

**Forest Home Improvement Association Officers' Meeting**  
**November 15, 2011, 7:30 pm**  
**Forest Home Chapel**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** All officers and Immediate Past President.

1. **Introductions** and clarifying individual roles on the executive committee.

- Teresa Craighead (President) has lived in Forest Home since 1989 and is a technical writer.
- Jon Miller (Immediate Past President) has lived in Forest Home since 2001 and is a journalist.
- Christine Leuenberger (Vice President) has lived in Forest Home since 1992 and is a sociologist.
- Bill Arms (Treasurer) has lived in Forest Home since 1999 and is a retired computer scientist.
- Ari Lavine (Secretary) has lived in Forest Home since 2009 and is a lawyer.

2. **Logistics**

- a. Officers' Meetings will be scheduled approximately once every two months (targeting January, March, May, July, and September), with a preference for the third Tuesday of said months from 7:30pm to 9:30pm. These meetings will generally be open to the public, absent a determination by the officers that they need to meet in Executive Session.
- b. Managing Email:  
Teresa will manage FHIA email, with Ari has the backup if Teresa is unavailable and he is available.
- c. Web site maintenance: Michael Bend has admin privileges on the website, and Wendy Petti manages the website.
- d. The Board will endeavor to maintain a neighborhood "task list" throughout the year.
- e. Paper directory/pdf file:  
keeping it up to date: It has been recently updated. Next year when it is reprinted Ari will update it with those names that have been supplied to him. It can then be distributed by Street Captains.

3. **Business**

a. Social activities

- i. Holiday party will be December 17 from 5 to 8 pm at Michael Bend and Valerie Hans' house.
- ii. Social activities throughout the year can be organized on a one-off basis, per event. Recurring events include spring cleanup, the summer street party, and possibly an historic tour and neighborhood music performances or lectures.

- iii. The Board will consider establishing a public neighborhood calendar, either on the FHIA website or--if that is not feasible--as a google calendar--listing neighborhood events and public board meetings.
- b. Judd Falls Road speed limit petition: Jon will see if street captains can get signatures on this petition while distributing the directory update and dues reminder.
- c. Deer Management Program endorsement. The board approved this endorsement on behalf of the FHIA, subject to minor edits, adding Jon as cc. Teresa will send the same.
- d. Working groups: The Board discussed working groups for topics including Lighting, the Small Park, Buses, and CarShare. The Board noted a lack of volunteers for some groups, and resolved to see if people with expertise in certain areas would like to present ideas on these subjects to the Board. The Board will request that those working groups with sufficient critical mass report to the Board after those groups have met and formed recommendations on which the Board can then act as appropriate.
- e. Proposed meeting with Gary Stewart (CU Community Relations) to discuss Forest Home traffic flows and the Judd Falls/Plantations Road Bridge ("tin can") and ongoing maintenance and engineering studies. Bill, Jon, and Teresa volunteered to attend said meeting with Gary, preferably on a Friday morning. It was also noted that County legislator Peter Stein has contacted Teresa to express his interest in continued involvement with the FHIA.
- f. Forest Home Project List Review: the Board reviewed the project list.
  - i. The Board discussed the crosswalk across Forest Home Drive near Plantations Rd., but did not reach a determination as to final action on this item.
  - ii. The Board agreed that Jon will contact Don Rakow of the Cornell Plantations regarding the extremely coarse gravel that has been placed along Forest Home Drive on the Beebe Lake footpath.
  - iii. The Board set as a goal the presentation to the Town of Ithaca of a long-term plan that looks beyond traffic calming, and includes a long-term task list of items that can be achieved in conjunction with other municipal projects, as they occur. A major future focus that seems to have broad neighborhood support is pedestrian (and possibly bike) navigability. A first step might be a sidewalk along the road between Forest Home's two bridges. Also, at next discussion with Herb Engman, pursue request that Town commit to snow removal from foot paths.

Meeting Adjourned.