**Minutes: Bluemont Executive Committee**

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 7 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. **Established quorum**

2. **Approved Minutes** of May 25 2022 meeting.

3. The Nominating Committee confirmed the list of nominees for the Annual Elections. It was noted that any nominations for the one vacant slot of First Vice President would have to be made at the General Membership meeting.

4. **Reports from Officers, Civic Federation Delegates, Committee Chairs, NCAC, N. Carlin Springs Road Task Force, Missing Middle Housing Study Working Group, Parks Liaison.**

The President noted that prior to her becoming President, both **keys to the BCA mail box** had been lost, and she had paid the Post Office $10 for one replacement key three years ago. She recommended BCA return to its practice of having keys for both the Secretary and BCA President. The Board agreed she could use BCA funds to obtain a second mailbox key.

She First Vice President Henry McFarland reported that the next meeting of the **site plan review committee for the Ballston Macy’s** site was postponed to July, but no date had been set. He said the County is talking to the applicant about pedestrian safety issues, and noted the importance of addressing how the proposed site plan could affect pedestrian safety for people crossing at the 7th Street, N intersection with Wilson Blvd.

The Treasurer David Smith reported that that the **current balance in BCA’s checking account is $2113.15,** and that he had refunded $5 each to two members who had paid the annual dues of $15 with $20 bills at the in-person session of the May General Membership meeting when no change was available.

The Treasurer, who also leads the Lubber Run Watershed Group of several civic associations along Lubber Run, reported that at the County’s June Open Hearing on the **latest 10-year budget for the County’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP),** he had spoken in support of the proposed increasing in funding for stormwater management and flood prevention.

Mr. Smith and the Board discussed the County’s **public engagement survey on how to fund stormwater improvements,** particularly on using a utility fee.

Alternate **Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee** (NCAC) representative Chris George reported on the June NCAC meeting. He also reported on the inclusion of  **N. Carlin Springs Road** in the proposed Capital Improvement Plan. The current CIP proposal calls for a survey of Carlin Springs Road in 2024. Mr. George is seeking more information about these plans, and asking that the survey be done in 2023 in order to line up with nearby projects. The study itself may look like the study currently underway regarding George Mason Drive.

**Parks Liaison** Hugh Robinson reported on his efforts along the Bluemont Junction Trail after the recent storm. He’d used the County’s Report A Problem system to request the County take care of two downed trees. He pulled branches and did other work in response to storm damage. Overall, the Bluemont Junction Trail was in good shape. He also checked other parks in Bluemont, and found no major problems.

**Civic Federation Delegate** Dave Hughes reported on the June meeting of the Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF). BCA’s Dave Smith was elected as Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) Secretary. The ACCF passed a resolution on improving public input for the Planning, General Land Use Plan (GLUP), and zoning process. The meeting included presentations on Missing Middle Housing, and presentation of a report and a draft resolution on reforming Arlington County’s system of government. Next steps regarding this report include educating civic association to get their input. Details, documents, video and audio of the meeting are at <https://www.civfed.org>.

Civic Federation Delegate Alen Norton reported **on the** walk-through he and NCAC representative Nick Pastore had joined regarding **upcoming repairs to the W&OD Trail near the Bluemont Junction Trai**l using funding obtained by Congressman Don Beyer. These were shown to be much-needed repairs to damaged pavement, there is no expansion of impervious surface, and the repairs raise no concerns.

5. **Missing Middle Housing Study:** The Board discussed efforts by other civic associations to do web surveys of regarding the Missing Middle Housing Study. They noted that such a survey could not replace a position BCA members take regarding the Study, but could be a temperature check of what people are thinking. The Board agreed BCA could do such a survey, but should make clear that people can vote only once, they should vote only if they reside in Bluemont, that the survey serves as a temperature check to help the BCA Board

generally understand attitudes of residents, and that survey results will not change any position taken by BCA members that has been appropriately advertised to and voted upon by BCA members, per the BCA bylaws. The Board agreed that the Secretary would consult with volunteer webmaster (and alternate NCAC representative) on how BCA could do such a survey.

6. **Changes to Wilson Blvd**: The Board discussed the problem of the County Board ignoring input from civic associations, and agreed the President should recirculate the link for public input on the proposed changes to Wilson Blvd between Glebe Road and N. Frederick Street**.**

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.