

PIMMIT HILLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

Agenda of Meeting March 2, 1954

8:00 PM Dunn Loring Fire Hall

1. Civil Defense Film, "This is Civil Defense"
Mrs. Robinson 15 minutes
2. Committee Reports
 - a. Social and Recreation on Summer Program
Mrs. Ritchie
 - b. Public Utilities on Bus Service and Water Rates
Mr. Smith, Mr. Lane, Mr. Monahan
 - c. Roads and Signs on Improvement of Roads
Mrs. Netherton
 - d. Curbs and Gutters - Announcement of Legislation
 - e. "Playground" - Mr. Cook
 - f. Federation Meeting - Mrs. McCormick and Mr. Netherton
 - g. Report on Barns - Mr. Monahan
3. Announcements
4. Old Business
 - a. Audit Report
5. New Business

WATER RATES CAN BE REDUCED

BUT YOU MUST ACT

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia State Legislature which would bring about a reduction in the water rates charged in Pimmit Hills. This bill is about the only method by which the rates can be reduced. It concerns the most objectionable of the practices of the water companies, the use of "Donated Capital" in determining the water rates.

A builder, in developing a subdivision, installs sewer and water facilities as is required by County regulations. However, some water companies -- before they will agree to furnish water to the newly developed areas -- require that the builder turn over to them all of these sewer and water facilities. This has been the practice of the Pimmit Service Corporation. The property turned over to the water company by the builder -- property for which the water company pays nothing -- is called "Donated Capital". It is charged off by the builder as an expense; when you buy your house, you pay all the builder's expenses plus a profit.

Water rates are based on the total assets of the water company. The company is allowed, each year, a net income amounting to 8% of its total assets. To obtain its total assets, the company is allowed to add the assets which it has purchased to "Donated Capital". The company is thus taking a profit and charging a rate based on the value of property that you paid for and which was given to them.

"House Bill No. 392 as amended" was introduced by Delegate Omer L. Hirst for the purpose of stopping the practice of including "Donated Capital" when figuring rates. It is now in Committee. On Tuesday, March 2, 1954, at 2:00 P.M., the General Laws Committee will hold a hearing on this bill in room 21 of the Capitol Building in Richmond.

It is absolutely essential that a large number of people favorable to the bill appear at this meeting in order to obtain a favorable report from the committee. Your Executive Committee attended a similar hearing last Thursday. It is now up to you. You must appear at this next hearing. It is the only way your water rates can be reduced.

Call one of the following to make arrangements for attending:

Mr. James Whytock, President	JE. 2-0293
Mr. Robert Roadarmel, Vice President	JE. 4-1904
Mrs. Ross Netherton, Secretary	JE. 4-2067
Mr. Richard Smith, Chairman, Public Utilities Committee	JE. 4-0345

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NOTICE

In accordance with the Constitution of the Pimmit Hills Citizens' Association, the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for officers of the Association for 1954 are hereby cited for your consideration before the election to be held at the February meeting.

PRESIDENT

James M. Whytock - 417 Lisle Avenue

Resident of Pimmit Hills since June 1953. Practices law with the firm of Adams, Porter, and Radigan. Member of the bar in Virginia, District of Columbia, and New York. Graduate of University of Buffalo. Has been a member of the Pimmit Hills Citizens' Association since August 1953 and recently was active in surveying sites for a community playground and recreation area. He has expressed concern over problems affecting the property values in Pimmit Hills and is interested in plans and activities which will increase community pride and assure a high standard.

VICE PRESIDENT

Robert J. Roadarmel - 123 Paxton Road

Originally from Pennsylvania. Has been a resident of Pimmit Hills since September 1952 and member of the Association shortly thereafter. Is at present Sgt. at Arms of the Association. He is a university graduate and is employed by the State Department.

Edward M. Cook - 121 Paxton Road

Science teacher at Stratford Junior High School in Arlington. Has been a member of the Association since December 1952. Holds BA and MA degrees in education obtained from the University of Arkansas and George Washington University. Served with the Army in World War II and, at present, is Executive Officer of the 140th Engineers, DC National Guard. In his duties as a teacher he has gained considerable experience in civic problems and public relations.

SECRETARY

Nan Netherton - 2014 Griffith Road

Originally from Chicago, Illinois. Resident of Pimmit Hills for nearly three years. Has written the Pimmit Hills column in the "Sun-Echo" for the past 1½ years. She has helped with the organization of almost every community-wide drive in the past year, has been co-chairman of the Social and Recreation Committee, member of the School Committee, Chairman of Citizenship and Public Affairs, and Chairman of the Playground Committee.

TREASURER

John Bazuin - 2405 Griffith Road

Personnel technician with the Federal Reserve Board. Holds a BA degree from Michigan State University and MA from the University of Cincinnati in the field of Public Administration. Served in the U.S. Air Force during World War II and again during the Korean War. Mr. Bazuin has purchased a house in Section 7 of Pimmit Hills and is renting at the Griffith Road address while awaiting completion of his own house.

James W. Thompson - 119 Lisle Avenue

Industrial engineer with the Department of Defense. Has been a resident of Pimmit Hills since September 1952 and member of the Association since November 1952. Is a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. Holds BS degree in Industrial Engineering and at present is Vice President of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the American Institute of Industrial Engineers. Is a veteran of World War II.

SGT. AT ARMS

Matthew R. Monahan - 413 Lisle Avenue

Originally from New Hampshire. Has been resident of Pimmit Hills since March 1953 and member of the Association since April 1953. Is graduate of American University and George Washington University and is presently employed at the Department of Commerce.