## PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

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## AGENDA OF MEETING

Tuesday, Nov 2, 1954

8:00 PM

Dunn Loring Fire Hall

1. Secretary's Reports

2. Committee Reports:

- a. On Zoning Hearing for Shopping Center Lee Percival
- b. Federation Representative, on October Meeting Mrs. McCormick
- c. Roads & Signs, on Speed Limit Signs Mrs. Snider
- d. Social, on Halloween Party Mrs. Ritchey

3. Announcements

- 4. Old Business
- 5. New Business

## NEWSIETTER

<u>NOTICE:</u> Tuesday, <u>Nov. 2</u>, is <u>ELECTION DAY</u> as well as the date of the Association Meeting. Those persons who are registered to vote as residents of Pimmit Hills will cast their ballot at the offices of the <u>Jonfra Company</u>, on <u>Route</u> 7, at <u>Tyson's Corners</u>. Many of the new residents, in Section 7 particularly, are undoubtedly registered elsewhere in Virginia. Those persons may vote at the regular polling place for their former residence.

This is the first year that Pimmit Hills has voted as a precinct. Help us to demonstrate the power of our electoral voice by making sure to reach the polling places between 6:00 AM and 6:00 PM next Tuesday.

The annual <u>HALLOWEEN PARTY</u> for the kids will be at the <u>Dunn Loring Fire Hall</u> <u>today</u>, Saturday, Oct. 30, at <u>3:00 PM</u> til about 4:30. Mrs. Ritchey and Mrs. Wilhite have arranged entertainment by local talent. Refreshments will be served to children under 14 years of age. Each child will receive a small prize to take home. If you are in a jam for transportation call Mrs. Ritchey at JE 4-0459 or Mrs. Whytock at JE 2-0293 and they'll try to help you. Make sure your children can be there to show off their costumes in the "Grand March."

About the survey recently conducted throughout Pimmit Hills - first, thanks to the more than 70 men and women who helped take the survey and to the community as a whole for its cooperation. It is too soon to give any final results of evaluations of the questionnaire; but by next month we hope to have some statistics and general trends to report. Preliminary figures have been given to the school board for use in anticipation of future needs. They are particularly interested in the number and ages of pre-school children so that planning can get underway to take care of these children as they reach school age. From an average of ages of wives - whether or not now mothers - they can use a predetermined yardstick to get a prediction of possible future population. We understand the school may undertake a survey of their own next year using paid workers. It is hoped Pimmit Hills residents will cooperate with them in this survey. Even the you as an individual may not expect to reside here at a time when you have school age children, your information will help in making up forecasts.

Explanations seem to be in order for a misinterpretation of the first item on the questionnaire. The word Rank - meaning military designation such as Sgt, Capt, Cdr, etc. - did not reproduce clearly and in some cases was read as Bank a financial institution. Several complaints were received about the questionnaires being used for credit purposes and we were wondering why until some of the odd sounding information entered under Rank such as Arlington Trust finally drew a picture. Where such information was given it is not being used in any way and is being crossed off the questionnaires.

There have also been some questions about the purpose of the proposed directory for which an alphabetical residents list, a classified section and some useful information such as a Pimmit Hills map, list of Association officers, date time and place of meetings, fire departments, county officials, etc. are planned. This directory is proposed purely as a convenience to the residents and is not intended for distribution outside Pimmit Hills. We will not include the names of an who have indicated on the questionnaire that they do not wish to be included. No information will be given that is not available in the C&P directory. It simply offers a much smaller directory to handle, plus a few pertinent facts about the area. There is, of course, the technicality of zoning restrictions covering some home operated businesses which has raised some doubts concerning the classified portion. There are many skills which can be rendered as services without constituting a business. Liso, many businesses carried on outside the home can be advertised to ones neighbors at an advantage to both. I myself have at various times needed the services of a notary public, a part-time stenographer, carpenter, plumber - meny things for which it would be more convenient to contact someone nearby. Also, it is good community policy to deal with our neighbors. A classified listing in the P.H. directory does not indicate a "home operated business." We have in our area grocers, bakers, mechanics, carpenters, doctors, nurses, probably most any skill or service needed. It is now planned to close directory listings about 1 Dec . Any changes or additions should be reported to Mrs. Netherton or Mrs. Whytock before that time. The directory will sell for 152 a copy, no charge being made for alphabetical listing, and classified listings to be \$1.00 for a one line listing.

From the report made by Mr. John Duggan at the Oct 5th Association meeting it is evident that a Community Center is not only possible but practical for Pimmit Hills. Mr. Jesse Lunsford is still willing to sell that piece of land off Leonard Drive, adjacent to Sections Six and Three of the Hills. It has developed that the former negotiations for the property broke down solely because of a misunderstanding; at any rate, he has invited us to renew negotiations on price.

The property would be approximately five acres in area. Access would be had by Leonard Drive and by a new street to be constructed by the developers of the Leonard property, immediately to the south of the tract. Sewer and water facilities would be available from points in both of these streets. It is estimated that \$35,000.00 will be needed to properly develop the area to meet our needs. Of this amount, about \$10,000.00 will be needed for the land and about \$15,000.00 for an appropriate building. Another \$5,000.00 approximately will to for equipment, including fence and gates, playground equipment, picnic facilities and furnishings for the building. The remainder will be necessary to carry us until such time as a self-sustaining program can be planned. It will cover such items as insurance (both liability and fire), taxes, heat, light, water and sewer, supervision, maintenance equipment, and the unexpected contingent expenses that always pop up.

A non-profit corporation must be formed to take title to the land. An organization like our Citizens' Assoc. can also held title to real property in its own name. In addition, it will be desirable to limit any liabilities assumed to the corporation and not allow them to be extended to the residents or members. Recommendations will be made at an Assoc. meeting as to form and position of the corporation. The entire development and organization will be subject to the vote of Assoc. members.

The major questions now are, of course, how and when? The problems are not insurmountable even though they may seem so at first glance. The fastest and most rewarding way of raising the 035,000 is through a solicitation campaign. A goal of an average of (35.00 per family has been set. There necessary this amount can be broken down to \$5.00 now and \$2.50 per month for one year. If the drive is successful, the property can be purchased almost immediately and can be cleared and prepared for supervised recreation next summer. The building can be constructed and the equipment purchased as soon as the funds are made available.

Thirty-five dollars sounds like a lot of money to anybody. On the other hand, all of us can afford (2.50 per month for a period of 12 months, and the total is small enough for the return. Just what will we get for our money? First, of course, we will have the land. It will be land over which we, ourselves, have control and for which we can do the scheduling of time. Te can make such installations as we think necessary or desirable, including pienic facilities, garden club projects, and possibly in the more or less distant future, a swimming pool. Land will not always be available in a convenient area. Mearly all of the land immediately adjacent to the Hills already has subdivision plans drawn for it.

The Citizens' Assoc. needs an office. Already the files have become so bulky that they are spread among two or more homes. These files are unavailable when needed if the officer keeping them happens not be at home. We need a place to store and operate our mimeograph machine, to keep a typeWriter available for all needs, also a place to store larger, bulkier supplies - lumber, wire, etc. In addition to an Assoc. office, Pimmit Hills needs a headquarters for Civil Defense. For this purpose, alone, four or more card files will have to be set up covering all residents of the Hills. Then there will be smaller files for those persons working in each specific division. We need a central First Aid station and a storage and distribution point for Civil Defense supplies and equipment. These needs can be met only by the erection of an appropriate building that will be used solely for our purposes.

A building will provide space to meet our ever growing need for a day nursery. It will be available for fund raising affairs such as dances, dinners and fairs. Our annual Halloween and Christmas parties can be held there; hobby clubs can meet there; Scouts and Garden Club can be expanded with the available space; a Home Demonstration Club could be formed. Such a building is an indispensable part of our Community Center.

Last, but certainly not the least of the benefits to be derived from c community center is the individual and collective increase in value of Pinmit Hills property. People looking for c new home consider seriously the conveniences and facilities available in the prospective area. We can point to our school and shopping center already under construction. Bus service is now handy to all who need it. The added incentive to a purchaser of a place for organized educational and play programs will make our houses more desirable, more salable and more valuable.

At the October meeting, after considerable discussion, it was voted that the Executive Committee take an option on the land, conduct a fund raising campaign and organize a corporation to take title. The major concern expressed was about the interest of Pimmit Hills residents in such a project. I think that such concern may now be laid aside. A check of part of the questionnaires indicates the following:

87% in favor of having a community center 4% blank or "no opinion" 9% adverse to a comm. center

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At the dinner meeting of District Representatives held Oct. 20, Mr. Eugane Barnwell, Secretary of the American Recreation Society and Director of Recreation for the City of Alexandria, spoke about community recreation facilities which should be available and means of making a community center self-sustaining. In his opinion, a community of our size will easily support a center like the one we anticipate, through classes of instruction and social events alone. Once thoroughly established, our sustaining problems will be small.

Concerning Curbs and Gutters: This project is temporarily bogged down because we lack someone to do a simple task. One person is needed who can go with Charles Lewis, D.F. for District 14, to Fairfax Court House between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on a week-day for about 3 hour's work. Anyone who can make it may call me at JE 2-025 or Mrs. Netherton at JE 4-2067. As soon as we have a volunteer, a date and time will

be set.

Several people indicated on their questionnaires the desire for weekend bus service. They will, I am sure, be pleased to learn that the daily bus schedule has been extended to include Saturdays. This erfection was made by the bus line without either prodding or suggestion from the Association. The Saturday service has been operating for at least three weeks but those who do not live directly on the route may be unaware of the fact. The Saturday schedule is slightly different week-days, and you may get the new schedules on the bus, at the Association Meeting on Tuesday night, or one will be mailed to you if you will call JE 4-2067.

> James M. Whytock President