



Bluemont Civic Association

Executive Board Meeting

7:00PM 27 August 2014

DRAFT MINUTES

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President Jonn Lau called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Jonn Lau, Suzanne Sundburg, Dean Foster, George Rovder, Chris Healey, David R. Hughes, David Van Wagner, Mark Haynes, Nora Palmatier, and Andy Stewart.

1. The Board approved the July 23, 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as drafted.
2. Reports From the Officers and Committee Chairs
  - a. President - Jonn Lau - no report.
  - b. First Vice President - Kate Mattos – no report.
  - c. Second Vice President - Larry Smith – no report.
  - d. Treasurer - David Van Wagner reported that he has completed formalities with Union bank and assumed control of the Association’s accounts. Payment of dues to the Arlington County Civic Federation is pending.
  - e. Secretary - George Rovder reported that the National Park Service has notified BCA of a public comment period on the subject of proposed design of improvements to Memorial Circle on the George Washington Parkway (in front of the entrance to Arlington National Cemetery.) BCA will post the information on the BCA website.
  - f. Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee - Ed Fendley, Dayna Davitz – no report.
  - g. Civic Federation - Dean Foster, David Hughes, Suzanne Sundburg, Carla Aly, Craig Deering, Mark Haynes reported that the Civic Federation is hosting a Candidate’s Forum on September 2<sup>nd</sup> for all candidates on the November General Election Ballot. The Board voted to post an announcement of the Forum on the BCA website. BCA CivFed representatives are working with the Federation to update its database of BCA Officers and Representatives.
  - h. Sidewalk Safety Task Force - Ed Fendley, Chris Healey reported that Arlington County has advised BCA that the restriping of Wilson Boulevard is postponed until Spring 2015 in order to allow for an additional public process. The Task Force briefed County Board Member John Vihstadt of BCA’s resolution concerning Wilson Boulevard safety improvements on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Vihstadt was “positive” concerning the proposal. All five County Board Members have now been briefed.
  - i. Bluemont Neighborhood Village Center Task Force - Carla Aly, reported that Safeway has not communicated to BCA any status on its plans to redevelop its property.
  - j. 25 Glebe Task Force - Terry Serie - no report.
  - k. Parks and Recreation Liaison - Nora Palmatier reported that the Urban Forestry Commission has reviewed plans for the McKinley Middle School expansion. The neighborhood wants a larger parking lot, to reduce on-street parking. The final configuration represents a net gain of trees.
  - l. Ashlawn BLPC – Lizabet Boroughs was absent, however other members reported that construction-related flooding at the site was of great concern.
  - m. McKinley BLPC - Larry Smith - no report.

### 3. Unfinished Business

- a. Website – George Rovder moved that the Board approve an annual budget of \$150 for website hosting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
- b. In the absence of a newsletter editor, President Jonn Lau has volunteered to collect articles and assemble a less-polished newsletter for September.
- c. Membership Drive The Board discussed ways to make renewal easier for members. In order that an individual member not have to give up a personal SSN to open a BCA paypal account, BCA would need to have an EIN.
- d. Speaker/Meeting Planning for Fall Meetings
  - i. SEPTEMBER - Officer Cesar Ruiz, Arlington Police Liaison to Bluemont Civic Association.
  - ii. SEPTEMBER – possibly County Board staff regarding 2014 bond referenda.
  - iii. SEPTEMBER – possibly a Master Naturalist.
  - iv. OCTOBER – Confirmed - Art Walsh, Atty. representing Ballston Common Mall owner Forest City. (Currently scheduled to brief the Executive Board. Jonn Lau will ask that Walsh address the General Membership.)
  - v. NOVEMBER - possibly William Roberts and/or Richard Viola, Transportation Division, transportation improvements around Ashlawn, N Carlin Springs Rd bridge. (Mr. Viola offered to speak about the bridge.)
  - vi. Barbara McCann, founder of the National Complete Streets Coalition, regarding Wilson Blvd – possible speaker for the March/April time frame, during the public process.
  - vii. School Board staff regarding capacity and master planning.
  - viii. AC Fire Department concerning emergency response times.
  - ix. Esther Bowring concerning Lubber Run Park and Recreation Center redevelopment.