

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting and Election Wednesday, June 24, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Mary Thorne, Carl Drummond, Judy Collins, Suzanne Sundburg, Wendy Dean, Bob Atkins and 9 Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) members.

Approval of Minutes for 5/27/09

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 5/27/09 General Membership meeting. A motion to approve the 5/27/09 minutes was made and seconded. The membership voted to approve the 5/27/09 minutes as drafted. Thorne will forward the approved 5/27/09 minutes for posting to the BCA Website.

BCA Elections

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nominees for the 2009–2010 election: Judah dal Cais, President; Wendy Dean, First Vice President; Talmadge Williams, Second Vice President; Mary Thorne, Secretary; Judy Collins, Treasurer; and Carl Drummond, Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Representative. Kate Mesches, Talmadge Williams, Ed Fendley and Terry Serie were nominated to serve as BCA's Civic Federation Delegates. Bob Atkins, Judah dal Cais, Sam Ferro and Larry Smith were nominated to serve as BCA's Civic Federation Alternates. The membership voted to elect all of the nominees. Thorne will forward this information to the Civic Federation.

Neighborhood Conservation

Carl Drummond reported from the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) meeting that BCA's request for curb, gutter and sidewalk on N. Frederick Street will not be funded in the June funding round. BCA has had a project approved every 2 to 3 years since this program began. There was discussion of changing the point system again. Boulevard Manor's updated NC plan has just been approved and includes items in BCA's jurisdiction. This plan can be viewed on line via the posted agenda for the County Board's June 16 recess meeting.

Update from Officers and Representatives

Suzanne Sundburg announced that applications for missing links projects are due on July 13. Wendy Dean reported that work is underway on the Peck/Staples site. Wilson Boulevard has been repaved, and the lanes have been changed.

Bob Atkins reported that the Civic Federation will not meet again until September 1. Judah reported that 67 trees have been planted along the Bluemont trail. A neighbor reported that there is a section of fence falling down near her home. Judah will ask Kevin Stalica if repairing this fence could fall under the yearly maintenance budget.

Other Old Business

BCA voted to support a letter drafted by the Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation (ACST), which would be sent to the County Board with a copy to the legislative delegation, opposing the proposed spot improvements on I-66 and requesting a study of the project's environmental impact. The Executive Board will see a final version of this letter before adding the BCA signature. The Harrison Street trail connection near St. Anne Catholic Church has been funded. Surveys of the property are underway in preparation for construction. There should be an answer on the future parking location of the Penske trucks by the end of the summer.

Other New Business

A historic property located at 864 N. Jefferson Street is slated for redevelopment. This is a big lot with a farmhouse. The plans call for demolishing the farmhouse, dividing the lot and building two single-family homes. Neighbors approached the historical society for help in an unsuccessful attempt to save the house, which dates to the Civil War and belonged to one of the first families in the area. The house is in poor condition, and the property has been sold to a developer. It is suggested that neighbors approach the developer and Planning Commission with a request to save as many trees as possible on the property. Bob Atkins requested an update on the county's to-do list that resulted from the walking town meeting in 2007. There are six condemned houses and two additional homes that are completely dilapidated within BCA boundaries. Code enforcement has been called by neighbors regarding these eight properties but has yet to take any action. The County Website lists owners' names and mailing addresses (if different from property addresses) along with the real estate assessments.

Bluemont Fundraiser

Judah will develop a theme for the proposed Bluemont fundraiser over the summer. The fundraiser is tentatively scheduled for after Labor Day in the early fall. The goal is to put on an event that is unique and draws people to Bluemont.

Adjournment

Judah dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:40 p.m.