Gary W. Schnurrpusch



2023 At-Large Trustee Candidate

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Burke Centre Conservancy (BCC) resident in the Oaks neighborhood since 1980.

Retired Navy Captain and retired Defense analysis contractor:

- 3 ship commands-at-sea among 7 ships; 3 Pentagon tours
- Through firsthand experience, I fully understand the responsibilities, obligations, and accountability in roles of leadership, management, missions, budgets, business, and critical decision-making
- I remain active in monitoring Defense research think tanks and participating in discussion groups about national security and Navy issues

B.S., Mathematics (also credentialed in Illinois as grades 7-12 math teacher)
M.S., Operations Research/Systems Analysis

Wife, Diane, retired teacher and Defense Department technical reference librarian.
Raised two sons in local Fairview and Robinson schools.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

Ensure quality representation of BCC residents/owners in BoT and BCC decisions, policies, and actions. Remain actively attuned to community conditions and emergent

situations, then be proactive to ensure quality of life in BCC. Be responsive. Preserve the value of the BCC community … more than a collection of houses, rather a community of families and a way of life.

Carefully balance actions and initiatives in BCC that pose to be forward-leaning or innovative with proven conventional approaches and choices, e.g., updates to BCC policies, new construction of county and community facilities, repairs and preservation of BCC facilities and property, and BCC traffic management. Be mindful that BCC resources are limited.

Support opportunities to enhance the quality of education in schools that BCC feeds. Promote community involvement. Match new educational approaches with traditional, proven content. Quality of local schools must continue to be an important draw for new residents to BCC and serve BCC in return. As a credentialed teacher, I have remained attentive over the years to US and Virginia public schools, policies, and curricula.

Reduce the over-growing greenery throughout BCC properties and open spaces due to age or lack of attention.

BURKE CENTRE ACTIVITIES:

Bear Oak Cluster Board … 2013-present

Active in annual National Night Out neighborhood and community engagement

Active in biennial Earth Day clean-up projects in open spaces … 2018-present

Co-chaired BCC Education Committee to promote BCC schools bond issues, especially for Robinson Secondary School; monitored Fairfax County School board … 1981-1982

Fairfax Little League and Babe Ruth baseball coach and umpire … 1985-1996