Bluemont Civic Association

MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

Arlington Traditional School

855 N. Edison Street, Arlington VA 22205

April 25, 2018; 7:30 pm

Quorum Establish and Meeting Called to Order 7:30 pm.

1. Approved as amended Minutes of General Membership Meeting of 2/28/18 & of the Special Meeting held 4/4/18.
2. Summary Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs

* President: Met with various County staff on a variety of issues including the need for a traffic study at Edison and 6th Street North. DES representative for trail crossings will present at the May 23, 2018 meeting. Confirmed BCA sent a letter to the School Board in support of making ATS a walkable school.
* 1st VP: Taste of Arlington scheduled for 5/20/18 – no cover charge. Noted that now is the time to express opinions on making ATS a walkable school.
* Treasurer: $4,052.50 in account; $900+ spent for the April newsletter.

1. Unfinished Business
   * Carlin Springs Bridge Project: Remove from Agenda
   * Safety Improvements to the N Edison St/Carlin Springs Rd intersection: More information in May
   * Letter to Arlington County Board regarding safety improvements to 6th St. North & Edison St. North intersection: Recap
   * Request by Bryna Helfer, Arlington County Communications Staff, to meet with BCA President to discuss County engagement strategies: Remove from Agenda
   * Arlington Public Schools Walk Zone Working Group: 1st VP noted now is the time to express opinions about same – especially regarding ATS.
2. New Business
   * Join/Renew Membership for 2018: Nominating Committee identified consisting of: Rich Gibson; Marion Anise; Angelo Collins
   * Discussion / information presentation regarding NCAC Project Options.
   * Voting for new Neighborhood Conservation Projects from following options:
3. Extend new sidewalks being constructed on 8th Road N. to include one side between Kensington and Lexington Streets. Also improve N. Lexington St. crossing at south side of Wilson Blvd.
4. Raised Bluemont Junction Trail crossing at N. Buchanan St. add sidewalk north to Fairfax Dr. and south to Wilson Blvd.
5. Widen south side sidewalk of Wilson Blvd between the WO&D trail and bust stop at N. Kensington St. (bike lane converted to dual sidewalk and bike lane use)
6. Fund broad traffic study of Wilson Blvd Corridor

Motion by Larry Smith: To add a fifth NCAC option for voting beyond the four options broadly advertised to every household in Bluemont in the Spring Newsletter. This option is to add curb and gutter on the West side of and the last house on the East side of the 1000 block of North Edison Street and have the street paved.” Further – he noted that this proposal does not include any work required as a result of any subdivision work he or others are doing on that block and that it covered no additional personal expense he is obligated to pay. The motion passed “9 to 7”. 1st VP Larry Smith voted three times for his motion as he owns two businesses in BCA and a household membership entitling him to the three votes. He also indicated that is the owner of 2 of 9 houses on the 1000 block of N Edison St and that the 1000 Block of N Edison serving 9 houses should be Bluemont’s first priority project.

Voting held for the above five (5) options – designating the passed motion as option “E”. Results as follows:

* + Priority Project: “D” 13 to 7 for “A”
  + Second Priority Project: “A”; 11 for “A”; 5 for “E” (note 1st VP Larry Smith was 3 of these votes); 2 for “C”

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 pm