

Burns Lane Residents Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2020

The meeting was held via Zoom due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The following neighbors were in attendance: Nancy and Al Bolash, Jim and Pam Penny, Kerry Mellette, Mike Motes, Carol and Warren Billings, Hope DeNicola, Mary Ann Brendel, Jim and Sue Barton, Ruth McMahan, , Carol Anne Swagler, Tracy Shackelford, Harold Philipsen, Julie and Robbie Smith, Carol Sherman, Kelly Shaw, Ed Lindsey, David Hamilton, Chris and Molly Gareis.

- I. Nancy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and a quorum was ascertained.
- II. Treasurer's Report - David Hamilton
 - a. \$1104.28 in our account.
- III. Election Committee Report – Kerry Mellette
 - a. Presented slate of four nominees for tonight's vote on Board of Directors.
 - b. There were no nominations from the floor.
- IV. Voting
 - a. The vote was taken via Zoom by sending a private message to Robbie Smith, host of the Zoom Meeting.
 - b. 14 households cast votes.
- V. Election Results
 - a. The slate was unanimously voted in and the new (or returning) board members are:
 - i. Nancy Bolash
 - ii. Kerry Mellette
 - iii. Will Murray
 - iv. Julie Smith
- VI. Address from Mayor Doug Pons
 - a. Williamsburg is doing better financially than anticipated. Only dipped into 600,000 of our 4.2 million reserve.
 - b. Lodging still down 70%.
 - c. Received 2.6 million from the CARES Act. 1 million of that went to tourism resiliency.
 - d. Given out \$9000 in COVID relief business grants.
 - e. Multiple funds established to help small businesses.
 - f. Outdoor dining is very strong. COVID relief funds will be used to help restaurants buy outdoor heaters for the winter.
 - g. GIO (Goals, Initiatives, and Objectives) completed every 2 years and is currently being worked on. Additional input from citizens will be requested.
 - h. New bike path on Monticello Ave. to New Town was a joint venture between the city and William & Mary for a total cost of 1.6 million.

- i. 1 million was from a grant.
 - ii. \$600,000 was split between city and college.
 - i. Midtown Row – new traffic flow on Monticello Ave. Bike and pedestrian lanes have been added.
 - j. Indoor Sports Complex is moving forward in planning. Much funding will come from tourism development fund. Hopefully will see something in the next two years.
 - k. City council voted to approve building a new fire station. Hoping to start demolition of the old station and building of the new one within 6-8 months.
 - l. A second fire station is still being planned for, but the location has not been determined.
 - m. President of Colonial Williamsburg and Mayor Pons have formed a group of citizens to continue the conversation on racial inequality and ways to improve our services.
- VII. Thank you
 - a. Nancy thanked Mike Motes for his service on the board the past two years.
 - b. Kerry Mellette thanked Nancy for her outstanding leadership as the BLRA President since our founding. A new President will be elected at the next BLRA Board of Director's Meeting.
- VIII. Next Meeting Date and Adjournment -
 - a. Next BLRA meeting will be on November 9th at 5:00 pm via Zoom.
 - b. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.