

**Forest Home Improvement Association Officers Meeting
November 2, 2010
Forest Home Chapel
Minutes**

Those in attendance were: Jon Miller, Michael Bend, Max Evjen, Bill Arms and Beth Kelly.

1. Meetings

There was discussion of the frequency of FHIA officers' meetings; continuing the practice of keeping these meetings open to the public (J. Miller prefers this); and scheduling officers' meetings for the upcoming year. It was agreed that all meetings but one (just prior to the annual meeting) would be open, that they would take place on Wednesdays at 8 pm roughly every two months, and that each would include an executive session starting at 9:00. The year's meetings are as follows:

Wed., 12/01/10, 8 pm

Wed., 02/02/11, 8 pm

Wed., 04/06/11, 8 pm

Wed., 06/01/11, 8 pm

Wed., 08/10/11, 8 pm

Some suggestions for outside guests to invite to officers' meetings or special community meetings were Jay Boulanger (Cornell Deer Management) and John Lampman (Upstream Bridge Renovation project director for Tompkins County).

Meeting minutes were discussed. It was agreed that the primary goal of meeting minutes is to serve as a record of decisions reached, but Jon stressed that a record is also needed of major points of discussion or disagreement, especially on controversial subjects. Max will bring his mini-recorder to community-wide meetings to assist the secretary in reconstructing the discussion. All minutes are to be posted on the website as quickly as possible.

2. 2010 Annual Meeting Minutes

It was agreed that the annual meeting minutes have to be approved by the FHIA membership, not just the officers. With this in mind, the annual meeting minutes will be posted as "Draft Minutes" on the website and be open for corrections and comments until the next community-wide meeting in which a quorum is present. The officers will decide whether comments received should be incorporated in the draft minutes prior to a vote for approval.

3. Communications

The following points were agreed to for community-wide e-mails:

- Ideally three officers will approve e-mail text prior to sending. If two officers do not respond within 48 hours of a request for approval, the president is authorized to send an e-mail to the FHIA list.
- Rentals and house for sale notifications and lost animal announcements are acceptable and do not need authorization from multiple officers.
- It was noted that single topic e-mail communications are most effective.

4. Directories

Michael Bend is managing updates to the directory and can print out additional copies upon request. It was agreed that the directory would be sent by e-mail as a .pdf attachment whenever there are significant changes. A print copy will be provided to all households each fall.

Street captains will distribute questionnaires in the spring asking whether households wish to appear in the print directory and whether they wish to be on the listserv to receive e-mails. Street captains will also collect dues at this time.

5. Bulletin board

Facebook page will remain functional and Max will start managing it. FH listserv and e-mail communication will still serve as the vehicle for important community-wide announcements.

6. Holiday events

The Holiday party will be hosted by Mary Kane on Dec. 12th and the idea of a combined music event segment to the party in addition to carol singing was discussed. All agreed that if some people wanted to informally play/improvise/jam in addition to the party that is fine, but an organized music event would be preferable as a separate event at the Chapel.

7. Welcome packets

Do we want welcome packets to be digitized and how would that be done?

8. Street captains

It was agreed to inform street captains about what they will take around next – the questionnaire and a Traffic Calming survey in the spring.

9. Traffic calming Phase I

In March or April FHIA will conduct a survey to see what responses people have to the TC Phase I project. Currently the speed tables are completed and the white chevron has been

applied for better visibility. The entrance features are being finished off with stone and lamps, the latter of which are causing some concern for a few residents. Residents at 117 Judd Falls Rd. (the Bowmans) were unhappy about the sign that will be on their lawn alerting drivers to the speed table. Michael Bend emphasized that if residents had had major concerns about details of the Traffic Calming implementation they could have made a formal proposal at the annual meeting, but that no proposals were made.

10. Traffic Calming Phase II

This phase, much of which depends on scheduled roadwork, emphasizes walkability and bike access and aims at reducing motor vehicle traffic. Traffic reduction areas to focus on: bike lanes or routes, rerouting CU event traffic that is directed through the neighborhood, Statler Hotel traffic, changing recommended routes on GPS machines (especially for trucks)... Bill Arms will follow up on the GPS issue.

Jon mentioned potential CU plans to create a bicycle path from Hanshaw Road in the Northeast neighborhood through the horse farm, across the golf course and onto campus near Hasbrouck Apartments, thus avoiding Forest Home streets. He also mentioned a possible Cornell plan to reconfigure the intersection of Pleasant Grove Road and Cradit Farm Road to direct motor vehicle traffic onto campus rather than through FH. Max will follow up with Gary Stewart at Cornell on both of these.

There was discussion about clearing walkways and the possibility of using FHIA dues for snow removal along Judd Falls and Warren Rd. Some streets, like The Byway, already pool resources for snow removal. It was agreed that the Traffic Calming Report for Phase II must be open for review and input, but that the overall shape of the plan has been approved and, despite a small number of complaints, Phase I reflects the will of the community.

An Alternative Transportation Working Group is addressing many of these issues.

11. Buses

David Gross reported at the Annual Meeting that 80 buses travel through Forest Home on a daily basis. He has successfully solicited the removal of one route and has asked TCAT to reduce the number of out-of-service buses traversing FH. David has asked others to join him in his discussions with TCAT.

12. AHDC noise tests

Noise tests were conducted to determine the noise impact of the new AHDC building; it was ascertained by FHIA that the methods were unscientific and the results were likely inaccurate. A larger concern is that current guidelines only deal with noise added by each new facility, so the "acceptable" base level continues to rise. We have an invitation from Steve Beyers to draw up regulations for noise levels from Cornell. Beyers has offered to write a memo pledging to put a

cap on noise. Max agreed to pursue noise issues and work with Steve Beyers. Michael is keeping track of the Animal Health Diagnostic Center and its noise output.

13. University Neighborhoods Council

Max was selected as co-chair of this group and will keep us abreast of news and announcements.

14. Other issues

Some discussion of Cornell's Energy Recovery Linear Accelerator ensued with an eye on its direction and development.

Adjournment