

# WPCCA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 18, 2010

Leesylvania Conference Room, Ferlazzo Building

The regular monthly meeting of the WPCCA was called to order at 7:20 PM by Chairman Ron Smith. The meeting was delayed due to heavy traffic on Route #1. The chairman presented the agenda and the minutes of the February meeting for approval.

Treasurer J. Michael Hill provided the WPCCA Financial report, which has not changed since the February report. At present, we have a total of \$610 in our account, \$510 of which is for beautification projects.

Chairman Smith introduced Mr. Martin Briley of the Department of Economic Development who provided an interesting (statistic filled) outline of some of the major developments in Prince William County (PWC) in recent years despite the economic downswing. A few examples are the Fiber and Power Facility in Manassas, Hylton Performing Arts Center on Route 234, Quantico Museum, The George Mason Science and Geospatial Center to name a few. He stated that the County is working on the third strategic plan since he became a member of the department. Mr. Briley said that there are approximately 200,000 individuals in the PWC workforce, and more that one half of them travel outside of the county to work. He reported that a large percentage of the jobs which are available in the county are in the lower income range and higher level jobs need to be created within the county to provide more opportunities for skilled employees to remain within the county. He stated that an increase in the commercial tax rate would help to create quality jobs. Mr. Briley reported that the function of his department is to monitor development not to recruit. He said 56.7% of the county revenue is used to support education. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Smith thanked him on behalf of the WPCCA.

**Old Business:** Reuben Johnson stated that the next beautification committee meeting will be held on 25 March and the next large cleanup efforts are scheduled for April 24 in Veteran's Park and on May 22 for North Route 1.

Woodbridge Supervisor, Frank Principi said that he had attended a ribbon cutting of the new Neabsco Creek Bridge this morning. He reported that one owner is not budging on his objections regarding the entrance for the Malloy SUP. Some discussion ensued regarding the "Pennington-Knightsbridge Development" with some citizens voicing concerns about the development and the fact that a lot of the local citizens did not seem to be aware of the proposal. The BOCS has voted to defer the Comprehensive plan. The new Economic Development Task Force will meet on April 26 to discuss not only the plan but the future of the Route 1 Corridor. The BOCS will vote on the Comprehensive Plan at the May 4 board meeting.

**New Business:** Chairman Smith encouraged the membership to pass information about WPCCA to their neighbors and to encourage wider participation and awareness. Flyers will be developed for use in addition to the cards, after which they will be placed in strategic locations around the 22191 PWC area. Mr. Smith reminded the attendees that an amendment to the bylaws, regarding the legal action to be taken in case dissolution of the association becomes necessary, will be brought to the membership for vote at the April 15, 2010 meeting.

Nothing else to claim the attention of the membership, the meeting adjourned on motion at 9:20 P.M.

Walter R. Peterman, Secretary

Attendees

J. Michael Hill  
Russell Bryant  
Jim Owen  
Martin Briley  
Brent Heoner (sp)  
Mary Shufelt  
Pam & Bob Buchenauer  
Collin Davenport  
Reuben Johnson  
Ron Smith  
Jay DuVon  
Lynda Silverstrand  
Debbie Eversole  
John Karhnak  
Paul Davis  
Walt Peterman  
Supervisor Frank Principi