Bluemont Civic Association

MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

Arlington Traditional School

855 N. Edison Street, Arlington VA 22205

October 26, 2016 7:30 pm

1. Minutes of General Membership Meeting of 9/28/16; approved with correction to the spelling of Ed Fendley’s name.
2. Guest Speakers:
   1. Officer Keen; Arlington Police Department: Shared a variety of crime statistics, prevention and related info specific to BCA. He is a dedicated community police office – not on general patrol.
   2. Jason Friess, Arlington Count Government Department of Management and Finance: Reviewed the 2016 Bond Referanda explaining how they the capital amounts are derived and allocated.
3. Summary Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs:
   1. Treasurer: $4,914 in bank account. Need addition newsletter distribution volunteers.
   2. Secretary: Still need to apply for a second key for the BCA post office box.
   3. Richard Gibson – NCAC Rep: County has proposed changing the process for each civic association to select a neighborhood conservation project. It centers on making sure a civic association has made affected neighbors aware of the proposed project at least 30 days prior to voting for same. He will provide more detailed notes.
   4. 1st VP: The revised Ballston Mall pedestrian bridge design was approved. Noted the high school boundary change process. Encouraged people to attend school boundary meetings because the proposals change and need to make our voice heard.
   5. President: He still needs to draft and send a letter to the County requesting a more thorough traffic study for 6th Street North.
   6. Dean Foster with Civ Fed: Noted that Urban Agriculture not likely to have County Board support for raising chickens etc. within the County.
4. Unfinished Business:
   1. Safeway Site Committee: President reviewed past BCA actions regarding same. He noted that at the last meeting a revised Safeway Committee was approved and he appointed Richard Gibson and Carla Aly as interim chairs. First Safeway Committee meeting scheduled for 11/19/16.
      1. Carla Aly submitted a Draft Charter for the Committee for review.
      2. Motion: To have the BCA President appoint co-chairs to the Committee. Same passed.
      3. Appointed Co-Chairs are: Richard Gibson & Steve Cole
      4. Discussion: 1st VP relayed that real estate professionals believe Safeway wants to maximize use of their land: Either redevelop or sell for a non-grocery use. Other discussion ranged from details of desired redevelopment to encouraging people to enunciate concerns – not design the site per se.
   2. Westover Historic District: Some discussion over whether to send additional letters to the County on this issue. Tabled till next meeting.
5. New Business:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.