

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order and Attendance

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Mary Thorne, Judy Collins, Matt Fehling and Larry Smith.

Approval of Minutes for 10/27/2010

The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the October 27, 2010, Executive Board meeting minutes. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting to the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

General Membership Meeting — January 19, 2011

Judah will see if either Mark Schwartz can speak on the County budget or Greg Zell can speak on the Natural Resources Management Plan. If neither of them is available, he will try for a speaker on the snow removal ordinance. There is an architecture student named Ryan Arnold who is interested in working with BCA on producing some conceptual drawings to accompany the new Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan. Judah and Matt will meet with him to discuss this project. Depending on the outcome of this meeting, he could be asked to speak at the January 19 meeting.

January Newsletter

Articles will be due to Suzanne Sundburg on January 1. Please copy Judah and Matt. Suzanne has indicated that she does not have the time to write all the articles for the newsletter.

The following articles were suggested:

- 1) Recap November 19 meeting
- 2) Larry Smith will write an article about possibilities for widening the sidewalks on Wilson between Glebe and George Mason. He met someone at the last NC meeting who indicated there was a special fund with a one million dollar limit available for this type of project. Could ADA be involved?
- 3) Patch.com is a new source of online local information. It covers neighborhoods nationwide including Ballston-Virginia Square. Content includes everything from community resources to nightlife, recipes and classified ads. Patch gives 5% of its advertising space to local charities and provides free daily and weekly newsletters. Readers can comment on the articles. Check it out and see what BCA member, Dean Foster has to say about life in our neighborhood.
- 4) Judah will provide the following:
 - a) an update from Ritch Viola about the new Glebe Road crossing,
 - b) information about the petition to Wayne Wentz requesting the addition of a left-turn signal at the intersection of Wilson Boulevard and N. George Mason Drive for drivers headed south, and

- c) an article about the proposed bocce court.
- 5) Judy will push for membership renewals.

Reports from Officers and Representatives

Neighborhood Conservation

Larry Smith reported that BCA's N. Edison Street project is ranked 30 out of 33 in the NC queue because a BCA project was recently funded. BCA needs to add a second project to the list. Larry went and looked at the situation of the woman who complained of flooding at the last BCA meeting. The county added asphalt berms but water continues to run down the driveways of the residences. There did not appear to be anything further the county could do about this problem. Matt will see if his neighbors are interested in signing a petition for a project on his block.

Vice President

Matt will look at opt-in possibilities for the BCA Website. This would allow a person who e-mails the Website to check a box to receive e-news.

Treasurer

Judy Collins reports that only 77 members are paid through 12/31/11. Judy has added the option to the membership form to receive the newsletter electronically. Now that members have started to check this box, she asked the executive board who would maintain the e-mail lists and distribute the newsletters. It was decided that Judy would maintain the database. The newsletter should come from a BCA e-mail address rather than someone's personal account. Dave Leichtman will be asked to develop a plan for distributing the newsletter electronically.

President

Judah was asked about whether BCA would be voting on the motion regarding Lubber Run Amphitheater which was made at the November meeting. He pointed out that the amphitheater is in Arlington Forest rather than Bluemont. In addition, he had asked the member to do some research regarding the pros and cons of this action.

Judah dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:45 pm.