

**MINUTES OF  
CHESTERFIELD MEWS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION  
Special Meeting of the Board of Directors**

April 8, 2014

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**Call to Order:** Following the required three-day notice, a special meeting of the Chesterfield Mews Community Association board of directors was held at the home of Kevin Noca located at 3159 Readsborough Court, Fairfax, Virginia. The meeting convened at 7:35 p.m. Bob Parker presided and Bill Saint took minutes as secretary. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Fairfax County Fire Marshal's report on emergency vehicle access within the community. As a result, the normal business agenda for the monthly Board of Directors meetings was not followed.

**Board Members in Attendance:**

Ross Bankson	Bill Saint
Margaret Kerr-McKown	Gordon Silcox
Kevin Noca	John Whitlock
Robert Parker	Jimmy Xu
Brian Saal	

**Community Members in Attendance:** Helen Fortner of Eakin Park Court, Lyle Minter of Eakin Park Court, and Laura Saal of Guysborough.

**Fire Marshal's Report:** Bob Parker summarized the recent event timeline for this issue as follows:

- On the basis of previous legal counsel, the Fire Marshal was invited in February to meet with several Board members in the community in order to be given a first-hand look at the problem.
- A March 21<sup>st</sup> reply from the Fire Marshal turned down the invitation to visit, explaining that the community was not eligible for a possible modification under the fire lane regulations because there was a CMCA fire plan on file dated 1980.
- The Assistant Fire Marshal provided an inspection report as of March 27<sup>th</sup>, her report states that the community must comply with current regulations regarding emergency vehicle access, that appropriate curb painting to ensure compliance is necessary by May 31<sup>st</sup>, and that a new inspection will be conducted prior to that date. The appeal date for this decision was April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Bob Parker sent this new report and the findings of a submitted fire plan to legal counsel for advice on a course of action to follow. Counsel responded by phone and via email saying that they advise against filing an appeal because the circumstances indicated that the CMCA was unlikely to win an appeal.

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- Bob Parker also explained that it was possible for the CMCA to request County Commissioner Linda Smyth to request a “technical correction to the fire code” due to unintended consequences where a fire plan as submitted was never implemented or inspected by the Fire Marshal. It remains unclear whether this might have any chance for success. He noted that the Fire Marshal’s report calls for roughly 7,000 feet of curbing to be painted yellow and some 90 no parking signs to be erected.
- Implementation of the Fire Marshal’s report would effectively eliminate all non-assigned parking in the community as streets must be at least 28 feet wide to allow parking on one side. Currently the majority of the community’s streets are 26.5 feet wide.

Subsequently, it was moved and seconded to seek a second legal opinion on the matter from a different law office. The motion failed with a vote of 5 – 4.

It was then moved and seconded that the Board request Commissioner Linda Smyth’s help in seeking a “technical correction” to the fire lane regulations. This motion carried unanimously and Brian Saal volunteered to contact the Commissioner’s office to follow up on this proposal.

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting will be held as planned on April 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Kevin Noca located at 3159 Readsborough Court.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the meeting, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

  
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Secretary

April 22, 2014  
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