

The Environmental Committee (EC) has been unusually busy in recent weeks. In addition to our routine duties to review home improvement and tree removal applications, we recently received an application from a law firm representing one of our community members J. Fields (FEI). This application includes plans to install a double tram alongside the community elevator, from the lower level of the marina parking ramp to the water's edge.

This application is complicated in nature and obviously has significant implications to our community in many areas. During our weekly meeting on 3/9/21 the BHVA Board of Directors (BOD) suggested additional community members to assist in the review of this application. As chair of the EC, I welcomed the added members for this specific review. It was the BOD's position the threat of litigation was implicit in the applicant attorney's cover letter. This application contains long term implications for our community and the individuals representing our community in this review will allow for a thorough review of the many issues, benefits, concerns, and ramifications involving our neighborhood, and surrounding environment, relating to the construction of a tram system alongside the slope leading to water's edge. The three presidents of the condo associations (Don Rimai, Marcus Colosimo and Greg Trass) and Ginny Lalka, HOA president of Andrews Way have shown an ongoing interest in the construction of a tram system along the community's slope. Due to their interests, the BOD asked each of these individuals to sit on the EC, as voting members, to assist in the review and they accepted. Additionally, during the BOD's 3/16/21 meeting, we added one more member, Todd Euchas, to sit as a standing member (beyond the tram application review process) and Grant Cushing, as a non-voting advisor to assist in the tram application review. The EC group met recently to discuss the tram application and we will complete our review process shortly. We will ultimately report our decision to the BOD and ask the BOD to share our decision with the community.

In related news, the EC recently accepted the resignation of two long term EC members. They did not accept the manner in which we prepared to address the tram application and documents we required from the EC members to address the tram application. A special thanks to Henry Savage and Greg Roth for their untiring volunteer work and dedication to EC issues over the years.

There is a need for additional members on the EC. We are in search of community members who are in good financial standing and have an interest to sit as a member on the EC to assist in future improvement applications filed by homeowners. As a refresher, in carrying out its responsibilities, the EC is guided by the following over-riding goals and themes:

- *preserve BHV as a high quality community as noted in section 14.10 of the Declaration;*
- *preserve the quality, appearance, and value of Bristol Harbour Village (BHV) as noted in Section 12.05 of the Declaration;*
- *maintain BHV as an outstanding community where residents may enjoy living and where property values are protected;*
- *exercise sound judgment and discretion in preserving the unique nature of BHV and the integrity of each of its neighborhoods;*
- *assure that lots and improvement are maintained in quality and appearance consistent with the enhancement and preservation of the appearance and value of the property as noted in Section 12.05 of the Declaration; and*
- *protect property values and enhance the community environment as noted in Section 12.05 of the Declaration.*
- *In order to achieve these goals, the EC has been given the authority to approve, disapprove, or give qualified approvals to the following:*

- *New structures;*
- *Exterior alterations, modifications, and additions to structures;*
- *The exterior appearance and maintenance of lots; and*
- *Certain other modifications to and uses of lots. The philosophy of the EC is to have an attitude of cooperation with, and to make minimal intrusions into the lives of, BHV owners while still carrying out its mandated functions and responsibilities. The philosophy of the EC is to have an attitude of cooperation with, and to make minimal intrusions into the lives of, BHV owners while still carrying out its mandated functions and responsibilities.*

If interested in sitting on the EC as a standing member to review applications filed by homeowners, please forward your interest to Crofton, attention Connie Simmons (connie@croftoninc.com).

Finally, for those of you considering exterior remodeling on your homes, please review the EC rules and regulations as you complete your application. We continue to receive EC applications containing insufficient information and Crofton turns those back to the homeowner for completion. This action can delay your remodeling plans. Please include required information on your applications. Thank you.