds (160 fish) for the lake. He was also authorized to contract with Mr. Allen for \$4400 worth of concrete work throughout the community. City and Council - the 4/23 meeting with Mayor and Council is not a hearing.

Ardis suggested that David Lamb, Rupert Curry, Harvey Alter and David Mermelstein attend along with her and any other interested community members. As to commons on the Interchnage, we seem to be at an impass. Residents either support it strongly, and strongly against it, or have no comments. It was decided that for the 4/25 meeting, no single community statement would be made. Steve then explained what was happening with the repairs in the 800 block with the water main break. The City's insurance representatives refuse to accept this event as the City's responsibility. They are calling it an act of God. Harrison and Friedel are not covered by their homeowner's policies. Steve has spoken with Rich Wagner about this and he is looking into it. Steve estimated that there is easily \$10,000 worth of repairs left yet undone.

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Paul Holland called

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED - ~~Not~~ one single resident has called to comment on Burgdorf's proposed rezoning of the Village Green. We will try and have a lawyer represent us to make sure that the proposed parking lot areas are dedicated streets; that there are no common grounds, that the community receive a minimum of \$3600 per house from the builder; that a performance bond be posted and other amenities be given to the community which are due us. Mike Murphy commented that some of the communities in Gaithersburg have been turned over to the City. Elections - At this point, we have one, possibly 2 residents running for the Board. We will hopefully have more by the May 1 deadline

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
May 2, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Rick Weincoff, Jim Bullard, Mike Murphy, Sonia Perry, Jack Remissong, Raj and Madeline Gupta, Syd Corwin, Jo Broder, Natalie Nelson, Florence Carol, Stan Sirotkin, Phil Horowitz, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 P.M. by the President, Ardis Fisher at the home of Steve Plotkin. The minutes were approved as corrected. Treasurer's Report - a few out of the outstanding dues checks have come in, and Steve will write a letter to the woodsmen.

COMMUNITY FORUM: Most of the residents attending the meeting came to speak about the proposed I-270 Interchange. Most of them had attended the April 25th hearing at Julius West and were opposed to the idea. Basic concerns as shared by Jim Bullard, Sonia Perry, Susan Stimler, Stan Sirotkin and Phil Horowitz were that Maryland Avenue would probably be one-way into Rockville; what happens to the cars of the 1800 employees that will be working in the new County Office Building; concern over the safety of the children having to get to Julius West; the adverse effect to our residents in both added traffic on Maryland Avenue and the inconvenience created to our residents by both additional traffic and our traffic patterns within and adjacent to the community. After much discussion it was decided to hold an open community meeting on Wednesday, May 23, at 8:00 P.M. at the Clubhouse to hear the community's views, and to have a ballot in the Newsletter for those to respond who can not attend the meeting. Bergdorf Property - Another issue discussed was the Village Greene and the proposed 13 townhouses. We have hired Phil Horowitz's real estate law firm to help us work out problems around this issue. Basic concerns include making sure the community is not saddled with more private driveways and grass areas; access to the Clubhouse for chemical trucks etc. for the pool; the type of houses being built which could affect the resale values of existing homes; tree screening; dues for the new homes plus a buy-in-price per house. Phil suggested that ideally we should deal with the builder and make the zoning variance conditional upon what we want. Hopefully we will be meeting with Mr. Bergdorf before the zoning hearing and attending various planning commission hearings. PRU - about six residents attended the PRU meeting on Monday, April 23. The City will give us no relief on either townhouse streets or sidewalks. They claim we have to pay for our privacy. An alternative being looked into is reinstatement of the Townhouse Maintenance Fund whereby the townhouses would pay an additional \$100/year in addition to dues for the express purpose of maintaining concrete, grass, and asphalt areas. We are now looking into the legality of this.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS - Lake - Ms. Ducar at 240 NME is complaining about the depth of the lake and the grass cuttings that are piling up around her area. We will place another notice in the Newsletter about asking residents not to put their grass cuttings in the street as they just wash into the lake. These should be bagged and will be collected by the City. There is now an opening for Lake Committee Chairperson. Rick Winecoff reported that vandals had knocked over the junction box and shorted the lines to the large fountain. Either he will have to spend a lot of time trying to find the break or we will have to call in an electrician; the little fountain appears to be having motor problems and Rick will check this. POOL- new lane ropes have been ordered, the staff has been hired, and Tim will probably start cleaning out the pool this weekend for opening on Saturday, May 26th. Judy will publish the schedule until school gets out in the Newsletter. The reason the pool does not open earlier in the week while school is in is because the guards are either students or teachers and they can not be there during the day. We will also have less Saturday meets at NMC this year, and something will be worked out for evening practices. NEWSLETTER - everyone commented on the terrific job Jim is doing. TENNIS - they are planning tournaments for mid-June and the new roll-dry has been purchased. LANDSCAPING & GROUNDS - Plans for Earth Day this Sunday seem to be moving along. Rick and Raj will work out the problem about the choke cherry. Rick reported that until our second summer worker reports for duty after Memorial Day, grass will be cut about once every 10 days. Ardis will speak with Juni and Helen about railroad ties for the areas around the clubhouse. The Board approved ties to keep the stones from getting on the path between the tennis courts and clubhouse. Rick will look into a contractor for fixing the fence between Lakeside Overlook and the 100 block of NME. He has sprayed all trees that he can reach from streets and cul du sacs for bag and tent worms and lace flies. The City has also done some spraying. Rick is having a hard time trying to get a brick contractor to fix walls; our job is just too small.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
May 16, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Manny Gordon,
David Nichols, Suzanne Stimler, Marsha Linde, Judy
Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 p.m. by the President,
Ardis Fisher. The minutes were approved as correct. There was
no correspondence.

Treasurer's Report - About 35 non-paid up residents will receive
their last warning before suing. We will institute suit against
the owner of 274 NME immediately. Steve will write letters to
the woodsman about cleaning up the debris along the clubhouse access
road and to Mr. Cross who ran into a tree along the Esplanade to get
replacement money for this.

Committee Reports - MAINTENANCE - A motion was passed 4-0 to give
Rick a \$500 raise as of June 1, 1979 with the understanding that
he probably will not receive a full raise for 1980. It was also
agreed that the two part-time summer workers could use the pool
from 4:30-8:00 p.m. on weekdays. Rick was authorized to bring us
exact figures on the purchase of a trailer to be attached to his
Jeep for hauling trash, etc. With the \$468 saved this year on truck
insurance, \$50 for tags, and the \$300 sale of the truck, we are close
to Rick's estimate of \$800 for this item. LAKE - David Nichols
complained about the condition of the lake (i.e., debris, weeds, etc.)
It was explained that we are doing our best, but with no Lake Committee
and no chairperson for this committee, the best we can do is have
Rick patrol the lake once a week and he is looking into an algacide.
The big fountain has been repaired and the little fountain has a new
motor. However, we still have residents dumping both trash and grass
cuttings into the lake. POOL - Inspection will be May 23; Rick says
the lights are good for another two years and should be budgeted for
replacement in 1981. The fence should be budgeted for replacement
next year. David Lamb and Tim Stewart will order a new pump to be
used as a backup. Reconditioning of the existing pump will have to
wait until it goes and then we will have look into the cost. The
new lane ropes are in and cost less than anticipated. Rick will
set the railroad ties in around the pool to keep the stones from
getting all over. LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS - They met on 5/15 and
at this point have a small committee. They will be landscaping the
bank by 324 and 326 NME and will consider the railroad tie project,
the path to the pool from the 800 block. They did not consider
Earth Day a success and some problems included not putting bagged
debris along the Esplanade and large bags filled with sand.

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NEWSLETTER - Both the Newsletter and Directory should be out soon. We are just waiting for covers for the Directory. ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL - There was no objection to the proposed split-rail fence proposed by the Kneils but both the Weiss' and the Braslows' need to submit further details before their projects will be approved. CITY AND COUNCIL - Steve Plotkin attended the meeting and complained about the situation in the 800 block from the water main break damage. It appears that there is a swere easement along the break and that perhaps the City will be taking care of everything except Harrison's steps and some minor damage to Friedel's property. Ardis will check with Dan Hobbs on this. Steve bemoaned the loss of a large oak tree by the fire hydrant that will probably not be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS - The meeting next Wednesday, May 23 will be on I-270. We don't know what kind of turnout to anticipate. There are ballots in the Newsletter for those who cannot attend. There was a small item in the Rockville Newsletter mentioning budgeting for sidewalks on Maryland Avenue. There will be no official election as we have five members for the new Board, they include: Manny Gordon, Marsha Linde, Norman Linton, Mike Murphy and Suzanne Stimler. They will take over on June 6. Phil Horowitz is to report to the Board on June 6 on the Bergdorf property negotiations and other legal matters that the Board has asked him to look into. There was some complaints from other community attorneys about hiring one of our residents. The most important issues concerning the new construction include: no undedicated streets or community areas; discussion about buy-in to the community and community membership; and perhaps amenities such as fixing asphalt areas etc.

NEW BUSINESS; There was a request from a resident about the possibility of either a cable TV antenna for his private home, or possibly a community. The matter was referred to the Architectural Control Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.



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BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
June 6, 1979

ATTENDEES: Ardis Fisher, Steve Plotkin, Ursula Rein, Rick Winecoff,
Phil Horowitz, Mike Margolies, Mike Murphy, Norm Linton,
Marsha Linde, Suzanne Stimler, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 8:09 p.m. by the out-going
President, Ardis Fisher.

Phil Horowitz and Mike Margolies made their report about findings in both regard to the Townhouse Maintenance Fund being reinstated and the negotiations and status of the Bergdorf property. On the question of the townhouse maintenance fund nothing can be done legally as this fund is not covered by our Articles, Covenants or By-laws. In regard to the Bergdorf property several interesting facts were uncovered. First, the property is not part of our original PRU in terms of residential use and therefore does not fall under NMC's Articles, Covenants and By-laws. This in effect means that it is our decision as to whether we will allow home owners of the 13 new townhouses to belong to our recreational facilities and this could possibly be a bargaining position for us to deal with in negotiations with Mr. Bergdorf. The second major point discussed was that Mr. Bergdorf falls heir to the amenities promised us by the original builder, Mr. Bennett, which include such items as 4 more tennis courts and a tot lot. It is possible that since we really don't want these items, there could be a trade-off with the developer for such items as concrete repair, more landscaping, etc. Phil had basically two recommendations, both involving the community becoming actively involved with both the developer and the City (Planning Commission) before the July 16th hearing. One possibility would be to agree (the community and Mr. Bergdorf) to have the 13 homes subject to our Articles, By-laws and Covenants (possibly requiring an initiation fee per house although the community history on this is rather sporadic, not all owners had this in their contract); two to record an easement similar to our covenants; or possibly to allow these new owners to be non-resident members as we do residents of Markwood. The City probably does not want to hear that we oppose any construction on the Village Greene property and probably the best solution for the community would be residential rather than commercial as the settlement of the suit for the permanent truncation of New Mark Esplanade at Monroe Street has never been settled. At this point, the new Board asked Phil and Mike to make a written report of their findings and recommendations by the end of the week of June 15; and to stop their research (now up to \$2000 in fees) until such time as the Board may ask them to start up again.

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The minutes were approved and there was no correspondence.

A law suit has been initiated against the owner of 274 NME for non-payment of dues. The new Treasurer will contact the 11 other residents who also have not paid the assessment.

Committee Reports - Rick Winecoff was instructed to remove the large logs from the community rather than use them as benches, etc. We were unable to get all the fish for the lake restocking this year; and Rick suggested we split the remaining number over the next 2 years. The choke cherries have been taken care of. There is still a tree to come down by 828 NME.

The Board then elected its officer for the following year as follows:

President - Norm Linton
Veep - Suzanne Stimler
Secretary - Judy Mermelstein
Treasurer - Mike Murphy
Maintenance - Marsha Linde
Member-at-large - Manny Gordon

Suzanne agreed to stay on top of the I-270 proposed interchange. She will draft a letter for Board approval to be sent to the State, County and City declaring New Mark's opposition to this plan.

Norman agreed to work on the Bergdorf problem. He will contact members of the negotiating team from 1976 and re-open talks with Mr. Bergdorf. Rick said he would put together our trade-off items as most of the ones we originally negotiated have been taken care of.

Mike will further pursue the job of trying to get the City to take over townhouse parking lots and sidewalks as we can't collect another assessment at this point against townhouse owners.

It was agreed that the next meeting would be on Monday, June 18th at 7:30 at the Clubhouse with a possible 2 hour maximum for all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35.



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ATTENDEES: Norm Linton, Suzanne Stimler, Mike Murphy, Marsha Linde, Manny Gordon, Rick Winecoff, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by the President Norm Linton. The minutes were corrected to read that Mike is trying to find another way to assess townhouse owners for specific maintenance of the concrete areas. There was no correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mike and Judy will get together to go over the books. At this point we have spent \$37,500 of our 1979 budget of \$86,000 (which did not include capital items). Mike has also drafted a letter to residents who have not yet paid their dues.

The following Board members will serve as liaison's for the standing committees:

Marsha Linde - maintenance and tennis
Suzanne Stimler - social
Norm Linton - lake
Mike Murphy - Architectural control and Newsletter
Manny Gordon - landscaping and grounds
Judy Mermelstein - pool

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Lake - the fountains running 10 hours/day run us about \$105/month. We will try and get a committee and chair-people for this committee to work on the aquatic growth problem, debris, etc. This committee has not been active for about the past 3-4 years. MAINTENANCE - Rick was given permission to fix the top of the lake bridge.

OLD BUSINESS - Suzanne will have the draft letter about the I-270 interchange distributed this week and both she and Judy will look into Federal and State people to send it to. VILLAGE GREENE - Norm reported on the Planning Commission meeting with Mr. Bergdorf. A meeting has been rescheduled for July 11 with this group and possibly the July 16 hearing before Mayor and Council will be pushed up a few weeks. It is hoped that the Board and committee will meet with Phil Horowitz on Monday, June 25th to get our act together and then meet with Mr. Bergdorf and his lawyer on Thursday, June 28. Our main agenda items for the Planning Commission meeting is not to oppose the rezoning of the property from commercial to residential for the proposed 13 townhouses, but to make clear to the city that we want the permanent settlement of the suit about the truncation of New Mark Esplanade at Monroe final once and for all. The City should give up their easement rights to this once and for all.

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The second major concern for the community is that the townhouse streets be curbed and built to City standards and not the PRU standards so that the community would have no further concrete areas. It was also suggested that the property lines of the new houses be adjusted to include all grass areas that the community would also not be responsible for mowing any more areas than it already has to. The third area for negotiation includes some control over the architectural standards of the homes including tree screens, what trees on the property would remain, etc. Suzanne went to the City and saw the floor plans which include 4 bedrooms upstairs, a full living area on the first floor and basements and garages. Judy will try and get plat plans to scale and the perspective that Mr. Bergdorf has prepared. She will also try and get him to walk through the property to see exactly where the houses would be built. Along with this item was concern about the clubhouse access going as far back as it does now. The fourth item included a buy-in fee per house as well as these homes coming under the covenants and by-laws of the community which would allow us to legally collect dues and to control for architectural improvements and changes.

Apparently Mr. Bergdorf has become a successor in interest to the amenities owed the community by Mr. Bennett (4 tennis courts and a tot lot) and the Board expressed an interest in using these items as a trade off (once the value of these amenities is established) for such items as lights for the parking lot for the clubhouse; possible repair of both the blacktop paths and parking lot areas; and water and sewer hook-up for the garage, more landscaping, etc. It was also suggested that there be a performance bond and some kind of 10 year insurance against such things as water main breaks, etc.

Norm will get in touch with former committee members and Phil Horowitz for our meeting and also the proposed one with Mr. Bergdorf. The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board was set for July 25 at 7:30 p.m. unless something comes up and we need a meeting before then.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



NEW MARK COMMONS
HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 206
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
July 18, 1979

ATTENDEES: Norm Linton, Suzanne Stimler, Mike Murphy, Manny Gordon,
Marsha Linde, Rick Winecoff, Helen and David Wolfe,
Juni Fordham, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the President,
Norman Linton. The minutes were approved. There was no correspondence.

The Treasurer, Mike Murphy, will send a final letter before
suing to those residents who still have not paid their dues. The
letter for budget preparation will be going out in August with a
due date of September 1. After much discussion a motion by Norm,
seconded by Manny was passed 5-0 to place \$20,000 of our reserve
fund in a 6 month certificate thereby giving us a higher interest
rate than the 5.5 percent passbook accounts.

COMMUNITY FORUM:

Juni Fordham and Helen Wolfe reported on their meetings with
Dan Cooper (nurseymen) and their plans for the Landscaping and Grounds
Committee. They will be replacing damaged and dead street crabapple
trees with bradford pears in October. Some of the junipers will be
removed from behind the basketball court and placed on the side of it.
The removed trees will be replaced with a large maple. The birch will
be replaced with a paper birch and no more willows will be planted
by the lake. The sod in the circle on Potomac Valley Road was dug
up and pacacendra planted. Judy will meet with Helen Reed about which
rocks from the Clubhouse access road will be moved from there by the
City into this circle. Eventually the front entrance will be worked
on with the removal of some of the azealas. The committee chair-
persons suggested that Earth Day be made a separate committee and this
will be advertised in the September Newsletter. A mowing problem area
in front of 328 NME will also be worked on. It was suggested that
the trees behind 294 NME be moved forward.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Control - It was agreed, subject to approval by
this committee, that the fence behind 3 Lakeside could be replaced at
the owner's expense by a split rail. It was decided that no trucks
even for delivery on an in and out basis would be allowed on the
blacktop bike path.

Lake - Both Tom Hubin and Bob Short may be interested in chairing
this committee. Creosoling the docks and work on the path around the
lake have been postponed until 1980 because of budget problems. Rick
and the boys try and take the boat out once a week to keep the lake
clean of debris.

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Newsletter - The next issue will be in September.

Social - There may be a Labor Day party, but the International Buffet is planned for the first Saturday in November.

Tennis - The June tournament is still going on.

Maintenance - The Board approved approximately \$278 for paint for the exterior trim of the clubhouse to be done now. Rick will have to check color changes with Elias. The rest of the outside will be done in 1980. A proposed solar collector for the garage by Rick was tabled until he gets further details on cost, efficiency, etc.

OLD BUSINESS:

Suzanne Stimler reported that she will have the final draft on the letter opposing the I-270 interchange ready after a July 26 meeting in Markwood held at David Epstein's home with other communitys representing the same view.

Norm Linton briefly reported that we are waiting for Mr. Bergdorf's lawyer to get in touch with Phil Horowitz. Our last meeting with Mr. Bergdorf and his lawyer sent them back to the drawing board.

Mike Murphy is working on the townhouse parking lot problems. It was suggested that possibly the Covenants and By-laws need to be amended.

NEW BUSINESS:

Judy reported on meetings with Rockville City Police, Montgomery County Police and the Rockville Youth Services Division about the vandalism and juvenile problem in our community. A community meeting was set up for Wednesday, July 25th at 8:00 PM at the clubhouse with representatives from these groups to try and help us stop the problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



NEW MARK COMMONS
HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 206
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Board of Directors' Meeting
August 1, 1979

ATTENDEES: Norman Linton, Suzanne Stimler, Mike Murphy, Marsha Linde,
Phil Horowitz, Jim Bullard, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the President, Normal Linton.

A discussion was held on the proposals by Mr. Bergdorf through his lawyer to Phil Horowitz on settlement of the Village Greene property. After much discussion a motion by Mike Murphy, seconded by Suzanne Stimler and passed 4-0 was to ask for \$5,000/house and public streets. The least we would accept was \$4,000/house and public streets. Phil suggested that if Mr. B. does not negotiate what was in his letter, that the community be prepared to fight his progress and to make sure that the buyers of these homes be made fully aware before purchase that they will not be considered part of NMC. Phil will sent us a written copy of his work to date along with a bill by the end of August.

Norm then reported that four outside young people, 2 juveniles and 2 adults (18 and 19 yrs) were caught trespassing in the pool at 2 am on 8/1. A discussion was held as to whether to prosecute and make it known that this will be our policy. After much discussion it was decided to prosecute the adults and to send letters to the parents of the juveniles. A discussion of a night watchman was discarded because of cost, and the police also agreed that this would probably not be a deterrant. In line with this topic, the Youth Services Division was given permission to hold a meeting at the Clubhouse on 8/8 at 7:30 p.m. with the youth of our community. A poster will be placed at the Clubhouse regarding the prosecutions.

Suzanne Stimler and Jim Bullard reported on a meeting at the home of David Epstein on Marcus Court on the proposed I-270 Interhchange. Most of the officials attending were from the State level and were unaware of the traffic patterns in Rockville and what the Interchange could create in terms of major problems to the residents of Rockville. Apparently this whole idea and push comes from the Mayor's office. Suzanne will have the draft report ready by the next meeting.

Marsha reported that both Tennis Committee Co-chairmen have resigned and we will advertise in the September Newsletter for their replacement.

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Mike Murphy will look into a \$20,000/6 month certificate and possibly a 3 month/\$10,000 certificate.

Phil Horowitz will contact Mr. Owens of the City to find out how much extra the dedicated streets (sub-standard) would cost Mr. Bergdorf.

Judy discussed the sale of the 10 acres behind Don Mills Court and bounded by I-270 to a developer now that the school property has been reverted back to the County. She will try and get more information on who this will affect NMC.

Mike asked about the \$5/month late charge when the Covenants only allow for 6% of the total dues bill. It was explained that no one has ever had to pay more than \$15, which is less than 6%.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.



NEW MARK COMMONS
HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.

P. O. BOX 206
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850

Board of Directors' Meeting
August 22, 1979

ATTENDEES: Suzanne Stimler, Manny Gordon, Marsha Linde, Judy Mermelstein, Paul Holland, Toni, Hans and John Schierling, Rosemary and Chris Ruffeaux, David Stemple, Pat Keefe, Todd Mazzie, Janice Remissong, Jerry Rogers

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President at 7:50 p.m. by the Vice-President Suzanne Stimler.

Jerry Rogers from the City of Rockville Youth Service Division and the young adults attending the meeting (along with 3 parents) explained to the Board what has been happening with our young people in response to the vandalism and other problems this summer has seen in New Mark. Jerry, a volunteer with the City, has organized an Explorers multi-interest group for our young people under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America. The City-sponsored ideas and programs run by the Recreation Department, basically out of the Elwood Smith Teen Center have no interest for our young people for a number of reasons, including having to travel to Elwood Smith, low level of interest in Recreation Department Programs and what they have to offer. For whatever reasons, the City is not willing to have Jerry work with our young people in our neighborhood and still remain part of their volunteer staff. Jerry would be willing to resign from his position with the City in order to be Advisor to our teens and/or have the Board go to the city and see if some other arrangement could be worked out with them so that Jerry could wear two hats.

After a lot of discussion on the mechanics and organization of an Explorers group; the Board definitely expressed a positive interest in having Jerry work with New Mark Commons as the sponsoring organization and Jerry as the advisor, complete with associate advisors, a parents' committee and other vocational resources both within and outside of New Mark.

After Jerry has presented the Board with all written material available on the Explorers group including insurance, etc., and the Board has clarified what it's role and responsibility will be as sponsor, along with understanding of when and how the clubhouse will be used, possibly 3 times a week by the group, we will then come together to make final decisions and perhaps get the group really rolling.

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Paul Holland presented a letter of resignation dated September 1 as co-chairman of the Tennis Committee and also a letter from that Committee endorsing having Mr. Bergdorf build at least one tennis court. In order for New Mark to have competitive tennis teams, both on the adult level and teen level, a minimum of 3 courts is required.

Paul also suggested that we look into the possibility of either buying or leasing the property where the community garden plots now exist from the County now that the property has reverted back to them from the School System. Latest opinion has the property as a buffer zone for New Mark and the Poor Farm property which may be developed as commercial property.

Suzanne's letter to Mr. Kassoff was signed for mailing and she will reword the letter to be sent to Representative Barnes and whatever other officials may be interested.

Rick's letter suggesting that the garage not be used for a Teen center was distributed.

Marsha will be sending out a memo to committee chairpersons asking them to forward to her any requests for maintenance work for committees to be done by Rick and his crew for her okay before he does them.

Permission was given to the guards for their own party on 8/24.

Judy will check into Board of Directors' insurance and bonding for Board members at Manny's request. Manny also suggested that the next Newsletter have articles on what has been happening in terms of our prosecuting trespassers caught in the pool; the teen group; the watch committees, etc.

Judy reminded everyone that 1980 budget proposals are due 9/1/79.

Norman and Mike Murphy were at a City Planning Commission hearing with Mr. Bergdorf who proposed that his streets be public as a trade off for 3 tennis courts; that he will give us either the fourth tennis court and/or tot lot or the equivalent in money. He is apparently now not interested in having his homes included as part of New Mark under our By-Laws and Covenants and membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

NEW MARK COMMONS HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
August 29, 1979

ATTENDEES: Norman Linton, Suzanne Stimler, Mike Murphy, Manny Gordon, Marsha Linde, Jim Bullard, Judy Mermelstein, Jerry Rogers, Jim Brody, Dave Hastings, Phil Horowitz

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the President, Norm Linton. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Mike reported that he put the total \$30,000 in a 6 month certificate which should draw about \$500 interest. Manny suggested that Mike look into other options that could yield even higher interest rates. We have only one resident who has not paid their 1979 assessment.

Phil Horowitz then discussed what is happening with Mr. Bergdorf after the last meeting before the Planning Commission. We had originally asked that Mr. Bergdorf pay between \$4,000 to \$5,000 to have his 13 townhouses be part of the community and that he still owed us 4 tennis courts, a tot lot and the City required the finishing off of the Esplanade extension. Mr. Bergdorf countered with either he would put in public streets, give us one tennis court and the tot lot (or its equivalent) and no community affiliation, or 20 townhouses, public streets, the extension completed and a sum of \$46,000 given to the community to be used at its discretion, in return for our support of this plan and inclusion of the 20 homes under the By-Laws and Covenants. Putting aside the membership issue, the Board's position was to support the building of 13 townhouses and public streets. The end of NME will be finished as a turn-around with sewer, lights, curbing, etc. The Planning Commission recommendation to Mayor and Council will be that Mr. Bergdorf be allowed to build 13 townhouses with public streets (in lieu of 3 tennis courts owed us), that he will finish off New Mark Esplanade as required by the City and will give the community one tennis court and tot lot or its equivalent. This leaves us free to either negotiate with Mr. Bergdorf on having all 13 homes included under our Covenants (which was the consensus of the Board for architectural control, fencing, etc.) or to negotiate with each buyer individually. It was agreed to hold an open community meeting on Wednesday, September 5 from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. to inform residents of what is going on, especially those most affected by the proposed construction. After that meeting, the Board will hold a brief Board meeting. It was decided that after the Hearing before Mayor and Council we could then discuss with Mr. Bergdorf inclusion of his homes within the Association; and then before the next Planning Commission meeting such amenities as tree screen, location of homes, moving of the bike path, etc.

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Jerry Rogers and Dave Hastings, Advisor and Associate Advisor, for the NMC proposed Explorers Group and Jim Brody from the National Council for Explorers then discussed with the Board sponsorship of an Explorers group for New Mark. Concerns were expressed by Board members on liability to property (mainly the clubhouse and surrounding areas); injury to adults and/or teenagers connected with the group; size of the organization; admission of teens outside the community; placing limits on the group, etc. Jim Brody explained about the \$2.5 million liability insurance (personal) for registered members and adults in Explorer activities. It was agreed that the group would put up a \$100 security deposit to cover our insurance deductible in the event of damage to the Clubhouse. Manny Gordon expressed concern about outsiders; about the Esplanade being all parked up with cars; will we be able to enlist responsible adults to help with the program. Jerry explained that at this point we have about 25 interested teens and that his aim is to have 90% of our approximately 125 teens (14-21) involved in this program. At this point in time they seem less interested in the social aspects (ping-pong, etc.) then in the career orientation of the program. Mike Murphy agreed to be the Scouting Coordinator which involves his being the Board liaison to Jerry Rodgers. There will also be a parents' committee of 4-5 parents willing to be resource people; plus advisors to include non-parent, community members who will work with Jerry and Dave and the teens. It was further agreed to limit the organization to New Mark Commons and that Jerry would come to the Board if and when the group would want to admit outsiders. It was also understood that the Board could drop its sponsorship at any time, particularly with regard to giving permission for use of the Clubhouse if this was abused. A motion by Norm and seconded by Mike to grant the teens a one year trial period, including the \$100 deposit to cover the insurance deductible was passed 4-0 with one abstention. A second motion to sponsor the group and concur with the program was passed 5-0. The group will have as its first function a "Kick-off" night where teens and their parents (and Board members) will be invited to hear what the group is all about. Jerry explained that the group will generate its own funds; but that sometimes they may come to the Board for a special request such as funding part of a representative's fees for attending a national meeting.

Jim Bullard asked for Splinters from the Board for the next Newsletter. Norm will due the September one and then it will rotate through the Board. Judy will ask Bob Mateer to do an article for the Community Watch.

We have been getting the usual complaints about the condition of the Lake. Norm will check with Bob Short about heading up this committee. Mike asked Judy to find the Covenant section requiring 100% vote for changes. Norm Linton has asked Jerry to keep an eye on the hot spot area in the 200 block.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

NEW MARK COMMONS HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
Board of Director's Meeting
September 19, 1979

ATTENDEES: Norm Linton, Suzanne Stimler, Marsha Linde, Mike Murphy,
Helen Wolfe, Juni Fordham, Jim Bullard, Rick Winecoff,
Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by the President, Norm Linton. Mike Murphy corrected some previous minutes.

Correspondence - Suzanne will reply to correspondence on the status of the I-270 interchange. Norm reported on correspondence from the BCC Chamber of Commerce about increased land taxes on country clubs which really doesn't affect us; and a letter from Mayor Hanna about upgrading and maintaining the neighborhoods in Rockville. Rick will send the standard notices to 110 and 112 NME about the condition of their property and Judy will send the same notices to the owner. A motion by Mike, seconded by Norm was passed 4-0 to place a lien on 118 NME for non-payment of dues.

Committee Reports - The Newsletter was distributed but there was no large article on the "Village Greene". Judy will get out a flyer about the hearing before Mayor and Council on 9/24 at 8:30 pm. Suzanne agreed to write Splinters for the October issue. Lake - Tom Hubin is definitely interested in becoming the Chairperson and Judy will check with Bob Short on his interest. Maintenance - Rick presented his facts and figures for a solar heating unit on the roof of the garage which would cost about \$700 and would pay for itself within 2 years. Final decision was postponed until further checking was done with knowledgeable people about this. Social - the International Buffet is scheduled for November 3. Landscaping & Grounds - Juni and Helen presented their budget which basically asked for \$2500 for crab apple replacement by Bedford pears along the Esplanade and \$1500 for supplies. They also commented that quite a few community trees need topping and they would look into the price of this. Mike Murphy asked that they spell out more specifically what the \$1500 would cover so as to avoid duplication with the maintenance budget. Tennis - Judy will check with Ira Whitman to see if he will chair this committee.

Old Business - Suzanne will send a letter to Mr. Barnes from the Board on the I-270 interchange. Bergdorf property - No one has spoken to Phil since the meeting on 9/5. Norm will contact him and get our comments together for the hearing. After much discussion it was agreed that what we would like is the monetary equivalent of the 4 tennis courts and tot lot promised by Mr. Bennett and that the 13 proposed townhouses would be included in our community under the covenants and by-laws with a buy-in fee of \$3,000. It was further agreed that if private drives were to be built that they be built to public street depths in terms of asphalt and concrete.

✓ public street specifications

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Old Business - continued: Explorer's Group - Mike reported that they are still in the formative stages. The first meeting had about 23 kids, 14 paid their dues and officers were elected. They will be meeting every Thursday evening at the Clubhouse. Judy reported that there is nothing new on the Poor Farm Property.

New Business - Marsha Linde asked if the mothers now forming a new playgroup to meet in the clubhouse once a week could have the \$150 returned by the old group. This was agreed to. Norm reported on several complaints about the young people at the entrance of the 200 block causing a general nuisance. Judy will contact Bob Mateer of Youth Services to see what can be done.

The discussion of the proposed 1980 budget was tabled until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

NEW MARK COMMONS HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
October 3, 1979

ATTENDEES: Suzanne Stimler, Mike Murphy, Manny Gordon, Rick Winecoff,
Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Vice President,
Suzanne Stimler.

The minutes were approved as corrected. There was no incoming
correspondence, but the Board signed letters re I-270 to various
local politicians. *Barnes - Simmons & Walker*

COMMITTEE REPORTS - SOCIAL - There will be no International Buffet
as Carol cannot work on it and no one else has volunteered. Mike
will check with Elias to see what happened on the City's Stop
Work order on the addition at 12 Scandia Way which was approved
neither by the City or our committee. MAINTENANCE - Rick reported
on his discussion with Tom Tragert on the solar collector for the
garage roof. After much discussion as to types of materials to be
used, construction costs and times; and pay back time, Mike asked
Rick to again speak with Tom and come up with some kind of figure
on the heat produced by the collector and what else would be needed
to heat the garage. Rick commented that part of the heat was from
kerosene which is now getting expensive and hard to find. The
estimated cost is still about \$750 with a pay back period within
2 years. The TENNIS tournament is finally over and Mort Stimler won.
LANDSCAPING & GROUNDS - the free azaelas went quickly and Mr. Cooper
will soon be planting 50 Bedford pears along the Esplanade. It was
explained that these trees flower, have red leaves in fall, require
little or no maintenance as opposed to oaks, maples, crabapples, etc.
Rick asked that the trees be placed closer to the curb ^{in order to}
cut down on mowing time. Manny reported that there will be a meeting
on 10/4 with Marsha, himself, Norm, Rick, Juni and Helen on Maintenance
and Landscaping and Grounds responsibilities. The front area will be
planted much like the circle on Potomac Valley Road.

OLD BUSINESS - Further discussion on the Bergdorf property was tabled
until Norm is at a meeting and until Phil receives written proposals
from Mr. Delaney, Bergdorf's lawyer. Mike reported that the Explorers
Group is in formative stage, concerned with raising funds and their
vocational orientation. Rick offered the use of the garage a few
evenings a week, under his supervision, for carpentry projects, etc.
A motion by Manny and seconded by Mike was passed 3-0 that if the
Board is sued, the community pays for the Board's lawyer fees. Judy
assured the Board that they are bonded, but cannot find Board insurance.
The BUDGET was discussed in some detail, with a few changes being made.
We will wait until the end of October when most of the large bills are
paid for final discussion. Additional capital items such as lights
in the parking lot, repair of the black-top path, painting the clubhouse
brick, more maintenance help for Rick and more money in the landscaping
budget were discussed.

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NEW BUSINESS - There was a brief discussion on Mike's report on setting up another fund by townhouse owners for the maintenance and repair of the townhouse parking lots. After some discussion about how we are bound by the articles of incorporation and the bylaws, Mike said he would speak with David Lamb and also write a letter to the City, again requesting that they take over these areas. *Manny*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

NEW MARK COMMONS HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
October 17, 1979

ATTENDEES: Suzanne Stimler, Mike Murphy, Marsha Linde, Nancy Graves,
Paul Holland, Dick Webber, Judy Mermelstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 P.M. by the Vice President,
Suzanne Stimler.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Community Forum: Nancy Graves who lives on Argyle Street and who is a non-resident member of our community asked for our support at the Mayor and Council meeting of 10/22/79 to keep a 6-acre piece of property bounded by Argyle, Monroe and S. Washington Streets (known as the Rockville Heights area of the City) from being zoned from R-90 (single family) to R-30 (higher density residential, up to 7 stories). This piece of property is part of the Town Center Urban Design Plan which will probably be passed in total within the month. Judy commented that the last Board had supported Nancy's request to have this same property zoned commercial. This area is surrounded by residential, basically single family homes. The East End Citizens Association is also supporting the blocking of the zoning change. After much discussion of the little publicized meetings and hearings of the Town Center concept, the Board agreed to draft a letter to be read by Paul Holland at the hearing. Dick Webber commented that Mayor and Council would probably pass the whole Town Center concept and not be too concerned with individual interest groups; if the Council responded to each individual interest area; probably the whole plan would have to be abandoned.

Paul Holland and Dick Webber came mainly to discuss what was happening with the Bergdorf property and were informed that we have a meeting with Bergdorf and Delaney on 10/22 to finalize our positions before final Mayor and Council decision to be made on 10/24. Since both Norman and Phil are out of town, a weekend meeting will be set up in preparation for the meeting on 10/22. It appears as if Bergdorf has offered us one tennis court, a tot lot, public streets, the finishing off of NME and that's about it; which is an unacceptable position for the community to agree to.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - Maintenance - Marsha brought the calendar that Rick has prepared of what it actually does on a day to day basis in the community; this was requested at a meeting attended by Marsha, Rick, Norman, Manny and Juni. Architectural Control - the residents at 12 Scandia resubmitted a request for their two-story addition which was approved by Elias with appropriate comments. We assume this has now been sent to the City for a building permit. Mike will check on this.

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OLD BUSINESS - Budget - Rick wanted to add such items as brick work repair at an estimated cost of \$6,000, sidewalk repair including the steps down to the lake from the 200 block of NME, \$5,000 and the possibility of a woodburning stove instead of solar energy. Judy was concerned about their being no ventilation or water in the garage if a wood stove were to be installed. Suzanne suggested that possible the budget should be formalized in cost center areas such as: Lake, NME maintenance, Clubhouse complex and townhouse concrete. Mike will write another letter to the City requesting them to take over the maintenance of the townhouse parking lots, but commented that after Manny has talked with David Lamb, the Board may eventually have to decide how far they want to pursue the idea of changing the By-Laws and Covenants so that townhouse owners would have to bear the cost of anticipated repairs to these concrete areas.

NEW BUSINESS - Judy reported that she had been in contact with the City about the sewage being dumped into the lake and on the path down by the original dock. Apparently this problem has now been fixed and future problems should be referred to Ken Sutton of the City at extension 250.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.

NEW MARK COMMONS HOMES ASSOCIATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
November 21, 1979

ATTENDEES: Norm Linton, Manny Gordon, Suzanne Stimler, Mike
Murphy, Ardis Fisher, Ursula Rein, Rupert Curry,
Winni Herrmann, Paul Holland, Judy Grandin,
Ruth Loevinger

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 pm by Norm Linton. Ardis Fisher and Ursula Rein said that they were unhappy with the replacement of the crabapple trees with the bradford pears because (1) they will take 4 years to reach the height of the original trees, (2) kids will break these trees and (3) it's an unnecessary expense. Judy Grandin did not like the removal of the azeleas from the front entrance. A discussion concerning the trees, the landscaping committee, Rick, the board's impression of Rock, rumors in the neighborhood, and volunteerism in the neighborhood followed. The matter of the trees couldn't be debated much because the trees are already in the ground. It was agreed that the Board should work with Rick to reach a mutual understanding of his responsibilities and to make the neighborhood aware of his responsibilities and that Rick reports to the Board only.

Paul Holland asked to be brought up to date on the Bergdrof property. Ardis and Norman provided copies of a letter from the Mayor essentially agreeing to the NMC/Bergdorf agreements. Manny asked if a time clause had been inserted into the agreement and apparently it had not. Ardis mentioned that it would be a good idea to have Bergdorf survey the property. There is a 13' buffer of common property between the 500 block and Bergdrof's land which might get "absorbed" if not staked out correctly. Rupert Curry mentioned that the community should be informed that the closing of NME is not final and that the City could extend the road at a later date. Eternal vigilance! Everyone agreed that that was a good idea. It was also pointed out that Bergdorf will not be building for a while because of interest rates, etc. It is possible that he might sell the property and that the community would have to renegotiate with the new owner. (Noted but no action necessary.) Also the question was raised concerning payment for Phil's legal services. There was some discussion but Normal indicated that we did not have a bill from Phil and that the matter would have to be settled at a later date.

The budget was discussed briefly (we're still in the community forum). Ardis felt that the \$3,800 contingency was too low. Rupert suggested that any strain caused by a greater than 7% increase could be alleviated by allowing multiple payments. The multiple payments idea was not well received due to the increased workload for Judy M. in particular.

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Business Meeting - Discussions were limited to: (1) dues increase; (2) raises for Judy and Rick, and (3) social committee.

The dues increase was debated. The fact that some or most residents might be held to 7% salary raises while the cost of living increase was around 13% was noted. The Board decided to raise dues by 9% (Unanimous) as a compromise between the 7% raise limits and the neighborhood's need to establish a larger contingency fund.

The Board also voted (unanimous I think) to give Judy a 9% raise and Rick an 8% raise.

The loss of a social committee chairman was raised by Norm. He asked what could be done and expressed the feeling that the International Dinner was one of the more important community functions which should be put on if possible.

Mike discussed the apparent decline of volunteer spirit in the neighborhood and suggested that using more community representatives might help. The representatives could act as area, section and group coordinators with the group coordinators responsible for 6-10 houses. The coordinator might be used to drum up support for Earth Day, etc. Norm and Manny thought this was worth pursuing and suggested that Mike write a "staff paper."

The social committee was briefly discussed again and the meeting was adjourned around 9:40 p.m.