

TUSCANY-CANTERBURY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WORKS FOR YOU

Calendar

March 2: First Friday 5:30-7:00 Alizee in the Colonnade

April 4: TCNA Board Meeting

June 13: Annual Membership Meeting

The Woods Update

Because of the support of our elected officials and an avalanche of emails from Tuscany-Canterbury residents, the Baltimore City Planning Commission put Donna and Ernest Kovacs' request to subdivide their 33 Warrenton Road property on its December 21 hearing schedule.

Prior to the hearing the TCNA Board OK'd testimony drafted by the TCNA Woods Committee that supported the Kovacs' subdivision request and that praised the Kovacs for being long-time wonderful neighbors. The Tuscany Canterbury testimony also explained the community's concerns about the impact of any future development of the property and asked:

- That future requests to the Planning Department concerning the wooded parcel in the 200-300 blocks of Tuscany Road will require a full development plan for the entire parcel;
- That the Planning Department will view the forest land along Tuscany Road as one parcel for the purposes of addressing forest conservation, storm water management, and any other approvals required by the Planning Department, such as infrastructure and location of homes.
- That the Planning Department and Planning Commission will include the Tuscany Canterbury Neighborhood Association in discussions prior to granting approvals of future requests by the owners in the 200 and 300 blocks of Tuscany Road to alter the forest property; and
- That any future subdivision request pertaining to this property would not be treated as a re-subdivision approval but as a new subdivision request.

Over 30 Tuscany Canterbury residents showed up at the December 21 Planning Commission hearing!!! Commission Chair Sean Davis and Planning Department Director Tom Stocur both complimented our neighborhood for its energy and involvement.

TCNA's written testimony had been sent to the Commission before the hearing and the TCNA Co-presidents testified at the hearing. In addition, Councilwoman Mary Pat

Clarke and Delegate Maggie McIntosh supported the community by giving dynamite testimony.

The Commission granted the Kovacs' subdivision request. It also adopted the departmental staff's recommendations that Tuscany-Canterbury requests (see above) concerning the property's future development also be approved.

Planning Commission hearings are live streamed and are available to the public on the Planning Department's website. The December 21 hearing will be posted on TCNA's website, <http://www.tuscanycanterbury.org/> <<http://www.tuscanycanterbury.org/>>, sometime soon.

Nominating Committee

The TCNA Board has appointed a Nominating Committee to recommend officers and board members who would serve one term, from July 2018 to June 2019. The members of the Nominating Committee are

- Ann Christopher, Chair
- Dave Baker
- Kenna Forsyth
- Brooke Murdock
- Jo-Ann Orlinsky

If you would like to serve on TCNA board member or as an officer, please let Ann Christopher annchristopher10@msn.com <annchristopher10@msn.com> know by the end of February. A board member must be a current member of TCNA. Each board member also serves as chair or co-chair of a committee, or has such additional responsibilities as representing the community at regular meetings of other groups. The board would like to have representation from all areas of the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Updates

No Parking Sign

The Gardens of Guilford has requested a No Parking sign on Tuscany Road for the area between Stoney Ford and the light post west of the Gardens of Guilford driveway. This space is needed so that city trash trucks can empty the Gardens' trash dumpster. The sign ought to be in place within the next month.

Pedestrian Crossing on University Parkway at Tudor Arms

Councilwoman Mary Pat Clarke has formed a work group with the City Transportation Department to improve the safety of pedestrians who cross University Parkway at Tudor Arms (In front of the Carlyle). Currently the crossing is a designated pedestrian

crosswalk but remains dangerous. TCNA has been included in Clarke's work group since many of the neighbors in Tuscany-Canterbury need to cross University Parkway.

TCNA members, Chris Whitaker and Dave Urbanek will represent Tuscany-Canterbury. Chris is the new co-chair of the Streets and Greens Committee. (This new committee combines the Traffic and Parking Committee and the Garden Committee.) Dave is a new resident in Tuscany-Canterbury and is a traffic engineer. The Wyman Park Association and the Carlyle will also have members on this work group. We will keep you posted on the recommendations. If you have any thoughts please let Chris know skybluebye@hotmail.com <skybluebye@hotmail.com>.

Lights on Hopkins Baseball Field

The lights on the Hopkins baseball field on University Parkway at Charles Street have just been installed. In the Fall Newsletter we had informed you that Hopkins planned to install lights on the field this year. Hopkins has no plans to have any evening baseball games on the field. The field will be used for intramural practice and the lights will automatically go off at 10PM.

Trucks on Canterbury Road

Residents on Canterbury Road have been concerned about the noise caused by trucks entering and leaving the back of Calvert School very early in the morning. At the November meeting of the Calvert Liaison Committee with Calvert School revisited this issue. We have reports from Canterbury Road neighbors that the early morning is now quiet again. THANK YOU CALVERT SCHOOL for making this improvement.

Membership Dues

If you haven't paid your dues, you can pay them on-line at <http://www.tuscanycanterbury.org> <<http://www.tuscanycanterbury.org>/ or send a check payable to TCNA and mail to P.O. Box 26223 Baltimore, MD 21210

An electronic reminder is set the month when your dues need to be renewed. If you aren't sure if your dues are current, you can check the TCNA website, <http://www.tuscanycanterbury.org> <<http://www.tuscanycanterbury.org/>>.

Annual Dues

\$20 Individual

\$30 Family

\$55 Business/ Institution