

Bluemont Civic Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2012

Secretary Mark Haynes, acting as chair in President George Rovder's absence, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

In attendance: John Herickhoff, 1st Vice President (VP); Nancy O'Doherty, Treasurer; Suzanne Sundburg and Dean Foster, Civic Federation Delegate and Alternate Delegate, and member Alan Sundburg. Larry Smith, Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Representative and member David Van Wagner arrived after the meeting had begun.

Because Haynes was acting chair, Sundburg agreed to take meeting minutes.

November 14 Executive Board minutes: The officers approved the 11/14/12 board minutes unanimously without changes.

1st VP's report: Repeating an earlier electronic message sent to board members, Herickhoff submitted his resignation from the BCA Executive Board, citing the impending arrival of his first child and other conflicting commitments. The officers present voted to accept his resignation, making it effective at the end of the general membership meeting.

Secretary's report: Haynes noted that all draft minutes to be considered at the December meeting were posted to the BCA website in advance of the meeting.

Treasurer's report: O'Doherty reported that the processing of PayPal payments was fully up and running. The only decision left was how to handle some of the odd dues amounts that some members had paid off-cycle during the previous year. The association has approximately \$9,000 on hand. Some members have asked that the association post the treasurer's financial reports on the BCA website. [See Attachment 1.]

NC report: Smith confirmed that the first-priority sidewalk, curb and gutter project (for the 1000 block of N. Edison Street) was still on hold, as the neighbors objected to the plans the county had drawn (calling for the removal of mature trees, etc.). Smith will ask again for a redesign but noted that the association must identify a second-priority project and have it in place prior to the June 2013 funding round.

Civic Federation: Sundburg gave a brief overview of the written December Civic Federation recap she had previously sent to the board electronically, noting that none of the seats to be added to Arlington Traditional School would be earmarked for Bluemont neighborhood children. [See Attachment 2.]

Appointment of 2nd VP: This discussion was tabled until such time as both candidates—David Van Wagner and Dan Laredo—could be present at an Executive Board meeting. The board noted that two VP slots are now open, providing a slot for each candidate.

Newsletter: The board set a text deadline of Jan. 10 and a tentative print date of Jan. 16, 2013.

Speakers for upcoming meetings: Haynes recommended that the BCA invite Marymount University representatives to speak to the membership about the redevelopment plans for the “Blue Goose” building and site located at the corner of N. Fairfax Drive and Glebe Road. County Board member Libby Garvey or an Arlington Public Schools official were also suggested as speakers for 2013.

BCA website: Haynes noted that the current website is not user-friendly and is rarely visited by all but a few very active members. He proposed migrating the existing site to a more user-friendly template and asking the membership to approve an expenditure of up to \$800 for this purpose.

Haynes made a motion to adjourn at approximately 7:32 pm; it was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

Attachment 1:

**BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT - FOR THE Y/E 12/31/2012
AS OF DECEMBER 12, 2012**

	Actual	Actual YTD
	FYE 12/31/11	FYE 11/14/12
INCOME		
Newsletter Ads	\$1,360.00	\$1,654.87
Membership Dues	\$4,347.10	\$3,721.66
Misc. Fundraisers	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,707.10	\$5,376.53
EXPENSES		
Annual Expenses		
ACCF Dues	\$50.00	\$50.00
PO Box	\$140.00	\$180.00
Subtotal - Annual Expenses	\$190.00	\$230.00
Community Support		
Ashlawn	\$100.00	\$100.00
Neighborhood Day	\$146.43	\$195.72
Other	\$100.00	\$150.00
Subtotal - Community Support	\$346.43	\$445.72
Newsletter & Meeting		
Postage	\$766.48	\$387.00
Printing	\$2,376.83	\$3,062.96
Supplies	\$277.04	\$84.09
Subtotal - Newsletter & Meeting	\$3,420.35	\$3,534.05
Other		
Gifts	\$0.00	\$100.00
Pay Pal Fees	\$0.00	\$15.96
Tiller	\$0.00	\$94.85
Unknown	\$0.00	\$305.00
Subtotal - Other	\$0.00	\$515.81
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$3,956.78	\$4,725.58
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT/DRAWDOWN)	\$1,750.32	\$650.95
CASH ON HAND AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD		
NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT/DRAWDOWN)	\$7,128.91	\$8,879.23
CASH ON HAND AT END OF PERIOD	\$8,879.23	\$9,530.18

VA Commerce
PayPal A/C

\$9,388.19
141.99

Attachment 2:

December 4, 2012, Civic Federation Meeting Highlights

Present were delegates Bob Atkins and Suzanne Sundburg and alternate delegate Dean Foster. At the December meeting, the Civic Federation hosted Arlington Public Schools (APS) Superintendent Patrick Murphy. The CivFed Schools Committee asked several questions before opening up the floor to delegates. One question the Schools Committee asked was about the addition/expansion of Arlington Traditional School (ATS). APS plans to add 12 new classrooms to ATS, but Dr. Murphy replied that there would be no increase in the neighborhood attendance component. In other words, all the new slots will be available through the countywide lottery system. None of the new slots will be reserved for Bluemont children.

As already reported by alternate delegate Dean Foster, the CivFed Planning & Zoning Committee's (P&Z's) deferred action on its resolution pertaining to the county's draft revisions to the noise ordinance. The resolution was deferred in order to give representatives of the CivFed P&Z Committee a chance to meet again and discuss the committee's recommended changes to the draft ordinance. It was also announced at the December meeting that county staff's request to advertise the revised noise ordinance draft at the County Board's December 8 meeting has been pulled from the Board's meeting agenda—apparently to give staff and P&Z more time to meet and work out a compromise on the draft document's language.

Since the December meeting, P&Z members continue to discuss revisions. According to the last email update, no meeting date with staff has yet been set.