

SWTF September 16th Meeting Minutes

- Meeting began at 4:00 pm
- Participants: Mark Haynes, David Van Wagner, Robert Atkins, Paul Ducharme, Maura Quinn, Bernadette Wolford
- Maura Quinn agreed to contact Safeway representatives to ascertain the status of their selection of a site developer. Quinn indicated that she had left a message with Craig Muckel (sp?), but had not yet heard back from him.
- Participants agreed that upon Safeway selecting a developer, the Task Force should meet with both Safeway and the developer to plan for a Safeway/developer presentation to the BCA at either a General Membership Meeting or a Town Hall Meeting.
- Participants agreed that the Task Force should continue to remind Safeway of the Task Force's interest in having a "Height Demonstration" with either fire truck ladder extension or a balloon float. Participants further agreed that such a demonstration would be most useful after the actual re-development plans are known with more specificity.
- Participants discussed the need to revise the Task Force Charter and to extend the Task Force's end date Nov. 1, 2012.
- Participants discussed revising the charter to expand the Task Forces responsibilities to include facilitating consensus within the BCA around issues related to the re-development of the Safeway site. Participants believe that achieving such a consensus will help ensure that the views of Bluemont residents are heard by the Planning Commission in any site plan review.
- Participants also agreed that the Charter should be amended to extend the Task Force's life till at least October 2013.
- Mark Haynes agreed that he would draft a revised Charter reflecting the Task Force's discussion. The Task Force will make a motion at the September 27th BCA meeting that the revised Charter be considered by the general membership at the October BCA meeting.
- Participants discussed different strategies that the Task Force could use to achieve some consensus about Safeway site development
- The Task Force agreed that it would use a system of block managers that would be assigned specific portions of the area immediately surrounding the Safeway site to contact area residents
- The Task Force agreed that it could not effectively conduct such a survey until after some basic aspects of the site development plans were known. At such time, a common set of questions would be formulated and each block manager would gather responses within his/her assigned area.
- Participants agreed that block managers should also ascertain the general views of area businesses and of residents not immediately proximate to Safeway.
- Participants agreed that it would hold its next meeting on Sunday, October 14th at 5:00 pm at David Van Wagner's home.