Bluemont Civic Association

MINUTES

General Membership Meeting

Arlington Traditional School

855 N. Edison Street, Arlington VA 22205

March 22, 2017 7:30 pm

Order of Business

Quorum established and meeting called to order at 7:32 pm.

1. Approve Minutes of General Membership Meeting of 2/22/17; Adopted as amended.
2. Summary Reports of Officers and Committee Chairs
   1. President, First VP, Second VP, Secretary, Treasurer, NCAC Rep, Safeway Site Committee, Sidewalk Safety Task Force, Exxon Block, Mazda Block

* President: County is to host a Wilson Blvd. update regarding traffic, crosswalk changes planned. Noted his discussion with Parks & Rec on the lack of park restroom facilities during the winter months. Reviewed County Board’s Consent Agenda rule change and issue of middle school boundary changes upcoming this Fall.
* 2nd VP: Will work on timeline for proposed school boundary changes.
* Development Update: David Hughes noted Mazda block demolition in progress. Mall pedestrian bridge to be removed. Exxon Block in progress.
* Civic Federation: Dean Foster summarized his written report
* Safeway Site Committee: George Rovder recapped origin and purpose of the Committee and some of the past redevelopment efforts on the Safeway Site. He noted their final meeting is on 4/1/17 at 9am. After which they will generate and share a final report to be presented at the April General Membership Meeting.

1. Unfinished Business

* Safeway Redevelopment:
  + Update on approved motion authorizing the BCA Board to contact Safeway. – President noted he will reach out to Safeway and share the Committee report and current BCA position. Executive Board encouraged to participate.
* Volunteer Opportunities
  + Newsletter Writers & Editor: Newsletter currently scheduled for April and October yearly. Seeking for volunteers to head this effort up and to consider increasing newsletter frequency.
* Future Guest Speakers: John Vihstadt, Assistant to Rep. Don Byer, Parks & Rec rep., School Boundary rep. Libby Garvey

1. New Business

* Nominating Committee for Elections; call for Officers and Executive Board volunteers: Diversity of nominee’s encouraged. Slate to be approved in May for June election. Asking for 3 volunteers to head up this effort.
* April Newsletter Distribution: Noted that need assistance
* BCA Annual Meeting Date Change – to Tuesday 27 June 2017
* Carlin Springs crosswalk at or near N. Edison St or Greenbrier.
* Year-Round Heating of Bathrooms at the Bluemont Playground (Bluemont Park near the train playground). Approved Motion: The BCA President is to draft and sign a letter to the County Board asking that the Department of Parks and Recreation provide year around lavatories in County Parks
* Wilson Blvd. Community Open House on April 6 between 5-7PM at the Ashlawn Elementary School – Library
* A Bluemont property owner, Eric Ritland, presented his plan to re-subdivide the lots at 910 Edison Street to build two houses. Mr. Ritland provided multiple handouts including current and proposed property boundaries to the General Membership. The President asked Mr. Ritland if the immediate neighbors have been notified and was informed that notification had not yet occurred. The BCA Executive Board strongly encouraged Mr. Ritland to personally notify neighbors/adjacent property owners and to document their notification. The BCA Executive Board also recommended Mr. Ritland speak with Arlington County staff to ensure proper notifications and processes were completed.