**Minutes: Bluemont Executive Committee**

On Zoom and at the Lubber Run Community Center

March 27, 2024; 7:00 PM

Via Zoom

**1. The President established that a quorum was present.**

**2. Members unanimously approved the minutes of the February meeting, without changes.**

The President, Henry McFarland, reported the following:

* Nominating Committee:
  + Henry proposed the following membership for this year’s nominating committee which would be voted on at the following General Membership meeting:
    - Kathleen Reilly, Chair, [katareilly@gmail.com](about:blank)
    - William Barratt [bokamba@gmail.com](about:blank)
    - Chip Gurkin [gurkinc@gmail.com](about:blank)
    - Matthew Harrison [harrison.matthew622@gmail.com](about:blank)
    - Jeremiah Howard [howardjeremiah182@gmail.com](about:blank)
    - Shakti Shukla, [dearshakti@gmail.com](about:blank)
* Water Line Inventory Concern:
  + A lot of questions on the water line. Henry contacted the County and they improved their only FAQ. County sent a detailed response on water line inventory. Sent to members.
* Lot Coverage:
  + Henry met with Takis Karantonis and three other Civic Associations to discuss the lot coverage study. He is on board with making the study a priority. Libby Garvey was quoted in ARLNow as commenting on this study. Henry noted that we sent a BCA letter to the county board on this topic.
  + Henry brought up with Takis Karantonis the traffic study on N. Carlin Springs road. Takis Karantonis is interested in our thoughts on reducing the number of lanes from 4 to 3. Henry noted we were happy with the speed change (reduction)
* April Meeting Plan: (Key Elementary)
  + Carolyn Haynes will talk about the Forestry and Natural Resources Plan and the City Nature challenge. Carolyn co-chaired committee that developed the plan.
* May Meeting Plan: (Key Elementary)
  + Takis Karantonis (County Board vice chair) will speak to us. We will send him a list of questions in advance.
* Family Fun day is May 19th.
* June Meeting Plan: (Lubber Run)
  + Patrick Hope will talk to us. We will send him a list of questions in advance.

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

* Online Payments (Carla Conover)
* Carla gave a readout on the committee effort to determine options for using an online payment options. The committee’s prevailing approach is to:
  + Apply for an Employer ID number which is allowed for unincorporated associations such as BCA. Noting here that Arlington Forest has done this.
  + Carla noted that the committee will continue to research the approach with a focus on understanding the liability of setting up this type of arrangement.

The Treasurer reported the current bank balances:

* + David reported on the bank balances and informed the membership of an upcoming April 10th Lubber Run watershed meeting planned by DES.

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| **Mar-24** |  |  |
| Previous Total: | $2,053.92 |  |
| Out: | ($10.98) |  |
| Out: | ($32.54) |  |
| In: | $240.00 | dues |
| New Total: | $2,250.40 |  |

ArNAC (Chris George)

* Budget Subcommittee – advocating for more staff and contracting resources
* CIP - putting together a template that will be sent to the reps to be shared with the civic association and hope presidents of CAs will send out a request for budget of $14Mil (covers 2 years)
* Active Projects: Our funded project on 6th and N. Edison design is approx. 100% done in terms of drawings. Work would start this fall.
* Wilson and N. Lexington (pedestrian safety improvements) beginning preliminary work (example design)

CivFed Report (Dave)

* A colloquium on funding in the County. There was no real discussion on funding reduction. There was some discussion about the state giving the county more authority. Takis and Libby lobbied against this measure.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by David Smith