

Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Association

Roanoke, VA 24018

Minutes for General Meeting January 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Bob Caudle, President. Gerry Bijwaard read the Treasurer's report.

The Greater Deyerle Neighborhood Plan that was adopted by City Council in August 2006 is available in booklet format. The GDNA has purchased some copies for our residents and these were available at the meeting for those that do not have a copy.

Bob introduced our guest speaker, Will Dibling, attorney for Eye Care Surgeries (ECS). ECS is purchasing the William Williams property on Woodmar Drive with the intent of rezoning a 30 foot strip of land that adjoins their parking lot from R-12 Single Family to CN Commercial District. This would allow for 21 additional parking spaces. There would also be a "no left turn" exit onto Woodmar Drive. There would be no change to the remaining part of the Williams property, as the single-family house would remain residential. Mr. Dibling stated that ECS has a parking shortage at this time. ECS also plans to add a pediatric ophthalmologist to their staff, which will increase the need for additional parking. There will be a 10' wide landscape buffer with a 6' high buffer fence between the parking lot and the residential house. GDNA residents expressed concerns about the Woodmar exit, increased traffic, and the effect on their property values. It was pointed out that prior to constructing the office building, the original owners of ECS made a promise to the GDNA to never put an exit onto Woodmar Drive. Discussion followed. This request for rezoning will go before City Council on January 22, 2009.

The nominations slate for the 2009 Greater Deyerle Association Board of Directors was brought forth: John Merkwán, President; Scott Rice, Vice-President; Gerry Bijwaard, Treasurer; Vicki Thomas, Secretary. There was a motion to approve the officers as presented. The membership voted and approved the motion. The membership recognized Bob Caudle for his many years of service to the GDNA. Bob will remain on the GDNA Board as the past President. John Merkwán addressed the membership and pledged to keep them apprised of hearings and meetings that might affect them. He also encouraged participation in our city government recommending the Leadership Program. He invited the membership to recommend topics for future meetings.

The next meeting will be April 16, 2009. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 830 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Thomas
Secretary, GDNA