

GROVETON VIRGINIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION (GCA)

March 5, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Groveton Elementary School

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call of Officers.** The board members were introduced. Seventeen residents attended:

Drew McGuckin, Pres.	Rick Kottemann	Mira Marshall
Jim Bailes, Vice Pres.	Wayne Lloyd	Gerry & Ann Schlimacher
Bonnie Wilkins, Sec.	Areli A. Woody	Larysa Kautz
Brandi Pensoneau, Treas.	Valentina Lukin	Tom Castles
George Sisk	Carol & Carla Crandall	Charlotte Brown

3. **Approval of Minutes.** The February minutes were approved by voice vote as written.

4. **Treasurer Report.** The current bank balance is \$4,834.31. Four new membership deposits were made and a "For Deposit" stamp was purchased for \$12.99.

5. **Old Business.**

a. **Trucks and Speeding on Memorial, Groveton & Queens.** As a result of our requests, the Fairfax police have been monitoring the speeding and going through the stop sign on the reported streets.

b. **Sunken Manhole on Route 1 & Groveton St.** VDOT patched the sunken manhole reported at previous meetings.

c. **Potential Code and Safety Problems Reported & Resolved.**

(1) 3301 Clayborne Ave: The front window that was reported as missing from this house was reported to Habitat for Humanity and they boarded it up. Habitat for Humanity owns this property.

(2) 3112 Groveton St.: The disabled car with the flat tires in the front of this house was reported and it has been moved.

(3) North side of Groveton at Richmond Hwy: VDOT replaced the "No Thru Trucks Sign" on Groveton Street.

(4) 3106 Groveton St.: The possibility that a person is living in this house without running water or electricity was reported and is under investigation.

6. **New Business.**

a. Cars are going through the stop sign at Donora and Groveton streets.

b. There is a frayed wire at the corner of Grove Road and Collard Street about 1 foot from the pole.

c. Two houses on Clayborne have large items on the curb that have not been picked up:

3410 Clayborne has chairs and 3412 Clayborne has a mattress and box spring sitting on the curb.

d. The Elks Club is collecting hair and beard clippers for veterans at the VA.

7. **Speaker.** The speaker was Dan Lagana from Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation.

a. There has been a renewed interest in land use and roads in our end of the county. Embark Richmond Highway is an initiative to widen the highway from 4 to 6 lanes and to put a dedicated bus lane down the center. The next portion that will be widened is from the Roy Rogers at Jeff Todd Way to Napier Road at

Costco. VDOT is holding a public meeting at Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Rd., on April 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the Richmond Highway Corridor Improvements.

b. Over 70% of Richmond Highway's land use is retail. This is too high and out of balance to support the current percentage and income of residents. There is more vacant office space in Fairfax County than in Prince William County. The vacant office space is currently 17%, which is high. Dan discussed the increased use of online shopping and the future of brick and mortar businesses.

c. The Huntington Club condo owners have terminated their condo association at Telegraph Road and Kings Highway and hired a developer to build a mixed-use development of multifamily rentals, condominiums, and town homes. The buildings will be knocked down and rebuilt on a phased basis.

d. The Riverside Apartments at Route 1 near the beltway are adding 5 new buildings, replacing the parking lots with parking garages, and adding a park along Cameron Run. The park amenities will include a walk/run trail, canoe/kayak boat launch, dog park, playground, and volleyball court. The new construction is being performed by Washington REIT.

e. The Avanti Company bought the Travelers Motel, 5916 Richmond Hwy and Taxi Magic building at 5904 Richmond Highway. It's unclear what they plan to do with these properties.

f. The Huntington Levee is being built along Cameron Creek to correct the flooding in Huntington. The \$40 million project began in February and is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

g. The future site of South Alex development at the intersection of Kings Hwy and Rt. 1 (formerly Penn Daw Shopping Center) has signed a contract with Aldie as its anchor grocer. This development was held up because they lost the anchor food store that was originally going in there.

h. The closed Safeway on Rt. 1 will probably remain empty because Safeway will retain the lease to prevent another competitor from moving into the space.

8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.