

Meeting of the Little Falls Swim Club Community Liaison Committee

Thursday, July 28, 2015 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

Present: Kevin Guerrero, Maria Morgan, Nancy Pindus, Kristin McNavage (board member) Cathy Stocker (board member), Sarah Farnsworth (board member and board representative to the CLC).

Pool renovation

Lawn mowing

Car Fob- horns and beeps

The Little Falls Swim Club Community Liaison Committee (LFSC CLC) met to discuss the proposed 2016-2017 Swimming pool renovation and construction.

Pool renovation: Cathy Stocker presented the drawing prepared by the architect hired by the board and the rendering was discussed by the CLC. Cathy noted that the pool had been moved away from the Baltimore Avenue berm to alleviate the noise factor and the intermediate pool and baby pool were now proposed to be near the berm. CLC members asked whether the noise would be worse as the pool would now be further from the berm so the noise would not be captured by the structure. Cathy noted that a noise study had been done in 2005 and she would consult the findings from that study. On the pool renovation, Cathy explained that the main reason for turning the layout around in the new drawing was that there was a lot of feedback during the consultative process about needing more space for shaded seating. It may help noise near the berm, but that was not the factor that prompted this change. It was noted that construction traffic would be directed down Little Falls Drive where a construction bridge would be placed next to the existing bridge to accommodate the vehicles and to alleviate traffic on the alleyway. Regarding fencing in the construction site, a question was raised as to whether the whole area would be fenced in and when it would be done. This would impact the Green Acres residents access to Westbrook Elementary School during the school year if and when the entire area was fenced in. A question was raised regarding the timing of the Club membership vote. Cathy said that the board planned to take the financing and plans to the membership for a vote in mid-September. If there was a yes vote the next step would be to hire a civil engineering firm and to start working on the necessary permits for the construction. Kevin asked if those families on the waiting list could participate in a non-binding vote on the proposed pool renovation. Sarah noted that a vote by its very meaning meant that someone could influence the outcome and that she didn't feel that offering it- even non-binding- was appropriate. She stated that all families on the wait list as well as the neighborhood at large were encouraged to participate in the consultative process managed by Cathy and Greg and that their comments and inputs were welcomed. Cathy noted that all comments she had received were packaged and shared with the architect with no indication as to whether they had come from neighbors, members or wait list families so the process was open to all. Cathy said she would send an email out to wait listed families only and encourage their participation and comments in the weeks leading up to the vote. Cathy noted that only one pool renovation design would be put to the members for a vote

up or down. Additionally it was requested that the old basketball hoop be removed and put out for trash.

Lawn mowing A discussion was held regarding the complaints received about the early morning mowing. Montgomery County regulations permit mowing to start at 7:00 AM on weekdays. Given the enormous amount of rainfall this summer, the club's grass grew well so needed to be tended to every week. Given the tight schedule of early morning swimming, the company contracted by the board had to mow early. They tried to start a little later than 7:00 and that was noted and complimented by neighbors attending the meeting. With swim and dive team season concluded, the contractor has been requested to mow later in the morning but before the club opens.

Alarm Beeps: A neighbor noted that early morning and after hour orchestral sound of numerous and discordant car alarm beeps and buzzers is jarring particularly early in the morning. Because the club is not responsible for personal items, the board cannot recommend to members and their guests to not lock their cars when on club grounds. However, it will be asked that people try to forgo using their fobs and perhaps lock their cars by hand to alleviate the horns and beeps that accompany the activation of the cars' security system. An email will be sent out to members.

Trash Removal: The Board was thanked for taking action on the trash pick-up and disposal especially after the crab fest to keep the smell and the rodent activity to a minimum.