

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Final Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
November 20, 2013
The Jordan, 801 N. Wakefield Street

BCA officials attending: George Rovder, President; Mark Haynes, First Vice-President; Laura Kirkconnell Secretary; David Hughes Civic Federation Delegate; Ed Fendley, NCAC Alternate; Suzanne Sundburg, Civic Federation Delegate; Jon Lau, website manager; Nora Palmatier, Parks and Recreation Liaison

Rovder called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

(1) Approval of Agenda and Minutes: Since they had not seen late-proposed changes to the minutes, the Board unanimously agreed to defer approval of the minutes of the October meeting until the December meeting. The Board unanimously approved the agenda for the November Executive Board meeting.

(2) Brief Summary Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

President: Reported that at the General Membership meeting he planned to propose establishment of a task force to consider the Penrose-proposed development.

Made a motion to spend up to \$90 to send flowers to the Principal and Secretary of Arlington Traditional School to thank them for helping provide BCA meeting space. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

First Vice President: Said the Safeway and Bluemont Village Task Force would report at the General Membership meeting. It was noted that the proposed charter up for vote by the General Membership had not been posted on the website, and was not available at the meeting in hard copy, so it would be read-out loud at the General Membership meetings so members could discuss it and vote.

Treasurer: ODoherty referred members to the written report she had provided.

Secretary: Kirkconnell reviewed the certified letter sent to BCA by Washington Gas. The letter to BCA did not contain any information not in the sample letter Washington Gas said it was sending customers affected by the replacement of gas lines. Kirkconnell circulated two copies of the certified letter with maps, and said she would share them during the General Membership meeting.

NCAC Alternate Ed Fendley: Said BCA's presentation of its Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) to the County went well overall, with some questions and comments. The plan has been forward to the Planning Commission and County Board. The County Board accepts the plan, but does not actually vote on it. After the plan has been accepted, BCA will be in a better position in the next round, which is in Spring 2014. Rovder noted that Fendley had done a great job presenting the plan to the NCAC Committee. Fendley thanked David Hughes for having written a good presentation.

Civic Federation: Sundburg reported that she'd sent the Board her report electronically on November 19. The Civic Association has been polling Civic Association members about their priorities. She asked whether BCA wanted to instruct its representatives in what priorities to present to the Civic Association Federation leadership. It was noted that BCA's NCP lists BCA priorities.

Sundburg said Civic Associations along Lee Highway were trying to push the County for a sector plan instead of the piecemeal approach to development along Lee Highway. They are in the education stage now, doing stakeholder meetings to propose a vision for the Lee Highway corridor in the hope of getting the County to do a sector plan.

The Civic Federation discussed the Wilson School property in Rosslyn. There are differing views on redevelopment of this property.

The Civic Federation had decided not to change zoning to allow hen keeping.

Rovder said he would ask David Hughes if he wanted to make a motion for BCA's General Membership to approve its representatives highlighting the NCP in response to the Civic Federation's question about priorities. BCA Civic Federation delegates were not sure whether this would be useful because the Civic Federation discussion of priorities was rather unorganized with the Civic Federation seeking ways to be relevant to civic associations.

Parks and Recreation: Nora Palmatier said she would ask the General Membership to vote on the motion on memorial plaques, which had been posted in the newsletter and published on the BCA website prior to the meeting. The motion supported the program of planting memorial trees and installing plaques if no County funds were spent.

Website: Lau said he would propose to move the BCA website to a different platform. He'd provide more information, and believed the cost would be about \$100 a year for what BCA needed. Sundburg noted that a previous motion had authorized up to \$800 in a one time expense for the website, but not a recurring expense. Lau said he would prepare a list of decision points for the Board to determine where he needs a formal BCA decision before proceeding. Sundburg said she would forward that list for a formal decision.

Sidewalk Safety Task Force: Said he'd report at the General Membership meeting.

New Business:

Rovder said several members had received e-mails inviting them to join the Bluemont Next Door List Serve. This is a voluntary service, not connected to BCA. BCA's list serve is used for official BCA business and County Announcements.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM