

WGPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

March 23, 2025

IN ATTENDANCE: Katherine Wright, Nelson Santiago, David Fuller, Yvonne Olson

FINANCIAL REPORT: David reported that the Treasurer's report is delayed – David will email the report to board. There is one resident delinquent with dues. The transfer of checking accounts to Member One has not been accomplished. It was approved by the board in January to allow residents to pay their dues electronically. David will pursue needed paperwork, signatures, etc. [Please see attached minutes from January 5, 2025, board meeting reflecting vote and procedures for transfer to Member One.]

He says he may have to file for an extension for the tax return.

ICE STORM FOLLOW-UP: David has been contact for VDOT, was told it will be at least a month before state can get into WGMV. He will call VDOT for an update. Discussion of how much VDOT will pick-up, as many of the gathered piles also contact debris from individual lots which VDOT is not responsible for. Board may need to arrange for contracted pick-up afterwards.

At the storage lot a path has been cut for access into the lot. Board suggests asking for volunteers to hold a clean-up date – to be scheduled later. Perhaps also for the trails – Gregg & Shanna Ferguson are the Trails Committee.

Katherine distributed information about potential grants from VA Dept. of Forestry – one is for planting trees which may not apply to our wooded community. The Dry Hydrant Program (for firefighting assistance) requires access to a body of water (such as pond or stream) which we do not have. There may be other grants that would assist WGMV. Discussion of the potential for no federal funds available due to the current administration's budget cutting efforts.

EPC REQUEST: Katherine approved [REDACTED] EPC request after he provided more information about his project.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Katherine met with the community Facebook administrators Gayle Sutherland and Frank Livingston regarding the abusive use of the private FB group. With Jamie Wright's input (he has become a FB administrator) they developed procedures for access to the group: must be residents/owners of WGMV (or designated by a resident to represent them – such as a child for an elderly resident). Current users who do not meet these criteria will be removed from the group.

Inappropriate messages will be deleted and abusers will lose access privilege for one month at the first offense.

The new procedures will be posted on the FB page and included in the community newsletter. Katherine distributed a printed copy of the procedures.

Nelson asked why Belden Woods was included in the WGMV FB page since we are separate organizations. Benefits include traffic updates, lost/found pets, community activities, etc. The AEP updates during power outages provided by BW resident Donnie Poe have been extremely helpful.

Yvonne praised Jamie Wright's update of the WGMV Website. Residents have been submitting photos to include.

BULLETIN BOARD: Discussion about use of the front entrance bulletin board was tabled until Casey Criswell can be at the meeting.

"OPEN" BOARD MEETINGS: Consider holding them three or four times a year; perhaps first one in June. Can hold at Pavilion in good weather – at resident's home if large enough to accommodate a group; don't know what the attendance would be. It would be an actual board meeting conducting business, but have comment period at the end.

FRONT ENTRANCE LIGHTS: Nelson got AEP to test power to the fixtures – says they have power. David wonders if it's just replacing the bulb – he and Nelson will continue to pursue getting the lights back on. Yvonne suggested they call [REDACTED] as he has worked on the lights in the past.

WATER: Yvonne will contact [REDACTED] from the water storage tank to see if he has talked to any Aqua representatives. She will contact Aqua.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES: Sarah Fuller joined in a discussion of enhanced social activities in the community to bring neighbors together. Several ideas were mentioned – book club, mahjong classes, progressive dinner, etc. Yvonne reported that effort over the years has not been fruitful, but there are new and younger residents so it would be good to try again. Each idea needs someone to agree to coordinate and promote it.

[Post-meeting update: Sarah Fuller has agreed to coordinate book club!]

NEWSLETTER: Yvonne will draft an e-newsletter for the community with important information, particularly about the ice storm debris removal.

NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 4 PM, AT Katherine's house. (will check with Casey Criswell and Nancy Bell on availability, as they would be needed for specific discussions.)

Minutes by Yvonne Olson
Secretary, WGPOA