



**Falls Church
Village Preservation & Improvement
Society**

FINAL MINUTES

Spring Membership Meeting

June 1, 2008, 3:00 PM

Senior Center, City of Falls Church Community Center

Present: *Officers:* Jeff Peterson, Karl Ensign, Ida Peterson, Barry Buschow, Melissa Teates

Directors: Ellen Gross, Mark Gross, Jon Hundley, Elizabeth Meade, Gerald Pressman, Keith Thurston, Midge Wang

Absent: Nancy Brandon, Roger-Mark De Souza, Jason Douglas, Ruth Rodgers, Carol Sly, Michael Slonim, Mary Soule, Gordon Theisz, Michael Volpe

Members/Guests: Attended by many.

Call to order: 3:12pm

Welcome: President Jeff Peterson welcomed everyone to the VPIS Spring Membership Meeting and briefed everyone on the agenda for the meeting.

Business Meeting

Society Accomplishments and Activities: VPIS Members reviewed some of VPIS' activities.

- Arbor Day Events
- Memorial Day Participation with Parade and Booth
- Neighborhood Tree Planting Parties
- Farmer's Market Booth
- Summer Concert Series
- Eco-Tour House Event

Treasurer's Report: VPIS is in good financial shape. \$4,994.02 in revenue has been raised in the first quarter. In the second quarter, Attic Treasures grossed \$4,500 alone. VPIS has a total of \$52,862.67 in funds. 33,537.27 is restricted for the tree fund and the arbor day commons project.

Recognition and Appreciation:

Barry Bushow presented the *Elwood Street Award* to **Kathleen and John Nixon** for their community service especially in consideration of the Eco-Tour of their home they arranged to benefit VPIS' Tree Fund.

Program

Local Responses to Changing Climate

- What Can You Do in Your Home and Business? – Laura Huber of Energy Shift

Laura discussed some simple first steps everyone can take.

- What is the City of Falls Church Doing? – Ralph Yatsko, Chair, Falls Church Climate Change and Energy Efficiency Committee

Ralph discussed the procurement of the ICLEI software in the next budget year allowing the city to determine a baseline and start moving forward with climate protection initiatives.

- What Are Neighboring Jurisdiction Doing? – John Morrill, Energy Manager, Arlington Country

John gave an overview of Arlington's action as well as other neighboring jurisdictions and the state of Virginia.

Afterwards, there were many questions from the audience.

Meeting Closed at 4:52 for refreshments and conversation