



MONTEREY ESTATES

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MECA Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, October 22, 2014

The monthly MECA Board meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., at the Reston Regional Library, 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston, VA 20190. The Board members in attendance were: Jim Zavrel, Paul Osborn, and Delores Plum. Homeowners in attendance were: Patti Mietla, Terry Geffert and Margaret Geffert. Also in attendance were Monroe Manor HOA President Gordon Jarratt, Delegate Tom Rust and Carol Sinclair.

The normal monthly board meeting agenda did not occur so that the entire meeting could focus on Delegate Rust's attendance.

Jim Zavrel:

Jim Zavrel started off the meeting summarizing the March 31, 2014, meeting with Delegate Rust and Monterey Estates homeowners regarding the repaving of streets in Monterey Estates and excessive use of sand use during the snow removal for the winter of 2013/2014. Delegate Rust informed the homeowners that repaving of the streets could not occur in 2014 due to the excessive funds used during the snow cleanup.

Delegate Rust:

Delegate Rust is in charge of the Transportation Program. Virginia is 1 of 5 or 6 states that owns, operates and maintains their transportation system. Since 1986/87 gas tax charged in VA of 17 ½ cents as the primary source of transportation. In 2013, that was changed as 3 ½ cents sales tax under Transportation Bill 2313. Northern Virginia added another ½ cent on sales tax to increase revenue. This now raises \$350 million for maintenance. In the past they have moved \$500 million from construction over to maintenance; however, that practice has stopped. Maintenance monies are used for primary streets. Monterey Estates, as well as other surrounding neighborhoods are considered secondary streets.

Monterey Estates is on schedule for paving our streets in 2016, with caveats which include enough funding.

Delegate Rust recommended homeowners go to Virginiaroads.org to see existing and future projects, snow plans, etc. This site is kept up to date.

Gordon Jarratt:

Crack sealing on Monroe Manor streets was conducted two years ago but not all roads were done. Rust response – Crack sealing is done when the cracks are at a width size that could cause future damage to the asphalt if not sealed timely. All roads were probably not done due to the size of the cracks.

When Fairfax County Parkway comes up for construction will barrier walls go up for those houses that do not have such.

Rust response – When changes are made to those types of roadways, a transportation study is done which would include sound attenuation. If the study indicates such, sound structures would go up if necessary.

Delegate Rust:

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority – 70% goes to bigger construction projects while 30% goes back to member counties.

Gordon Jarratt:

House Bill 1048 funds municipal primary roads. Could we extend that to secondary roads?

Rust response – No because this funding is only used for primary roads.

H.B. #2 – Every construction project is set by standards and funded by rating.

Could transportation system dollars be used for Fairfax County roads.

Rust response – A study was conducted to see if Fairfax County could take over maintenance of state roads two years ago and was decided it was too costly.

If Developer fees were charged could impact fees be used for growth and expansion?

Rust response – Proffers are only used for land use. When redevelopment occurs zoning comes into effect and developers can be charged depending on the extent of project.

Paul Osborne:

Price of college has skyrocketed. Is there anything that can be done?

Rust response: Costs have gone up; state support has gone down. Trying to set a goal of 67% state and 33% individual so college can be more affordable.

Delegate Rust talked briefly about the Articulation Agreement in which a child wants to go to a state college. These children could take certain classes, get decent grades while going to a local college for 2 years, and be automatically accepted into a state college as a junior.

Terry and Margaret Geffert:

Had a question regarding sidewalks - some are maintained by VDOT and some are maintained by the county. How do we know which entity to contact?

Rust response – Asked that the Gefferts send him the street names and he will try to get an answer.

Had a question regarding Virginia bridges – Are all bridges safe?

Rust response – Northern Virginia bridges have been tested and are in good shape. Southwestern Virginia bridges, however, are in poor shape.

Patti Mietla:

What are Fairfax County protocols in regards to bullying in school? A particular incident was brought up regarding a Monterey Estates homeowner as an example and the lack of school cooperation.

Rust response: The General Assembly passed a bill defining bullying. Delegate Rust was honest and stated he doesn't know much about the bullying protocol. He stated that if Ms. Mietla sends Carol Sinclair a message about this subject, then he will try to find information on bullying and what schools are required to do.

Adjournment was made at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by: Delores Plum, Recording Secretary