

Minutes of the May Meeting of the Park Hills Civic Assn.

Meeting Held: May 12, 1954

Attendance: 12

The meeting was called to order by the President, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dr. Warfield read a letter from the Allied Civic Group on the matter of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission rates stating that the ACG action brought about changes: a new era in public relations and also that the Commission is working on a budget and holding public hearings and providing access to the records of the Commission. The letter asked for voluntary contributions from the member organizations of the ACG to meet the cost of the legal work necessary to achieve the above results. The motion was made and carried that the Park Hills Civic Assn. contribute \$20.00 to this fund.

Mr. Miller reported on plans for the June meeting. It will be a supper meeting in the park for paid-up members and their families, including children. Mrs. Warfield will be the chairman for this occasion. A motion was made and carried to set a limit of \$50.00 to be spent for the June party.

A report from the nominating committee asked for an extension of time to present a slate of new officers for next year.

Mr. Edwin C Kline, President of the Silver Spring Board of Trade was the speaker of the evening. He spoke on the Development of Silver Spring and its Future. He told us that the largest business in Silver Spring is real estate, and he stated that the sale of homes here decreased 80% in the last two years. The next largest business is retail sales, which has doubled since 1948. The next is scientific manufacturing and research, then professional services.

He stated that parking lots are the outstanding factor in promoting Silver Spring.

With reference to improvements for the area he told us that \$500,000 will be spent on improving streets, and that the paving of the Armory Lot is included in the plans.

As to the future growth, Mr. Kline feels that the most rapid phase of development is over, but it will, nevertheless, continue.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Simmons, Secy.