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• AFTER CUTTING FUNDS FOR TCC**Members Agree On '77 Budget**

At a long meeting marked by lively debate and close votes, the Truro Homes Association membership late last month adopted a 1977 budget for the association and its separately funded Truro Community Center.

When the discussion, parliamentary maneuvering and balloting were over, the THA budget had been approved as proposed by the Board of Directors, while that of TCC had been cut by \$4,000 and the 1977 TCC dues reduced to \$130.

The THA budget of \$13,770, only \$70 more than the 1976 figure, was adopted with little debate. THA dues will remain at \$35, where they have been since the association was established.

The proposed TCC budget totaling \$63,100, up \$11,000 from last year, met with stiff opposition from members objecting to the 19 percent increase in dues this year. After lengthy discussion the membership, by very close votes:

- Deleted the \$1,500 budgeted for the tennis gazebo on the basis that this constituted a capital improvement and should not be financed in the operating budget.

- Reduced the 1977 payment into the TCC reserve fund from \$4,500 to \$2,000--a reduction of \$2,500.

A proposal to reduce the pool payroll by \$2,000, eliminate all swim team financing (\$1,050) and eliminate all funds for tennis instruction and fees (\$1,400) failed to win approval. With its final

acceptance of the revised \$59,100 budget, however, the membership stipulated that ways should be found to make the swim and tennis teams self-supporting in future years.

The reduced TCC budget results in 1977 dues of \$130 per member instead of the \$140 proposed by the Board of Directors. The 1976 dues were \$117.50; in 1975 they were \$112.50.

About 160 THA members participated in the meeting, either in person or by proxy. The meeting was on January 27 in the Truro Community Center.

In addition to its action on the THA and TCC budgets, the membership asked the Board of Directors to:

- Consider setting appropriate limits on the THA and TCC reserve funds (which now stand at about \$7,500 and \$21,000, respectively).

- Develop a position on what sorts of expenditures constitute

THE COVER

for this issue is a photograph of Turkey Creek just after the big snowfall in January--before winter's icy grip fastened on Truro with a vengeance. Under its soft blanket of white, the parkland lost its withered and sere look and, for a few days, became a snowy wonderland.

capital improvements and therefore require a two-thirds vote of the membership for approval. (This request stems from almost identical problems which arose during this meeting and that in January 1976-- the question of the tennis gazebo this year and the question of additional tennis courts a year ago.)

● Appoint a committee to explore the question of using storm doors and windows on Truro homes, including what amendment, if any, would be required of the association's covenants.

Details of the January 27 general membership meeting, THA's first of 1977, are in the meeting minutes on page 3.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By George Walker

Voter Apathy Ends

At least for one night, voter apathy ended in Truro when, at the general membership meeting held Thursday, January 27, there was an unusually large turnout of THA members interested in every aspect of the THA and TCC budgets for 1977.

The President and the Board of Directors were extremely gratified by this showing, and it is hoped that this interest will carry over to the May and September general meetings as well. Those in attendance can attest to the fact that many people with divergent and interesting viewpoints were heard and seen in the sometimes lively discussions. The late meeting finally ended with approval of the THA budget as originally submitted, and that of TCC with only minor changes which will result in those dues being \$130 rather than the \$140 proposed.

Indeed, many new faces were seen in the Community Center on Thursday night. The Board of Directors, various committee chairmen and members anticipate that the verbal actions demonstrated by many on Thursday will result in physical and mental support of the many community projects and activities ahead. We of course are always happy to receive ideas, help and constructive criticism.

To paraphrase an expression which was published in Truro Trails several years ago: PEOPLE WHO DO ARE FAIR GAME FOR CRITICISM--TOO OFTEN THOSE WHO CRITICIZE NEVER DO.

FROM THE BOARD

By Beverlee McCartney

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
JANUARY 1977

The Truro Homes Association's Board of Directors met on January 3 at the home of George Walker. Those in attendance were George Walker, Liesbeth deLeede, Cliff Neilson, John Stone, Chris Robertson, Howard Cochran, Dave Watts, Jim and Connie Baker, Jack Hoaas and Beverlee McCartney.

The general membership meeting will be held on Thursday, January 27, 1977, at which time the proposed 1977 budget for THA and TCC will be submitted for adoption.

Jim Baker presented a proposal that the board consider a contract from him to manage the TCC pool for 1977. Mr. Baker presented his qualifications to fulfill this contract and assured the board that he has received the proper training in this area and is convinced that he could handle the operation in a safe, sanitary, economical and positive manner to insure a

pleasant and cooperative summer for the membership. Jack Hoaas, the new Pool Committee Chairman, and Dave Watts, the retiring Pool Committee Chairman, gave their views on the Baker proposal. Both felt that a better and smoother operation for the money could be had by accepting the Baker offer. There was general discussion as to whether there might be a conflict of interest if Mr. Baker were to contract the pool management since he is a resident of Truro. The board concluded that the Baker proposal was a good one. Mr. Baker was asked to formulate his employment policies in writing and provide them to the board at its February meeting. The board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Baker's proposed contract.

Jack Hoaas introduced information for the new 1977 TCC Summer Manual. He is working to assemble this informational booklet to be published in March. It was suggested that a \$2.50 registration fee be charged for each child participating on the swimming, diving and tennis teams, and that the same

\$2.50 fee be charged to each adult participating on the tennis teams. These monies would cover the costs of participation awards given at the end of the season. This would eliminate bake sales and door-to-door fund raising activities. The suggestion was unanimously adopted. The guest fees for the pool for the coming year will remain the same as last year. This information will be published in the new Truro manual.

There are two THA members still owing dues for 1976. There is one TCC dues payment outstanding for 1975 and six outstanding for 1976. Letters have been sent to these people, and unless immediate payment is made they will be restricted from the pool and tennis facilities for the coming summer.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on February 17, 1977, at the home of Chris Robertson.



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
JANUARY 1977

The Jaunary 27, 1977, general membership meeting of the Truro Homes Association was called to order by President George Walker. It was determined that a quorum was present. Dave Watts was designated to serve as Parliamentarian during the meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to waive the reading of the minutes of the September 1976 general membership meeting as they had been published in the October 1976 issue of Truro Trails.

President Walker then introduced the board members, Treasurer, Secretary and committee chairmen. He stated that without the voluntary and invaluable assistance of these

NOTE FROM THE THA SECRETARY

The Truro Homes Association has on hand extra copies of the Articles of Incorporation, the Declaration of Covenants, and the By-Laws of the association. It is most important that each THA member have a copy of these documents in his possession for reference and guidance in certain situations. If you are a new resident who never received copies, or are an old resident whose copies may have been misplaced, please contact me, Beverlee McCartney, at 978-2929, to obtain these documents.

people the work of THA would be impossible. He further stated that the community is always in need of volunteers and called for assistance from the general membership.

1977 BUDGETS

As a preview to the introduction of the THA and TCC budgets, President Walker reminded the membership that the Board of Directors, in preparing the annual budgets and in supervising the many activities of THA and TCC, were only an extension of the general membership who provided the basic tenets under which the association operates. He pointed out that we live in a safe, wholesome, active community.

Treasurer Howard Cochran then presented the Truro Homes Association budget as published in the January 1977 issue of Truro Trails. He was asked to explain the duties of the Record Keeper. Pieter Bottelier, Park Committee Chairman, provided details about the park budget. Inquiry was made if there was a ceiling on the reserve fund. It was suggested that the board study this matter. The THA budget was subsequently approved.

Treasurer Cochran then presented the Truro Community Center budget. Extensive discussion followed, during which Randy Young presented a counter-proposal. A motion was made and carried to delete the construction of the tennis shelter (gazebo) from the budget. A motion was made and carried to reduce the reserve fund payment from \$4,500 to \$2,000. A question was raised as to the proper size of the reserve fund, which is now \$21,000. Different committee chairmen, board members, Tom Vick and Jim Jarrett (former THA treasurers) argued that this was not an

excessive amount in view of major repairs and/or catastrophes that could occur. The board will seek professional advice and will further investigate the matter of what ceiling, if any, should be maintained in the TCC reserve fund. This information will be made available at the next general membership meeting in May.

A motion was made to amend the budget to delete \$1,400 for tennis instruction and fees. Les and Colette Stermer, members of the Tennis Committee, provided information that tennis instruction is actually tennis coaching (open to anyone who can reasonably keep the ball in play) and that tennis fees are the entrance fees required for our teams to participate in tournaments. It was further explained that without this budget backing it would be almost impossible to hire and maintain a competent tennis coach. The motion was defeated.

Another motion was made to reduce the swimming pool payroll from \$18,000 to \$16,000, to delete \$1,050 for the Swim Team, to delete \$1,400 for tennis instruction and fees, and to add \$1,000 to guarantee payment of monies necessary to support and subsidize the swim and tennis teams, with the objective that through registration fees, etc., these teams will become self-supporting in the future. Jack Hoaas, Pool Committee Chairman, and Jim Baker, Community Center Committee Chairman, provided detailed information on the operation of TCC, the pool, and the swimming and diving teams. This motion was eventually defeated.

A motion was made to accept the budget, including all the monies as designated to that point (\$130 per member family for TCC), but

that in the future the tennis and swim teams become self-supporting. The motion carried.

President Walker thanked the membership for their discussion and keen interest in approving the THA and TCC budgets and requested their continued support at future general membership meetings and volunteer activities.

NEW BUSINESS

A member introduced the question of people moving out of the community but being allowed to buy pool memberships ahead of those on the TCC waiting list. Liesbeth de-Leede, Pool Membership Chairman, confirmed that this has happened but only when those on the waiting list were not members of the Truro community.

President Walker stated that a recent suggestion to form a Security Committee was worthy of consideration and that the board would study this recommendation and provide more details at a later date.

The Park Committee Chairman announced a future springtime tour through the parkland with a trained naturalist and requested that the membership actively participate in this.

A motion was made and carried that the board investigate changing the THA covenants so that storm windows and doors of an approved type might be installed by Truro homeowners to help cut the costs of heating and cooling.

INDECENT EXPOSURE CASE REPORTED

A Truro resident whose children were recently subjected to an indecent exposure incident has urged other parents to be alert to this

danger. The mother concerned has reported that her two children, ages 10 and 13, were enticed to a secluded spot near the Wakefield Forest Elementary School gym by a young man, who then exposed himself. The man was in his late 20s or early 30s, according to the children. He had dark brown hair and wore glasses. The incident took place at mid-day on January 21. Police have not been able to identify the offender.

Parents are urged to warn their children against accepting invitations from strangers, and to report to the police immediately any such incidents that occur.

LECHNER GOES AFTER REPEATERS

Advocates of tougher treatment for repeat offenders got some support last month from State Delegate Ira Lechner (D-Alexandria).

^{Arlington,} Del. Lechner spent nine days early in January crossing Virginia on foot from south to north to gain support for a mandatory sentence bill he is pushing in the current session of the Virginia General Assembly. His bill prescribes lengthy, fixed prison sentences for repeat felons. Offenders would not be eligible for probation during the mandatory term and would draw increasingly stiffer punishments with each additional conviction.

The Lechner bill somewhat parallels in adult criminal law what a Truro-based citizens' group, the Citizens for Protection from Repeat Offenders, had been working for in juvenile law before and during last year's General Assembly session. That session brought a more modest revision of the juvenile code than the Truro group had advocated.

County Sets Hearing On Land Use Changes

Two proposed land use plan modifications of interest to Truro residents will be considered by the Fairfax County Planning Commission this month.

One proposal involves essentially the same controversial 6.8-acre tract between Wakefield Forest Elementary School and Route 236 that got THA and neighboring civic associations up in arms when a shopping center was proposed there in 1970. The other involves a small residential tract across Guinea Road from Truro.

Both proposals are part of the county's annual review of the current land use plan for the area including Truro. In both cases the planning commission staff recommends low density residential use.

The planning commission was to



SHADED AREAS SHOW PROPERTY TO BE CONSIDERED FOR USE CHANGE BY THE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SOON.

hold public hearings on the two proposals, along with a number of others, at its meeting on Saturday, February 5, at 9 a.m. in the Massey Building in Fairfax.

The two cases of Truro interest:

- Item 1-A-6 (South side of Rte. 236 between Iva Lane and St. Matthews Methodist Church). In 1970, when the Annandale Master Plan was adopted, the recommended use for this property was community, public utility or low-rise office (C-OL). The owners sought a change to shopping center (C-D) use. At a public hearing in November 1970, THA and several neighboring civic associations opposed the change, but were agreeable to C-OL use. The commission recommended that the request for C-D use be denied, and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors agreed. When the current county-wide land use plan was adopted last year, it called for low density residential use (1-2 units per acre) for this property. The owner has now applied for a change back to C-OL. The planning commission staff proposes instead that the property remain residential, but that the density be changed to 2-3 units per acre, to be more consistent with the pattern of land use in the immediate vicinity.

- Item 1-A-12 (Northwest corner of Guinea Road and Ellenwood Lane). This 3.4-acre tract is currently planned for residential use at $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 unit per acre. It is surrounded by residential development at densities of 1, 2 or 3 units per acre (including Truro). The planning commission staff proposes that the property be planned for 1-2 units per acre, to be more compatible with adjacent development.

FROM THE COMMITTEES

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

By Larry Castleman

THA Directory Addendum

An addendum to the February 1976 THA Directory is planned for publication in next month's issue of Truro Trails. Families who arrived since publication of the directory and did not have their names published in past issues of Truro Trails are asked to complete the questionnaire on page 11 of this issue. Families who desire changes to current listing are also requested to complete the form.

Questionnaires should be returned through the appropriate Block or Area Captains to reach the Publicity Committee chairman, Larry L. Castleman, 8621 Ordinary Way, not later than February 20.

As a reminder, Block and Area Captains are to obtain information about new neighbors residing in their areas of responsibility and forward it to the Publicity Committee Chairman for publication in Truro Trails. A complimentary copy of the THA Directory is available from the Publicity Committee Chairman for each new resident. Additional THA Directories are available at \$1 a copy.

News Items for Truro Trails

THA residents are asked to furnish community and family news items for publication in Truro Trails. Examples include promotions, graduations, births, marriages, appointments, honors, etc. Articles do not have to be formally prepared. They can be submitted to appropriate Block or Area Captains, the Publicity Committee

Chairman or the Truro Trails editor in rough form with basic information (who, what, when, where and why).

Welcome, New Neighbors:

Albright, Donald and Helene
4311 Kenwyn Court
978-2275

Foreign Service
Children: Suzanne (1958)
Tatiana (1960)
James (1963)
Allen (1965)

Oliver, George L. Jr. and Nell
8622 Pappas Way
978-2391

Civil Engineer, Western Union
Children: George III (1956)
William (1958)
Pete (1962)
Julia (1964)

Patterson, Jerry M. and Mary Jane
4411 Ossian Hall Lane
978-2192

Member of Congress
Children: Patrick (1960)
Jane (1965)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

By Cyndy Franklin

New Co-Chairman

Barbara Herrmann will be replacing Marilyn Stone as the co-chairman of the Social Committee. Special thanks to Marilyn for all of her hard work and cooperation over the past year.

Truro Carol Sing

Our first annual carol sing was a big success. About 50 adults and children joined in.

I want to thank Alice Torbett for the delicious hot mulled wine, and Barbara Lockhart for getting

the cookies for us. The children enjoyed the hot chocolate, and a good time was had by all.

Next Committee Meeting

The next Social Committee meeting will be held at the Truro clubhouse on Thursday, February 17, at 10 a.m. Plans will be made for the wine and cheese party in March and for a fashion show in April or May.

The Social Committee is an open committee. We welcome anyone in the Truro community to come and help plan social functions. We need new members and new ideas. Please attend our meeting on the 17th and bring a friend or a new neighbor. There's no better way to meet people and get involved in your community.

See you on the 17th.

CB TEAMS AID FALLS CHURCH POLICE

Falls Church police report that the city's larceny rate has dropped 30 percent during a month-long trial of a new CB radio assistance program.

The program, called PEEP ("Police Eyes and Ears Patrol"), involves volunteer teams of citizens patrolling areas of the city using their own vehicles and CB radios. It is similar in concept to the security patrol set up last August by the North Springfield Civic Association (Truro Trails, December 1976).

PEEP's trial period was the month of November 1976. The police reported that the program was so successful that "minimum" funding for it will be included in the city's next budget package.

During the pilot program, the

CB operators worked in teams, reporting to police any suspicious activities. Some 65 volunteers participated, donating their time, gasoline, and vehicle and radio use. Training of the citizen volunteers was conducted by the Falls Church police.

"This program shows that there are people who are interested in public safety and are willing to participate in positive action toward the goal of a safer community," the Falls Church police report said.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE--Ping pong table, \$20. Indoor automatic baby swing, \$8. Excellent condition, but no room for them in our basement. Call 978-2618.

FOR SALE--Boy's Redskin jacket, size 20, seldom worn. 978-2951.

MISSING--From Aunt Lilly Lane, two "Gladding Champion Fastrack" sleds. Would appreciate their return. Call 978-2897.

LOST--White cat, vicinity of Guinea Road. Last seen in September. Reward. Please call 323-7507.

WILLOW BROOK GARDEN CLUB

The Willow Brook Garden Club will hold its regular meeting at Canterbury Woods School on Wednesday, February 16, at 7:45 p.m. The planned program is on basic landscaping--how to simplify your landscape and restore your plantings and shrubs. Mrs. William Deveraux of the National Capital Area Landscape Critics Council will be the speaker. Guests are welcome.