



Bluemont Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting

7:00PM 23 July 2014

MINUTES

1. President Jonn Lau called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Present were Jonn Lau, George Rovder, David Hughes, Ed Fendley, Suzanne Sundburg, Dean Foster, Kate Mattos, Larry Smith, and Craig Deering.
2. The Board voted to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2014, Executive Board Meeting.
3. Reports From the Officers and Committee Chairs
 - a. President - Jonn Lau
 - i. Site Plan Review Working Group (SPRWG): Jonn Lau reported on highlights of the Arlington County SPRWG Meeting which he attended. His notes are attached.
 - ii. Ballston BID – Board Members Jonn Lau, Kate Mattos, Larry Smith, and Suzanne Sundburg met with Ballston BID Executive Director Tina Leone to discuss ways for BCA to become a more active participant in the BID.
 - iii. New Arlington County Police Liaison for BCA, Officer Cesar Ruiz, will be invited to address the General Membership at the September meeting.
 - b. First Vice President - Kate Mattos reported on progress of the Bluemont Village taskforce she co-chairs.
 - c. Second Vice President - Larry Smith gave no report.
 - d. Treasurer - David Van Wagner was absent.
 - e. Secretary - George Rovder reported on Presentation by Ballston BID and ForestCity, owner of Ballston Common Mall which he had attended.
 - f. Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) – Representative Ed Fendley reported that there will likely be a \$12M bond on the ballot this November, and that the BCA project, to improve safety on Wilson Boulevard (see item 2h below), is likely to be funded in the current cycle. This is the 50th anniversary year of the NCAC. BCA Executive Board approved a motion made by Ed Fendley to contribute \$20 for a party to celebrate the anniversary.
 - g. Civic Federation - Dean Foster, David Hughes, Suzanne Sundburg, Carla Aly, Craig Deering, Mark Haynes. No report was given.
 - h. Sidewalk Safety Task Force - Ed Fendley, Chris Healey – County staff have indicated that Phase 1, consisting of a multi-modal study, and re-paving followed by re-striping will kick off soon. A special meeting of the Task Force has been called for Monday, July 28th at 8 P.M. at Fire Station No. 2 for a presentation by and discussion with County Staff.
 - i. Bluemont Neighborhood Village Center Task Force - Carla Aly, Kate Mattos –Kate Mattos reported that the Task Force is regrouping and considering the way forward in the absence of any response from Safeway Corporation to BCA's repeated requests for an update on their announced plans to re-develop their property at 5101 Wilson Blvd.

- j. 25 Glebe Task Force - Terry Serie reported that Penrose Group has submitted a site plan request for their project at 672 N Glebe. Rd.
 - k. Parks and Recreation Liaison – A Member asked Nora Palmatier to look into the problem of bushes and other plants in parks and other public lands encroaching sidewalks. Other members stated that a call to Arlington Count Code Enforcement usually results in a quick resolution of such problems.
 - l. Ashlawn BLPC – Lizabet Boroughs was absent. Craig Deering reported that the expanded Ashlawn School was on schedule to open on time at the start of the new school year. He stated that a meeting was to be held July 30th at 7 p.m. to discuss circulation issues (see item 6 a below).
 - m. McKinley BLPC - Larry Smith gave no report.
4. Unfinished Business – no items were raised.
5. New Business
- a. Newsletter
 - i. An Editor is still being sought.
 - ii. The Board voted to make door-to-door distribution of the October edition (provided we have an editor), rather than the September edition as had been done in the past.
 - b. Open Civic Federation Representative and Alternate Positions: The Board voted to appoint Larry Smith to the vacant position of Civic Federation Alternate Representative.
 - c. Membership Drive – The Board expressed interest in increasing outreach to add new and renewed members.
 - d. Speaker/Meeting Planning for Fall Meetings. David Hughes recommended inviting Ritch Viola and other Arlington County Staff to report on plans/schedule for work on the Carlin Springs Road Bridge.
6. Announcements
- a. Arlington County Transportation Division Presentation on July 30, 2014, at 7:00pm at the Dominion Hills Area Recreation Association Community House, 6000 Wilson Blvd.
 - b. Next Meetings: August 27 w/ Art Walsh, September 30, October 22, November 19, December 17, January 28, February 26, March 25, April 22, May 27, June 24