

**GROVETON VIRGINIA CIVIC ASSOCIATION (GCA)**

May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Groveton Elementary School

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Drew McGuckin.

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

Drew McGuckin, Pres.	Mira Marshall	Charlotte Brown
Jim Bailes, Vice Pres.	Wayne Lloyd	Michael Baer
Bonnie Wilkins, Sec.	Rick Kottemann	Annabel Baer
Carolyn Pritchett, Treas.	Sharon Brumleve	Pam Griffith
Carla Crandall, Parl.	Jackie Cerio	
George Sisk	Karen Winkler	

3. **Treasurer’s Report.** The current bank balance is \$3,671.81. We received \$10 in membership dues. The Treasurer submitted the annual IRS tax-exempt notice for non-profit organizations (Form 990).

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

5. **Old Business.**

a. Evolution Home in Penn Daw closed and will be re-opening at 861 S. Pickett St. Alexandria, VA.

b. At the April meeting, an issue was raised about out-of-state license plates on cars whose owners reside 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. Lee District Supervisor Lusk’s office said the Fairfax County Police Department does not enforce out-of-state tags but they could enforce invalid license plates, outdated safety inspections, abandoned cars, or parking violations. To address property tax evasion, Lee District Supervisor Lusk’s office said residents can anonymously report the license plates and location to the Fairfax County Target Program to investigate reports of tax evasion.

[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta\\_taxevaders/Mobile/ProgramInfo.aspx](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta_taxevaders/Mobile/ProgramInfo.aspx).

6. **New Business.**

a. Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a 15% tax relief for personal property taxes on cars, trucks and other vehicles. They did this by assessing vehicles at 85% of their fair market value. This is the first time that the county has ever changed the assessment ratio. They did it because the pandemic caused car and truck values to increase on average by 33%.

b. The Lee District Community Center Workforce Innovation and Skills Hub (W.I.S.H.) on Audubon Ave. will have its grand opening and ribbon cutting on May 7, 11 a.m.

c. A mobile DMV will be coming to the Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, May 9-11, 2022 from 9:30-3:30. Make appointments at [www.dmvnow.com](http://www.dmvnow.com).

d. An update on Beacon of Groveton Independent Senior Apartments was presented. The county Zoning and Planning Commission will review an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan to build a senior living apartment on the interim park area at the corner of Groveton St. and Richmond Hwy. This is the area that was originally planned to be an office building. It will have the same design and footprint as original office

building proposal in 2008. The apartment will be for independent senior living, customized for elderly with call buttons, grab bars, etc. There will be 54 units (one and two bedrooms) with a ground level lobby, community meeting room opening to outdoor space, and 1200 sq. ft. retail bay. The attendees were interested in scheduling a speaker for at our next meeting to discuss this plan further.

e. A Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) meeting will be held May 3, from 7-9:00 p.m. at the Lee District Community Center, 7950 Audubon Ave. The subject is the potential reduction of left/right turn lanes at 13 intersections along the Richmond Highway corridor. An online survey will be conducted through May 31 to get public input.

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project has recommended an improvement to the North Kings Highway intersection at Shields Avenue by removing the existing Penn Daw intersection of South Kings Hwy and Rt. 1 across from the Walmart Kings Crossing Shopping Center and creating a new intersection between Applebee's and Wing Stop called Furman Ln.



f. General Announcements:

- The Kingstowne Chik fil A Grand Opening is May 21.
- Replacing the No Dumping in Storm Drains decals that were put on our storm drains in 2010 was suggested.
- The new Fairfax County School Superintendent was announced. Dr. Michelle Reid will replace Scott Brabrand. The change will take place June 30.
- A couple was robbed while walking in the cemetery. No other information was available.
- The next meeting is June 6, 2022.

7. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.