

BLUEMONT CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Final Minutes
General Membership Meeting
May 28, 2014
Arlington Traditional School

The regular monthly General Membership meeting of the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) was held on Wednesday, May 28, 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 Sally Baird, Arlington County School Board Vice-Chair. BCA Webmaster Jonn Lau had conducted a survey on the BCA website to collect questions to be posed to Baird. The survey can be viewed at http://www.bluemontcivic.org/index.php/content/APS_Liason_Survey/

In presenting the questions from the BCA on-line survey, Lau noted that capacity was easily the highest priority of survey respondents, especially at the high school and middle school level. Three questions has been received about making Arlington Traditional School a walkable neighborhood school, or at least providing a preference to children living within walking distance of the School.

Baird provided the attached report of the School Board CIP Work Session #3 May 27, 2014, and answered all the on-line survey questions and additional questions from the floor. Regarding concerns about capacity, and the capital improvement plan, she recommended two sources for additional information. A calendar listing upcoming community meetings:

<http://apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/MSMS%20Calendar%20English.pdf>

And a presentation that lays out the process, current enrollment/projections/capacity numbers, and lists some of the options under review (option listing begins on slide 20):

http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/022614_MSHS_Community_Mtg1_Presentation_LAW_Web.pdf

Minutes: The minutes for the April 23, 2014 General Membership meeting were approved.

Reports of Officers, Task Force and Committee Chairs:

The **President** said he would be requesting renewal of the Glebe 25 Task Force so that it remain active working with the County and developer and reporting to the Executive Board during the summer.

The **Treasurer** presented the attached financial report.

Civic Federation Delegate Sundberg presented the attached report.

The **Nominating Committee** passed following nominees as candidates for various BCA positions for consideration at the BCA's June 25th General Membership Meeting:

1. President - Jonn Lau
2. 1st Vice-President – Kate Mattos
3. 2nd Vice-President - Larry Smith
4. Secretary - George Rovder
5. Treasurer - David Van Wagner
6. Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Representative: Ed Fendley
7. Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Alternate: Dayna Davitz
8. Civic Federation Delegates: Suzanne Sundburg, David Hughes, Dean Foster (one delegate office is without a nominee)
9. Civic Federation Alternates: James McMullin (NOTE: After May 28, McMullin asked to remove his name from the ballot) and Carla Aly (two alternate offices are without a nominee)

BCA Bylaw Article VI, Section 4 provides that "There shall be no further nominations made for an elective office after the May General Membership Meeting, unless there are no nominees for such office. In that case, nominations for the office may only be made from the floor at the June Annual Meeting." The Committee noted that in accordance with the Bylaws, the named nominees will be un-opposed at the June General Membership meeting if no further nominees were named by the close of the May 28 General Membership meeting.

The **Parks and Recreation Liaison** reported on her follow up to a neighbor's concern about the pruning of fruit trees along George Mason Blvd, and her efforts to get the parks authority to remove the construction fencing from Lacey Woods Park as soon as possible, in light of the deterioration of the park while the fencing was blocking access through the park.

The **Bluemont Village Center Task Force** presented the attached report, noted that it had met with four of the five Members of the County Board, and reminded those presented that the report would be on the Task Force website, and that people could sign up on that web site to receive updates on Task Force developments.

The Glebe 25 Task Force reported recent developments, including that the developer had bought the Macy's parking lot and had reached agreement to buy the Exxon property subject to soil testing. The plan was for 120 units of apartments if the Exxon property were not used. The developer still planned to put a loading dock in the 12-foot alley, which would lower property values for adjacent town homes. A site plan was expected to be submitted on June 9, so we could see Site Plan meetings in September. The developer was interested in coming to a BCA meeting.

A motion was made to "extend the Glebe 25 Site Plan Task Force from May 28, 2014 to May 27, 2015, with the following revised Task Force Charter:

1. Facilitate communications between homeowners in the 600 & 700 blocks on N. Tazewell, N. Vermont, N. Wakefield Streets and the 4300-4600 blocks of 7th Street, North, with the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA), the Glebe 25 Site Plan developer (The Penrose Group), Arlington Country, and other related individuals and organizations.
2. Research and disseminate information about the Glebe 25 site plan and related materials to interested parties and the BCA.
3. Advise the BCA of possible actions to take regarding the proposal and the related site plan review process (SPRC), meetings of the SPRC and related groups, and the public hearings by the Planning and Transportation Commissions, and the Arlington County Board."

The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Members considered information provided by the Parks and Recreation liaison that in 2003 BCA had voted for another name for the land that BCA had voted to name the Mary Carlin Woods at its April General Membership Meeting, but there was no record of follow up to that decision, and there was a historical connection between the previous name and the name approved by BCA at its April 2014 General Membership meeting. Members present agreed that the next step in light of the BCA 2014 agreement to propose a section of woods the Mary Carlin Woods would be for the BCA President to send a letter to the Parks and Recreation division about BCA's decision. The Parks and Recreation liaison will draft the letter.

New Business

None

The President adjourned the meeting at 8:55 PM.