

CHCA Meeting Final Minutes
June 2025 - Approved 7/08/2025

1. **Attendance** - Leslie Caruso, Rachael Dorothy, Matt McKeegan, Alan Miroslaw, Mary Ann Ogle, Will Pearce, Maria Ramirez, Amanda Rule, Chris Rule, Lis Rundle, Ron Sears, Brittany Smith
2. **Review/Approve prior month's minutes** – *Mary Ann motion, Will second, passed.*
3. **Treasurer's Report**
 - **Fund Balances, revenues, expenses, invoices**
 - Matt sent the P&L reports and reconciliation forms for the CHCA accounts (Checking and Money Market Savings) for May 2025, via email. The account balances are Checking ~\$5,910, Money Market Savings ~\$13,511, and Savings ~\$500.
 - Matt noted he expects the balances to go down after the Fourth of July event and scholarship checks are cashed.
 - **Membership Drive Results to Date**
 - Matt said we are behind last year's pace. Membership dues are at ~\$1,900, and they are typically closer to \$3,300. The group theorized this was likely because people contribute after receiving the Courier.
 - Chris offered to discuss sponsorship with a local bank; Mary Ann suggested bringing a copy of the Courier.
4. **Trustee Dinner Recap (5.13.25)**
 - Mary Ann said about thirty-four people attended the dinner at Dewey's, and it was a lot of fun.
 - The group agreed it was a successful dinner and thanked Mary Ann for continuing to coordinate the dinner. Thanks, Mary Ann!
5. **2025 Scholarship Awards Ceremony Recap (5.16.25)**
 - The group applauded the two scholarships recipients, Sean Miroslaw and Griffin Royse. Furthermore, the group extended appreciation to the CHCA scholarship initiative and contributors for awarding a record amount, \$7,000, this year to the students.
 - Chris confirmed the Courier will include a shout out to the Roof Detective. Additionally, he offered to write a thank you note.
 - Brittany thanked the group for the honor of representing the CHCA at the scholarship ceremony and noted the event at the McConnell Arts Center was well organized and ran smoothly.
6. **Upcoming Events**
 - **Neighborhood Garage Sale (June 14th)**
 - Rachael confirmed about thirty-three people have registered for the event. She said she does not have all the participants' emails. Alan confirmed he will pin the event to the top of the neighborhood Facebook page and send out a reminder blurb. He noted he will also send out a reminder about the VOA truck.
 - Will asked Lis if we have signs for the garage sale. Lis confirmed that we have one sign and two small wooden maps. The group confirmed maps for the event will be available online.

- **Fourth of July (Friday, July 4th)**

- a) Volunteer recruitment/sign up Genius

- Cool Cats (Bounce House; Water Slide; Dunk Tank; Face Painting) & Lasting Impressions (Tent/table/chairs)

Amanda confirmed she has reserved Cool Cats. She noted that Matt gave her the check. Amanda also noted she will verify the number of tables and chairs, and recalled she had to add some last year. She said she will contact Matt Steidle about a speaker.

- Food and drink

Amanda confirmed The Cotton Candy Lady will be coming, but the BBQ vendor will not be attending. Amanda expressed that other food trucks take a while to prepare food, so she has contacted the Boy Scouts to help provide food and beverages. She anticipates the menu will contain simpler Fourth of July friendly items, such as hotdogs, chips, drinks, and potentially hamburgers. Chris noted this could be a good opportunity for the Boy Scouts because they raise their own money, and we sponsor them.

- What is needed?

Amanda said she could use assistance gathering items for the event (such as the 2-liter pop bottles). Leslie offered to help pick up the two liters. Amanda noted the most urgent need is for volunteers during the event. She said a Sign-Up Genius is in place. Alan confirmed he will post the event to the top of the neighborhood Facebook page after the Garage Sale event is over.

- Kona Ice/Cymack Sponsorship?

Amanda confirmed Kona will be coming. The group confirmed Cymack's sponsorship is not specific to Kona, however, a portion of the contribution goes to Kona expenses. The group discussed ways to supplement the Kona expenses. Chris mentioned adding a donations box. Matt noted more membership participation would, in turn, cover Kona. Alan suggesting using Venmo for membership recruitment at the event. The group agreed to have separate QR codes for both membership dues, which would also cover Kona, and event wristbands. The current plan is to use Alan's account for membership and Chris's account for wristbands.

- Garden Hose Set up

Mary Ann said she will bring her hose, first aid kit, and trash bags. Will noted he will help with the hose and extension cord set up.

- Ron's update

Ron noted he also has a Venmo code for "CHCA pictures." He presented a map of the game/tent set up, which included two rows, each with five canopy tents. He asked if sponsors needed tents, and Chris confirmed we did not reach out to sponsors. Ron noted he wants to set up tents Thursday afternoon. He also said it may be good for volunteers to continue running the same game on a yearly basis.

- b) 5K Race, 8:30 am

- c) Kiddie Parade 10:00 am

- d) Events starting at 10:30 am

7. Buddy Box Packing Event (August 10th)

- Leslie said she believes the event time is ~1:00-3:00 pm. Alan said he will reach out to Emily to confirm the date and time for this event.

8. Other Business

- **Boundless Invitation Plan Preview 6.19.25 6:00 pm/Communication to residents**
Ron provided draft copies of the Boundless meeting notice. Will posted the message to the CHCA website via a blogpost, Chris confirmed he will incorporate it into the Courier article, and Alan confirmed he will add the event to the neighborhood Facebook page.
See below for the for the announcement:

Boundless has requested that the Colonial Hills Civic Association (CHCA) publicize that there will be a meeting Thursday, June 19, at 6:00 PM in the gymnasium on the Boundless campus, 445 E. Dublin Granville Rd, regarding Elford previewing plans for development of the purchased Boundless property, and has requested that we provide the following information:

In their first meeting with our community (January 31, 2025), Elford stated they intend to build Class A, multi-family housing, and that they would host a second meeting to present and discuss the first version of their final plans. Detailed notes from the first meeting are available on both the Colonial Hills and the CHAT Facebook sites.

This second meeting will be the first time we will see what they are actually planning. Given the potential impact of higher density housing on our community, you may be interested in attending, listening carefully, and sharing your opinion.

Directions to the meeting: head to the Boundless administration building (to the right of the Health Center when you drive in), and Boundless will have greeters at the door to lead you to the gym.

For reference:

Class A properties are commonly defined as brand new state-of-the-art and catering to a wealthier clientele. They feature full amenities that are almost resort-like, and the units typically have the latest in-home technology. They are some of the most expensive apartments in their market. Amenities can be tangible, like swimming pools and fitness centers, or intangible, such as pleasant views and access to good public transport.

9. Public Comments

- Maria Ramirez, who has been a Colonial Hills resident for 23 years, stopped by to become more informed. Welcome Maria!
- Stacy Brannan-Smith emailed CHCA to ask if she could set up a table for Girl Scout recruitment at the Fourth of July event. Brittany reached out to the group via email. In the email chain, Chris agreed it was great idea, and Ron offered to provide a tent. Chris mentioned the topic at the CHCA meeting. No one opposed the idea, so Brittany contacted Stacy after the meeting to confirm Stacy could set up a table and ask if she would like a tent.

10. Adjourn- *Chris motion, Mary Ann second.*