**Bluemont Executive Committee**

Minutes

Wednesday, March 30, 2022 7 PM

Via Zoom

The President opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. and established that there was a quorum present. By unanimous consent, the committee approved the minutes of its February 2022 meeting.

The President led a discussion about resumption of in-person meetings, while providing an option for virtual attendance via zoom. Key Escuela Elementary School, 855 N Edison St, Arlington, (the site of the former Arlington Traditional School) had approved BCA’s request meet in its library. The Board agreed that BCA’s April and May meetings would be hybrid. The June meeting will have to be virtual only because the school closes in mid-June.

The First Vice President reported that comments on funding the west Ballston metro entrance can be sent from Friday April 15, 2022 until midnight on Sunday, May 22, 2022, to [SYPComment@thenovaauthority.org](mailto:SYPComment@thenovaauthority.org). Otherwise, there is nothing new to report in connection with the Missing Middle Housing Study, and there is no schedule for another meeting with reference to the proposed design changes to modify Upper Bluemont Park.

The Second Vice President reported that she and the President participated in the walking tour of the proposed site of the development to replace the current Macy’s store at Ballston Quarter. One official had said the County was excited by the increased density the developer was bringing to the site. During the walking tour, there was a discussion concerning the capacity of the planned parking garage. Apparently, the County is giving consideration to the use of the County garage attached to Ballston Quarter to accommodate overflow (the County might want the additional revenue). The proposed density promises to be a contentious issue while under review.

The Treasurer reported that the beginning balance was $2,090.02, that incoming dues amounted to $210.00, yielding a current balance of $2,300.02. There are 63 active members.

The Civic Federation delegates reported that there was a presentation on the Marcus Alert framework. The Marcus Alert is a statewide framework intended to improve the response to mental and behavioral health crises in Virginia. Marcus Alert enhances services for people experiencing a crisis related to mental health, substance use, or developmental disability. Marcus Alert creates coordination between 911 and regional crisis call centers and establishes a specialized behavioral health response from law enforcement when responding to a behavioral health situation. There were also presentations on Data Aggregation and Threats to Privacy and the rebranding of Virginia Hospital Center as VHC. Finally, there was also a short discussion of a draft resolution regarding Arlington FY2023 Real Estate Assessments. See [www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)

The Treasurer (and Chair of the Lubber Run Watershed Group) reported that the Department of Environmental Services (DES) team does not have a role in the site plan review process, which is particularly concerning because the proposed development at 4600 N. Fairfax Drive (to replace the Holiday Inn and an adjacent building) abuts the underground infrastructure carrying Lubber Run. The Board agreed the President should write the head of DES to request the stormwater team review the development, noting BCA’s concerns about flooding and other stormwater problems from Lubber Run. The President agreed to raise this with members at the General Membership meeting, and write the letter if they concurred.

The (Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Representative reported that the County’s Neighborhood Conservation Program (NCP) is currently under review, which includes changing its name. He noted that this will require edits to the BCA bylaws once the NCP has a new name. The NCAC Alternate Representative discussed his proposal to make the recommendations by the Bluemont and Arlington Forest civic associations for improving safety on N. Carlin Springs Road BCA’s new second priority NCP project, now that BCA’s former second priority project (improvements to the intersection of N. Lexington Street and Wilson Blvd) had become BCA’s first priority project because the County was moving forward to implement BCA’s first priority project (6th Street, N and N. Edison St). He reported on his discussions with the Arlington Forest civic association about their also making improving safety along N. Carlin Springs Road an Arlington Forest NCP priority project.

Kate Mattos and David Smith volunteered to work on the Nominating Committee.

Hugh Robinson discussed the importance of the County’s installation of connectors along the Bluemont Junction Trail taking community input into account.

In light of the Department of Environmental Services (DES) starting public engagement on reconfiguration of Wilson Blvd between N. George Mason Drive and N. Vermont Street during the 2022 street resurfacing season, and the DES six-month analysis of the effects of its October 2021 reconfiguration of Wilson Blvd between N. George Mason Drive and N. Frederick Street having been sent to BCA the day before, the Board agreed to invite DES to discuss its analysis at the April General Membership meeting.

The President also noted that submission of all content for the upcoming newsletter needed to be complete by the end of March.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:29.