BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Final Minutes
General Membership Meeting
March 26, 2014
Arlington Traditional School

The regular monthly General Membership meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 the President and Secretary being in attendance. Sign-in sheets are available from the BCA Secretary. A quorum was present.

President George Rovder called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The President introduced the guest speaker Esther Bowring, from the Arlington Forest Civic Association (AFCA). Bowring explained the AFCA's position opposing proposals for high-density development of the Lubber Run Recreation Center and surrounding green space. She explained that the County and School Boards are considering whether Lubber Run will be replaced by a new, low-rise, enhanced community center that retains existing green space, or the site will be used instead for a multistory, large-footprint, 800- to 1,200- seat school or an affordable housing/community center complex following the Arlington Mill model. The feasibility study presented at the March 19, 2014 Capital Improvement Process Community Meeting includes converting N Park Rd and the space between the middle school and Barrett Elementary into a sports field and green space. A concept drawing is available at
http://apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/031914_CIP_ESMS_Community_Mtg2.pdf.

Bowring provided copies of a March 19, 2014 resolution adopted by AFCA opposing the high density development proposals that would eliminate green space, and a January 2014 Lubber Run vision statement. The documents are attached to these minutes.

NOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT : THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR NEEDED THE HARD COPIES OF THESE TWO DOCUMENTS. PLEASE SEND ME THE ELECTRONIC COPIES YOU WERE SENT SO THAT THEY CAN BE AMENDED TO THESE MINUTES, OR I CAN GET THE HARD COPIES FROM THE EDITOR ONCE SHE'S DONE WITH THEM. THANK YOU

Additional information is available at the AFCA March 2014 newsletter at
http://www.arlingtonforestva.org/Forester_Newsletter_march_2014_website_version.pdf

Bowring asked that BCA support AFCA's position.

Minutes: The minutes for the February 26, 2014 General Membership meeting were approved as corrected.

Reports of Officers, Task Force and Committee Chairs:

The **President** noted that per the bylaws, elections for BCA officers will be held in June 2014, so BCA needs to establish a Nominating Committee. David Van Wagner, David Hughes and Dean Foster volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

Motion: A motion was made that "*David Van Wagner, David Hughes and Dean Foster serve as the Nominating Committee for the June 2014 BCA election of officers.* "

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The President asked for a volunteer(s) to organize a Neighborhood Day Committee that would present a proposed event and budget. There being no volunteer, no motion was made.

The **Secretary** discussed the large package of documents received from the County concerning the Ashlawn Elementary School Project, specifically about the tree removal plan. The President took the documents for transmittal to the BCA Ashlawn Elementary School representative.

A member asked whether the documents are available on-line. While the documents BCA received from the County did not indicate that the documents are available on line, the following website has March 2014 information about the project's tree removal plan:

http://arlington.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=2738&meta_id=118858

The following website has additional information about the project.

http://www.apsva.us/ashlawn-addition

Civic Federation Delegate and Newsletter Editor Suzanne Sundberg summarized the e-mailed report she had sent members of the Executive Board. A copy of the e-mailed report is attached to these minutes.

New Business:

County Urban Agriculture Task Force Member Audrey Morris explained a **proposal under consideration to establish a Tool Library.** She requested members complete a short survey to indicate potential interest by the end of March. Several members filled out the survey and returned it to Morris. A copy of the survey is attached to these minutes.

Member Steve Cole presented a proposal to **name a woodland** area that is bounded by N. Carlin Springs Road, N. Kensington Street, N. 4th Street, the Bluemont Junction Trail, and the Arlington Forest Club the Mary Carlin Woods. Finding a name for this nameless woodland is seen as a step toward remedying a safety problem and giving the area a sense of place. Cole explained that his research had discovered that these woods were owned for almost a century by historic figure Mary A. Carlin, who was born in the nearby log house that bears her name on N. Carlin Springs Road.

Motion: Following the discussion, **the motion was made, and seconded** that:

"*BCA would advertise the following motion in its April neighborhood-wide distribution newsletter and on its website for discussion and vote at a General Membership meeting that 'The Bluemont Civic Association recommends to the Arlington County Board that it name the woods bounded by N. Carlin Springs Rd., N. Kensington St., N. 4th St., the Bluemont Junction Trail, and the Arlington Forest Club, the Mary Carlin Woods.'*"

The motion was approved unanimously.

Members took up the request that BCA support the AFCA position regarding redevelopment of the **Lubber Run Recreation Center**

Motion: A motion was made and seconded that:

"*BCA would advertise the following motion in its April neighborhood-wide distribution newsletter and on the website for a vote at the April 23, 2014 General Membership meeting. 'The Bluemont Civic Association supports the preservation of increasingly scarce open space and green space in Arlington County. In this same spirit, the BCA also supports the highly used and versatile Lubber Run Community Center. Therefore, the BCA supports the resolution of the Arlington Forest Citizens Association of March 19, 2014.'*"

The motion was approved unanimously.

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:57 PM