

**Seneca Ridge Homeowners Association
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 20, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Dominion High School Room 409

Attendance: KC Holland, Marit Chasse, Peggy Franklin, Warren Chverchko, Beth Baker, a number of Seneca Ridge homeowners

Special Guests: Dr. Brewer, Dominion High School Principal; Mr. McDermott, Seneca Ridge Middle School Principal; Dr. Guzman, School Board Representative; Sugarland Run Homeowners Association Representative, several representatives from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office.

Special Discussion of Violence against Seneca Ridge Properties: Most of the evening was devoted to a dialogue with school and law enforcement officials concerning the increase in graffiti on fences and other harassments to homeowners, particularly those who live next to Sugarland Run paths. Several homeowners described abusive encounters they have had with students destroying fences, trespassing, annoying their pets, or using loud profanity.

The school officials and law enforcement representatives acknowledge that there is an increased amount of inappropriate behavior on the paths from certain teens this year. They communicated the following:

1. They are patrolling the trails and try to do so at random times and places in order to act as a deterrent.
2. If a homeowner is able to give a good amount of identifying information, they have a better opportunity of determining who the student is, and will indeed require accountability of that student.
3. The deputies and the probation officer gave police non-emergency phone numbers for both action and follow up communication concerning these problems:
(703) 777-1021
(703) 777-0445
4. They strongly urged that the graffiti be painted over as soon as possible so as not to give incentive to the teens to add to it. They reported that students from the high school are ready to assist homeowners in this.
5. Tammy Taylor, the probation officer, assured the group that efforts are being made to develop and maintain recreational programs for teens to give alternatives to delinquent behavior.

A Seneca Ridge homeowner urged that things discussed at the meeting be communicated in a physical newsletter to each household. He also recommended that "Community Watch" signs be posted as a deterrent and that homeowners truly look out for each other's properties.

The board members expressed appreciation to the school and law enforcement officials for their services, and to all attending for the dialogue.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 2008 board meeting were approved.

Unfinished Business:

There has been no further action on Verizon's obtaining easements for FIOS on one section of Seneca Ridge Drive.

KC is still working on retiring the laptop, which he will then donate to a charity.

New Business:

A couple of individuals have volunteered to compile a newsletter and Elaine will advise them on the process.

Committee Reports:

- **Architectural Review Committee:**

Warren, along with the homeowner at 803 Potomac Ridge Court and her architect, presented detailed plans for an addition to the house. The request for approval was granted by the board.

Warren will check to be sure that the other home addition on Potomac Ridge Ct. was approved.

- There were no other committee reports.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Baker, Secretary

Next scheduled meeting: March 12, 2008