

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING INFORMATION

Date: **September 23, 2024**

Info: **Hybrid (in person @ The Landing and WebEx)**

Purpose: **Special member meeting**

Video Link: [Potomac Yard Civic Association - YouTube](#)

1. QUORUM VERIFIED

All PYCA board members were in attendance either in person or online: Adrien Kay Lopez, Rickey Dana, Maria Boodoo, and Beci Brenton. We also had at least 4 members attend in person and at least three members online.

2. UPDATE FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Refresher overview of PYCA

The board provided an overview of the association: a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to being the voice of Potomac Yard community. Mission is to inform, engage, and advocate. At least twice a year, PYCA sponsors community events that focus on families.

Administrative updates

The PYCA was revived in July 2024 by the current acting board of directors. New board members will be elected at the next annual meeting at a date to be determined in 2025. Treasurer Beci Brenton provided an update on the membership totals and financials to-date.

3. PYCA EVENTS

City Council Candidates Forum

PYCA and Taylor Run Citizen's Association will be co-hosting the forum on October 16, 2024 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm ET at the Charles Houston recreation center (in the gymnasium).

Halloween Kids Event

Member Jordan Franken provided an overview of the upcoming Halloween kids event scheduled for October 20, 2024 from 3:30pm to 5:30pm ET in Conoy Park. The event will include a magic show by Amazing Kevin, lawn games, fire truck, and a Halloween parade.

4. SPECIAL TOPICS

What's the difference between the HOA and PYCA?

Clea Benson, president of the Potomac Yard Homeowners Association (PYHOA), explained the primary differences between the HOA and civic association. Membership to the HOA is required for all homeowners in Potomac Yard, whereas the civic association is voluntary. The HOA is limited in what it can do on behalf of the community, whereas the civic association can address and speak on behalf of the community regarding a wide variety of issues. For more information, please watch the recording.

Annual Elections for PYCA

The PYCA board currently consists of **four directors**, each of whom shall serve a term of two (2) years or until such Director's successor has been duly elected. All four positions are open for election. Elected board members will vote amongst themselves on who will serve as the following officers:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Each voting member who is in good standing is eligible to cast one vote in the annual election. Members must attend one regularly scheduled meeting in full to qualify as a voting member. Any member in attendance at this meeting will be considered eligible to be a voting member.

This meeting shall serve as notice for acceptance of nominating petitions, which require at least five (5) percent or 25 signatures (whichever is fewer) of the PYCA voting membership. **Nominations** must be submitted to the Secretary no longer than **60 days** prior to the Annual Meeting. **Voting** will open **45 days** prior to the Annual Meeting.

5. OPEN MEMBER FORUM

Please watch the video to listen to questions and/or comments from members in attendance.

6. MEETING ADJOURNED

