Bluemont Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting November 10, 2009, 7:30 p.m. Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer Judy Collins called the meeting to order at approximately 7:33 p.m. In attendance were Carl Drummond, Judy Collins, Suzanne Sundburg, Sam Ferro, Mary Thorne, and Lisa Byington.

Approval of Minutes for 10/13/09

The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the October 13, 2009, minutes. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting to the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

Planning for November 18, 2009, Meeting

Design engineer and Virginia Tech graduate student Jane Kim will speak early in the meeting about her 11/8/09 walk-through of the commercial area with the Bluemont Village Center Working Group and the development of BCA's "vision" of the commercial area. There will be an announced time limit for the discussion related to D&V Auto Service Center, and then the membership will review and vote on the agreement with D&V owner Robbie Guenther that covers the rental trucks. The agreement is to be negotiated and drafted by the BCA committee designated for this task at the October meeting and is headed by Carlisle Park resident-owner and BCA volunteer Paul Ducharme. A call for January newsletter articles will be made.

January Newsletter and Upcoming Meetings

Text is due to Suzanne Sundburg on January 12, 2010, for inclusion in the January newsletter. Articles will include a report on the December Neighborhood Conservation (NC) funding round, wrap-ups for November 18 and December 8 meetings, and a push for membership renewal. The mailing date should be on or about 1/22/10. A speaker for the 1/27/10 meeting still needs to be identified and will be announced in the January newsletter. Carl Drummond will ask Mark Schwartz, the Director of Arlington County Department of Management and Finance, to speak at the January meeting. Judah needs to review and confirm meeting dates for January through June 2010 with Lisa Blanton at Arlington Traditional School (ATS). This includes checking on whether Easter and/or Spring Break interfere with the normal pattern of BCA meetings. Each time there is a meeting scheduled, someone at ATS needs to communicate with the custodial staff members who will be on site so that meeting attendees will have access to the school. On November 10, this communication had not taken place. Both Missing Links applications and renewal forms (to complete missing sections of sidewalk, curb and gutter) will be provided at the November 18 meeting.

Updates from Officers and Representatives

Carl Drummond reported that discussions with Robbie Guenther have been ongoing since the October 28 meeting. Work on updating the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan needs to continue moving forward with the goal being to distribute the

neighborhood-wide survey along with the April newsletter. Both David Van Wagner and Jane Kim can help those who have been working on this project. Judy announced that there are currently 276 paid BCA members. She has transitioned the newsletter distribution task to volunteer David Van Wagner by showing him how to produce the labels. Judah will work on the collection of payment from the companies that have placed newsletter ads.

Treasurer Collins adjourned at the meeting at approximately 8:10 pm.