**Minutes: Bluemont Executive Committee**

Via Zoom and at Key School

February 22, 2023; 7:00 PM

1**. Quorum** established.

2. Executive Committee members approved the **minutes** of the January 2023 meeting without changes.

3. **Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs**.

The **President** reported that the speaker for the annual meeting on June 28 will be Kristine Baker of Vision Zero. The in-person portion of this hybrid meeting will be in the Hickory Room of the Lubber Run Community Center, because the school will be closed.

The President reported that the coalition of BCA and four other civic associations had sent the letter requesting that the starting date for the County study on N. Carlin Springs Road be moved up. The County has not yet responded to the letter.

The President updated the Committee on discussions among civic associations about the Missing Middle Housing Study.

**BCA Civic Federation delegate** Allen Norton reported on the February meeting of the Arlington County Civic Federation. The NAACP proposed an extensive amendment to the draft “Resolution to Restore the Public’s Confidence in Arlington County Government.” There was a lengthy discussion of whether the amendment could be accepted under Parliamentary rules. A vote was called, but the hospital told the Federation they needed to leave the meeting conference room at 9:30 pm, so matters were not concluded. The Civic Federation plans to hold a special meeting to discuss the proposed NAACP amendment to the resolution. Video and audio of the Civic Federation meeting are available at this link [https://www.civfed.org](about:blank).

**BCA Parks Liaison** Hugh Robinson reported on his communications with Matt Bristol and County officials on Matt Bristol’s proposed student volunteer project to provide landscaping around the Bluemont neighborhood sign on N. Kensington Street. Under County rules, if a civic association proposes this type of project to the County, the civic association becomes responsible to maintain the landscaping. The County Parks Department says BCA can state that it has no objection to Matt’s proposed project, and Mr. Bristol can make the request to the County directly. The Parks Department can allow Mr. Bristol to do the landscaping, but because this landscaped area is recorded as part of the “natural area” of Mary Carlin Woods, the County may need to consider additional factors. On behalf of Matt, the Parks Liaison looked into how a group of volunteers could request that the Parks Department allow them to do this project, with the volunteers accepting responsibility for future maintenance. The Parks Liaison determined the address and where Matt can send his proposal, and the Parks Department official whom Matt can talk to. The Parks Liaison then met with Matt and his father. Matt will likely make his request to the Parks Department using the information provided by the Parks Liaison.

The Parks Liaison discussed his proposal on adopting the parcel of land at the corner of 9th Street, N and N. Harrison Street. The area is currently designated in County records as a street location, not as a park. The Parks Liaison suggested that BCA ask the Parks Department to designate the parcel in its inventory of parks. After that were done, the private citizen who established and has long maintained a garden at the site could apply to the Parks to develop a garden there.

Because he was not able to attend the meeting, the **Treasurer** provided an email update that the current balance in the BCA budget was $2768.28. The balance the month before had been $2098.28, then $620 in membership dues payments were received.

4. **The April Neighborhood-wide Newsletter.**

The President reviewed planned articles for the newsletter, and who would write them. Articles need to be sent to the editor by March 20.

5. **Questions for County Board Chairman Christian Dorsey.**

The President said he would email BCA’s list of questions to the Board for comments before he sends them to Mr. Dorsey.

6. **BCA Social Event.**

The President said he would designate a Committee to work on a possible BCA-hosted social event, possibly for Neighborhood Day on May 21.

**7. Adjourn.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Laura Kirkconnell