**Minutes: Bluemont Executive Committee**

On Zoom and at the Key School 855 North Edison Street

January 31, 2024; 7:00 PM

1. The President established that a quorum was present.
2. Members unanimously approved the minutes of the December meeting without changes.
3. **Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs**

**President** Henry McFarland said that during the General Membership meeting he would discuss issues with parking at the County garage at Ballston Quarter.

He said at the February General Membership meeting, the County’s Deer Management Team will have a presentation and Q&A as part of their public engagement on their deer management plan. At the April General Membership meeting Park and Tree Steward (and BCA member) Carolyn Haynes will discuss the County’s Forestry and Natural Resources Plan.

He noted that BCA is collecting questions from members that he will send to County Board Vice Chair Takis Karantonis by mid-April in preparation for Mr. Karantonis’ meeting with BCA at the May General Membership meeting.

The President said BCA had held three successful, well-attended bell-ringings since our December meeting.

**First Vice President** Matt Harrison reported that he is chairing the committee organizing **Family Fun** **Day**. Other members so far are Josh Folb and Laura Kirkconnell. Additional members are welcome. The Board agreed to choose May 18th as the date, with May 4th as an alternate. Matt will try to get the front pavilion at Lacey Woods park, which will be more visible than the back pavilion BCA used last May. Given the popularity of the nature walks provided by Park Steward Nora Palmatier last year, BCA will try to get her again. The Board agreed unanimously with the President to authorize spending of up to $500 to support BCA’s Family Fun Day.

**Treasurer** David Smithreported BCA had received $155 in dues, bringing BCA’s bank balance to $2086.82, not counting 8 checks that just arrived. As **Chair of the Lubber Run Watershed Working Group,** he reported that there will be a Lubber Run focused meeting on April 10 with the County Department of Environmental Services. Discussion will include the proposed stormwater detention vault at Woodlawn Park. Once the time of the meeting is confirmed, David Smith will inform BCA, so we can help publicize it.

**BCA’s Civic Federation delegate** David Hughes reported that the January annual meeting between the Arlington County Civic Federation and the County Board covered the usual territory with questions and answers, nothing new. Libby Garvey is Board chair this year, but will not seek re-election to the County Board. Takis Karantonis is the Vice Chair. Video and audio footage of the meeting is at https://www.civfed.org

**Expanded Housing Options (EHO) Committee** chair Matt Harrison reported that during the 2023 permitting season, the County had approved 26 EHO projects, four of which are in Bluemont, with two of those permits being for the same property on N. George Mason. Most projects were approved for R-5 and R-6 lots, not the larger lots in Arlington.

**4. BCA Press Policy**

The President read the text of the draft press policy and provided written copies. David Hughes made a motion to approve, which Laura Kirkconnell seconded. Board members unanimously approved the press policy.

In response to a question, Secretary Laura Kirkconnell said the policy could be put with other official correspondence in the BCA Google Drive set up earlier by David Smith. The President said it could also be put on the BCA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Secretary Laura Kirkconnell