

Annual Membership Meeting

Meeting Date: July 26, 2015

Location: 961 Castle Falls Dr.

Attendees: Board members and officers: Martha Pacini, Susan Bell, Pat Killingsworth, David Woolf, Peter Sederberg, Carl Lange, Emily Koumans, Tim Buchman, and Ron McCauley

COVE members: Approximately 35-40 residents attended with a quorum of more than 19 households represented.

Reports and Discussion:

- 1) President, Martha Pacini presented the Annual Report for 2014 – 2015. (attached)

Annexation, new city movements, county reform, and quality of life issues once again required on-going engagement. Ensuring Victoria Estates was well represented concerning proposed new city boundaries, possible annexation by Atlanta, and DeKalb County reform efforts required significant time and effort.

The COVE board was expanded from seven to nine members.

The board determined four strategic priorities for the year, Cityhood and annexation, county reform and transparency, zoning, and coordination with neighboring institutions/organizations and neighborhoods.

COVE continued to publish COVE Report and promote the use of the neighborhood's secure website on Nextdoor.com.

2015/2016 areas of focus will be:

- Cityhood/annexation including proposed Atlanta annexation
- County affairs including reform and transparency
- Conversations with neighboring institutions and organizations
- Addressing decaying infrastructure

- 2) The minutes of the July 22, 2014 COVE annual meeting were motioned for approval by Secretary, Carl Lange and were approved.
- 3) Carl Lange, presented the membership report.

As of July 25, 2014 there were 64 households with COVE memberships (current and non-current). This was an increase of approximately 60% from 2013/2014. The breakout of membership based on streets was: 23 - Castle Falls, 18 - Rainier Falls, 14 - Mason Mill, 4 - Liawen, and 2 - Victoria Falls.

There were 168 subscribers to the COVE Report.

There were 87 individuals registered on the Victoria Estates neighborhood on Nextdoor.com.

- 4) Treasurer, Susan Bell, provided the financial report.
- 5) Board members Martha Pacini, Pat Killingsworth, Emily Koumans offered to serve a new term from July 2015 through July 2017 along with Bobby Baker who agreed to replace retiring board member Erika Birg. A motion was made to approve the nominations and they were approved. Board members and officers for 2015/2016 were: Martha Pacini, Susan Bell, Carl Lange, Pat Killingsworth, Tim Buchman, Emily Koumans, Ron McCauley, Peter Sederberg, and David Woolf.

- 6) Announcement, Upcoming Activities and Other Business

The traffic on Houston Mill, anticipated increase due to future CDC expansion, and road degradation will be addressed as a part of long-term efforts.

A request was made to provide the phone number for reporting potholes. This will be republished in the COVE report.

State Senator Elena Parent will be addressing process improvements concerning the current process for creation of new cities. This will include how services are provided. She will be chairing a committee.

The Victoria Estates neighborhood directory is being updated by a group of neighbors and will be electronically published by Victoria Estates Civic Association.

Martha Pacini was recognized for her exceptional contributions to Victoria Estates as outgoing president and received a robust round of applause and thank you from members.

- 7) The meeting was adjourned