

**Brownsburg Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
April 16, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Brownsburg Community Association Board was held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2009, in the Asbury Methodist Church. Members present were Dick Barnes, Betty Brown, Bob Driver, Connie Huffman, Richard Kauffman, Dot Martin, Michael Papit, and Mary Helfenberger.

President Dick Barnes called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes: A correction to the “Building and Grounds” topic in the new business section of the minutes of the February 19, 2009 was noted. The amended minutes were approved by the board after a motion by Bob Driver and a second by Richard Kauffman.

Financial Report: Richard Kauffman presented the association balance sheet and statement of income and expenses. The Community Bank Certificate of Deposit will be renewed when it matures on April 22. Richard has prepared the association’s income tax return, which will be filed by the due date which is May 15. Copies of the return will be distributed to board members.

The report was accepted by the board as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

Museum Report/Exhibit Committee: Frank Rott, Margaret Skovira, and Paul Hahn have joined the Museum Advisory Committee as new members.

Dee Papit, chairman of the Museum Exhibit Committee, reported to the Museum Advisory Committee on exhibit committee plans and progress. The exhibits will be centered on a timeline from the first Indian inhabitants of Brownsburg through the 20th century. The design will incorporate good ideas and lessons learned gleaned from visits to the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley and the Museum of Port Republic. Completion of the exhibits by mid-June is not realistic. Opening the museum at the end of August has been proposed instead.

14th Virginia Calvary Regiment: Earlier this year, a historic reenactment group of the 14th Virginia Calvary Regiment approached the association with a proposal to stage a reenactment in conjunction with the museum opening then tentatively planned for June 13 - 14. The event would highlight the regiment’s connection to Brownsburg (two companies within the regiment came from this part of Rockbridge County.) The group, which would include about 20 horseman plus 10 additional people, would set up camp in or near Brownsburg on Friday night. Activities would continue on Saturday, with cooking, etc., at the camp, and a parade of the cavalry through Brownsburg. Including a group of Union reenactors has also been discussed.

Now the proposal must be reevaluated in light of the move of the museum opening from June to August. Three openings are planned: one for donors, one for the community in conjunction with the picnic on August 30th, and one for the general public tentatively planned for the second week in September. Bob Driver will contact the cavalry group to determine if they are interested in proceeding with plans on the new date.

Michael Papit moved that the board include the cavalry reenactment as a project for consideration for 2009. After a second, the motion was approved by the board.

Projects to Consider for 2009:

Brownsburg Speed: Speeding through Brownsburg on Rt. 252 has continued to be a problem in spite of the 25 mph speed limit signs posted at the entrances to the village. Michael Papit has taken on the task of gathering information about options for reducing the effective speed.

Michael has contacted Buster Lewis, our county supervisor, to enlist his support. Buster is our liaison with government. When Buster expressed our concern to VDOT, VDOT responded that they did not see an issue. However, after Buster contacted the Sheriff 's office, radar was set up and speeders were stopped on Rt. 252 one morning this month.

Michael recently visited Upperville, VA, a community located on Rt. 50, about 40 miles west of Washington, D.C. Upperville is larger than Brownsburg, but has a similar need to slow down vehicles entering the community from the highway where the speed limit is 55 mph. Techniques used include signage, striped crosswalks, and textured strips. Based on the example of Upperville, it seems possible to reduce speeding if you have the support of the community.

Ideas for moving this issue forward were discussed. The tentative plan is to circulate a petition, then schedule a community meeting with VDOT representatives. Michael will draft a petition before the next board meeting. Please contact Michael if you have any ideas that might help.

Brownsburg Picnic / Museum Opening: The picnic and museum committees will meet to coordinate the picnic and museum activities.

Lighting of the Brownsburg Christmas Tree: The Christmas tree lighting committee would like to find a small brass ensemble to play at the event. Members of Asbury and New Providence choirs will be asked to lead the singing. Hot cider will be provided.

Christmas Tour of Homes: Four homes plus the museum, the two churches, and the post office will be open for the tour. Dick is seeking a chairman (or chairmen) to lead the activity. Records of past tours are available as a starting point for planning.

NEW BUSINESS

Next BCA Board Meeting: The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 21 at Asbury Church.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Helfenberger
Secretary