

GROVETON VIRGINIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION (GCA)

April 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Groveton Elementary School

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Drew McGuckin.

2. **Roll Call of Officers/Attendees.** Ten residents attended:

Drew McGuckin, Pres.

Carla Crandall, Parl.

Rick Kottemann

Jim Bailes, Vice Pres.

George Sisk

Sharon Brumleve

Bonnie Wilkins, Sec.

Mira Marshall

Carolyn Pritchett, Treas.

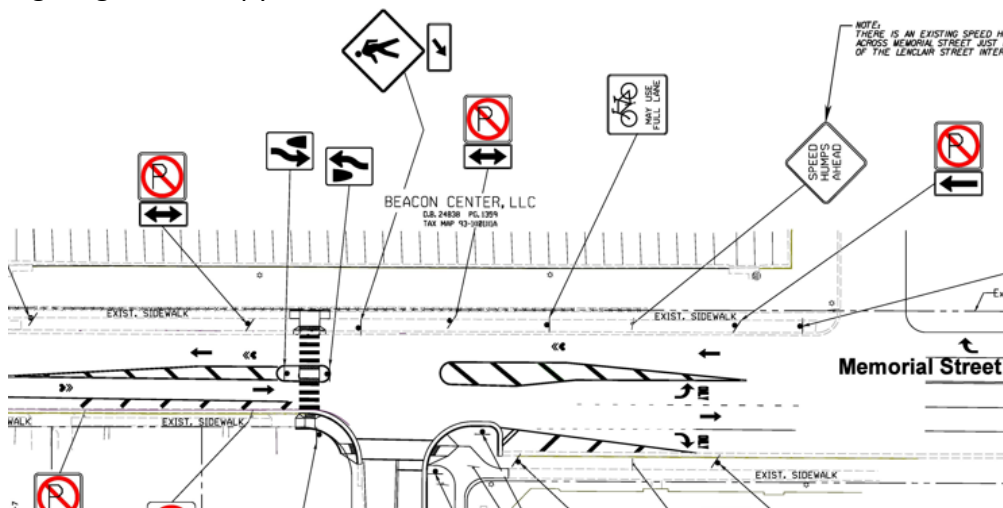
Wayne Lloyd

3. **Treasurer's Report.** The current bank balance is \$3,661.81. We received \$40 in membership dues and a \$40 donation. The annual Post Office Box rental fee of \$202 was paid. Next week, the Treasurer will submit the annual notice to the IRS for tax-exempt non-profit organizations (Form 990).

4. **Approval of Minutes.** The March 7, 2022 minutes were approved without objection.

5. **Old Business.**

The 2012 Beacon of Groveton Proffer for Traffic Calming is finally being installed at the intersection of Memorial Street and Donora Dr. Two crosswalks will be painted on Memorial Street and Donora Drive. To slow down traffic, the existing double line on Memorial will be replaced with painted hatch marks to visually taper the roadway and a curb extension is being installed at the east side of Donora. This bump out will provide a place for pedestrians to stand when waiting to cross the street. Four ADA curb cut-out ramps will be installed. Three Pedestrian Crossing warning signs will be installed to alert drivers of the pedestrian crosswalk. No Parking signs are on both sides of Memorial in the vicinity of the crosswalk. "Bicycles May Use Full Lane" signs will be installed to remind drivers that bicyclists might be in the travel lane and have a legal right to occupy the full lane.



6. **New Business.**

a. Three new restaurants have opened or will be opening soon in our vicinity:

- Della J's Delectables is moving into the vacant Ruby Tuesday's location in Mt. Vernon Plaza. Scheduled opening date is July. Della J's is currently located on Backlick Road in Springfield.
- Chalkboard Wings & BBQ, Cooper Rd in Woodlawn

- Milk And Honey Cafe- DMV, 6305 Richmond Highway in Kings Crossing

b. Evolution Home in Penn Daw is moving to 861 S. Pickett St. Alexandria, VA. The current location will be closing on April 15.

c. Habitat for Humanity is building three new houses at the end of Groveton Street on the east side of Rt. 1.

d. Beacon of Groveton. On January 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors proposed an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan regarding the property at Beacon of Groveton on the corner of Groveton St. and Richmond Highway. This corner is currently used as an interim park and was originally planned to contain an office building. The Board requested that the Planning and Development staff consider an amendment for an affordable, independent living facility up to 70,000 SF. Alternative ground floor community-serving uses also may be considered. The GCA President suggested that we follow-up with the county to learn more about this proposal.

e. Brookside Motel. On December 7, 2021 the Board of Supervisors authorized the consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Brookside Motel (this is on the right side of Rt. 1 heading north towards Alexandria, next to the Red Roof Hotel and across from the entrance to Montebello condos.) The Board of Supervisors requested that Planning and Development staff consider multi-family residential development on this property.

f. The next meeting is May 2, 2022.

7. Questions and Comments.

a. A question was raised about the status of land acquisition for the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT). The website says acquisition was to begin in Spring 2022 but has not been updated since October 2021.

b. There are a lot of Maryland license plates on cars parked and living in our community. This reduces income our county should be getting from residents and increases the cost for residents who have registered their vehicles in the county. It was pointed out that ticketing is difficult because of the large number of military living in this area who are allowed to keep their home state tags. Residents said the majority of the out of state cars have Maryland tags and they are living here. Some people who live in the Beacon Hill Apartments park on Lenclair in the evenings after getting off work and walk to the apartments. Many of them have Maryland plates. The Sheriff's office has license plate readers that will pick-up out-of-state tags. Occasionally the parking attendant drives through and tickets cars parked along Lenclair.

c. Members were reminded to be careful, keep their cars locked, and be aware of their surroundings. There are more carjackings and robberies. A woman's purse was stolen from a car at the Truist bank on the corner of Richmond Highway and Southgate. Three teens grabbed the purse from the back seat while the woman was sitting in the front seat.

d. Cityside Huntington Metro Apartments (next to Montebello on Richmond Highway) has been acquired by Lincoln Avenue Capital with financing from the Amazon Housing Equity Fund and Fannie Mae. The apartments are Market Affordable Rentals for working families earning less than \$77K. This eligibility is 60% of the 2021 Fairfax County-wide median family income of \$129,000 (for a family of four).

8. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.