

**BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 3, 2010, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Home of Suzanne Sundburg**  
**5300 8<sup>th</sup> Road North, Arlington**

**Call to Order and Attendance**

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Mary Thorne, Sam Ferro, Suzanne Sundburg, Judy Collins, Matt Fehling and Robert Atkins.

**Approval of Minutes for 6/8/2010**

The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the June 8, 2010, Executive Board meeting minutes. Suzanne Sundburg will forward the approved minutes for posting to the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

**Edge Development Program**

Judy Collins attended a meeting about the Civic Federation's Edge Development Program. The Zoning and Planning Committee of the Civic Federation initiated this program to develop a policy for residential and other properties with different types of zoning that abut each another. For example, a residential property located next to a commercial property would fall into this category. In order to complete this project for all 43 neighborhoods, they need local civic associations to identify where these "edges" exist in their areas. Once the volunteers have identified every case in which a private home is adjacent to something other than another private home, a set of county-wide guidelines will be developed. Part of this process will be to identify where the General Land Use Plan (GLUP) and zoning are inconsistent. This project will require help from volunteers from all civic associations to identify edge properties in their neighborhoods. Judy will write a newsletter article about this program with a request for volunteers. The applicable General Land Use Plan and Zoning documents will be loaded on the website as a resource. The goal is to complete this project by the spring of 2011.

**Fall Newsletter**

The fall newsletter will be distributed prior to the September meeting and cover September through November. All articles are due to Suzanne Sundburg by September 1. The following items will be included:

1. Election results and a thank-you to long-serving officers and representatives who are not returning to the board
2. Revised meeting schedule (must wait until 8/25 when Lisa Blanton returns to ATS to confirm dates)
3. Speaker and topic for the 9/29 meeting

4. Recap of NC survey results based on the documents David Van Wagner and Matt have provided
5. Re-launching of the revamped website
6. West Ballston Metro entrance update, based on info provided by Larry Smith; there needs to be a representative of BCA at the meetings on this topic (BCA should contact the county to ensure its representative is kept in the loop)
7. Joint Candidate's Night article probably will have to be generic unless someone can persuade Rob Swennes to give us a date, time and place; if he doesn't give a date by Sept 1, then leave the article out
8. Tomatoes on Tuesdays, based on information provided by Dan Redmond who together with his sons have been growing food for nearby food-insecure families, article can be cut if necessary, depending on whatever else we have
9. Benefits of trees/Lacey Woods Park article to be drafted by Nora Palmatier
10. Membership appeal/form and thank-you to the newsletter carriers

Judah, Dave and Sam will make a final decision about how to adjust the advertising rates for the coming year. It was suggested to set the rate at \$30 for business card size and perhaps also post the ads on the Website. The Website could also list services offered by children such as babysitting and odd jobs. This could be limited to children of BCA members and care would have to be given to protect the child.

### **Possible Speakers/Subjects for September 29 Meeting**

- 1) Master Plan for Bluemont Park—Judah will find out who could provide this overview. Possibilities include Lisa Grandle. Dan Redmond could serve as an alternate choice and speak about the revival of urban agriculture.
- 2) Tommy Lo—president of Arlington Traditional School (ATS) PTA— could speak regarding the proposal to add crosswalks near the school. He is looking for support from BCA and has already spoken with Judah dal Cais and Bob Atkins. There was discussion the ways in which BCA and ATS could work together.
- 3) Plan for Beaver Pond near Holiday Inn and Route 66
- 4) West Entrance to Ballston Metro—Is this an issue that Virginia Tech would be interested in pursuing?

### **Other Items**

Matt will contact Dave Leichtman regarding how to make listserve sign-up easier for BCA members. He also suggested offering a PayPal option on the Website for those who would like to join electronically. There was a lot of discussion around the issue of attracting more members to BCA. Judah would like to organize a happy hour to draw younger members to the group. Matt suggested dividing Bluemont into groups to get more people identifying edge properties and therefore more involved in their neighborhood. Judah will hold a neighborhood fundraiser at his home in the afternoon on May 21, 2011.

There was also a lot of discussion regarding the scheduling of BCA meetings. There was consensus to have five general meetings. The first of these will be held on September 29 with the additional four meetings in November, January, March, June or November, February, April, June. These meetings will continue to be held at 7:30 pm. The Executive Board will meet at 7:00 pm on the nights of the general meetings, when necessary, and at 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the non-general meeting months. All meeting dates are subject to confirmation with ATS per Suzanne Sundburg.

Judah dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 pm.