

Open Space Committee Minutes – April 20, 2005

Members in attendance:

Robert Altland
Laurie Tolles
Mark Wright (E)

Old Business:

Mark will ask the BOT to write to VDOT regarding the grading next to Claiborne.

Robert and Mark will meet with Blade next Friday. They will discuss grassy areas to be tended and trees and bushes that need attention. They will point out the area next to Claiborne that belongs to the C&R. They will prepare information for a long-range plan.

The kiosk lattice in the Berry Homes has not been tended as weather was a factor, our handyman didn't have the appropriate tools, and we couldn't find a contractor to take such a small job. This lattice, as well as the others, will be fixed and painted as part of a larger painting project.

The light out by the Washington Homes' tot lot was the fault of Washington Gas. They have been contacted to repair it at no expense to C&R.

Liz has a copy of the five-year evaluation of the facilities. Rob will ask for a copy.

Sue is working with Blade on the landscaping of the Courts' sign.

Trash pick-up by handyman is on hold until June.

An article for the newsletter regarding trash pickup will be composed by Mark.

Community cleanup day is May 14. Mark is coordinating with the events committee.

Laurie is printing maps.

We would like an option for street sweeping by Blade available for next year.

There is a hole near the tennis courts in the Courts.

The hole near the trash can has been fixed.

Hoops nets have been replaced.

Rob will review the planning document from the BOT and check if curbs can be painted along with lattices.

Tennis courts sign was removed. Liz will get a new one and Rob will reinstall it.

New Business:

Rob will ask Liz to ask the handyman to remove the mats under the swings. We'd like new chips in the tot lots immediately following mat removal.

It was requested to put lights on the basketball courts. We discussed it and decided against it as there is no funding and residents who live close by may not want the disturbance after dark.

It was requested that a fence be installed behind the basketball courts in the Ridges to prevent the ball from going into the woody area. It was discussed and put on hold until the new development is in place.

There was concern over the missing curb behind the Stubble Road tot lot. There is, in fact, a curb. The curb is lower than the rest and VDOT will have to approve it.

Mark will research the dry pond specifications. We believe that there is not enough rock in some areas. Debris blocks the drains. Who clears this, Liz? Can we get periodical clearing? One of the drainage holes is too small.

Trash can at Kenilworth tot lot does not have a liner.

We will inspect all trash cans for durability and budget for the replacement of the dysfunctional ones.

There is a light out at Vineyard and Portland (with no number). All of Portland's lights are missing numbers.

The raised bed on Portland Terrace needs to be weeded and mulched. The replacement of bushes was discussed and tabled as it is an expense not in the budget.

Liz is getting us copies of the plats of the open space.

Light 41 is out.

There is broken glass near the Sprucegrove tot lot. The area is littered with trash.

Ask Liz if the dog station guy can also tend to tot lots.

Mark will ask Jim about funding satellite photos of the community. Rob will research companies that provide this service.

Trees were damaged by Belmont construction near Kenilworth tot lot.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18. Monthly meetings are usually every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the clubhouse.