

WGPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 16, 2025

ATTENDING: Katherine Wright, Nelson Santiago, David Fuller, Yvonne Olson

FINANCIAL REPORT: Treasurer David Fuller distributed the financial report, which was approved by the board. David has been working with previous treasurer Judd Fredstrom to get up to speed – he is checking the WGPOA mailbox and is arranging for a CPA to do the association’s taxes. He will use the same CPA firm from recent years.

“TRIFECTA” EVENTS: The new board is facing an unprecedented combination of events that need its attention: the recent ice storm damage to trees, the house fire on Boulder Point Drive and the loss of community water as Aqua Virginia storage tank water was used by fire fighters. There was much discussion about these issues and what needs to come first. Need to get accurate information about what options are available and not disseminate information until it is vetted.

STORM DAMAGE: Recent ice storms have created a great deal of tree damage in the community and on residents’ lots. Yvonne will contact Nancy Bell, chair of Firewise Committee, for her to solicit three bids from tree companies for clearing debris and debris pick-up. With that information residents will be instructed to clear debris off their lots and stack it on the roadside by a certain date. With only \$4000 budgeted for this year’s spring debris pick-up a special assessment for the larger project may be necessary. Residents accepting chips blown or dumped back on their property will keep the cost down – the tree companies then won’t have to drive out of the community to dump them. There likely is no need to schedule both ice storm clean-up AND annual spring “stick-pick-up” – combine them and use the budgeted funds toward the larger project.

Katherine will get information on any available Franklin County emergency funds or other disaster relief funds.

David will be the point contact with VDOT about available clean-up services and its timeline.

There is much damage at the vehicle storage lot with access completely blocked by downed trees. David has contacted AEP about the downed power line in the lot. Will the selected tree company clear that area, too?

HOUSE FIRE ON BOULDER POINT DRIVE: WGMV was very lucky that the fire did not occur during a drought; it could have been devastating. This supports increased emphasis on complying with Firewise protocols. Suggestion was made to consider forming a new Emergency Preparedness Committee – perhaps combine it with Firewise.

ENTRANCE SIGN LIGHTS OUT: Nelson and David will pursue fixing the lights. (Background – Shentel cut lines to those lights during internet installation; fixed it afterward, but may or may not be related?)

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Katherine has established a committee (Brigette Funk, Shanna Ferguson, Jessie Emery) to investigate issues around building a children’s playground in the pavilion/tennis court area. Will get info on design, safety, insurance, costs, etc.

INFO TO COMMUNITY: Katherine suggests having quarterly meetings open to all residents; may be separate meeting or a regularly scheduled “open board meeting.” She and Yvonne are working on resuming a regular newsletter with info of interest.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 4 PM, at David’s house.