

**Arlington Heights Civic Association Minutes (Adopted)**  
**Special Meeting**  
**February 22, 2007, 7 p.m.**

A special meeting was held to discuss plans for the park at the corner of S Irving and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street south and also to discuss future plans for the Career Center. Present at the meeting were Jim Gill, Juliet Hiznay, Carole Lieber, Richard Bullington McGuire, Jay Wind, Grady Foster, Monique O'Grady, Cathy Camp, David Sider etc.

The meeting opened with discussion of the current status of and plans for the park that will be created at the corner of S Irving and 2<sup>nd</sup> St South, with a report and Q&A by Patrick Wegeng of the Arlington County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources department. Much of the discussion related to proposed landscaping. There was some general discussion about the NCA process and it was mentioned that AHCA has received 65 trees from the county.

Dave Sider moved that we have a county urban forester at our next AHCA meeting, motion was seconded and discussion followed. Juliet Hiznay offered a friendly amendment to move this to the April meeting as the next meeting was a special meeting. The friendly amendment was accepted, motion failed.

Monique O'Grady discussed the multi-site plans involving the career center and the Wilson center and advised us of the work of the school board's multi-site committee on school properties and its suggestions. She explained that the committee determined the top 5 most favorable and feasible option. This was followed by discussion of the form based codes and the school board's obligation to follow zoning regulations. The push to move the career center to Wakefield was discussed and some residents had strong objections to the move to Wakefield. Monique discussed some of the advantages the committee had identified for moving the program to Wakefield.

Following further discussion, it was suggested that AHCA develop some parameters and to ensure our desires were passed on to the county. It was strongly felt that the library, which is currently connected to the career center, remain in Arlington Heights. Concern was expressed as the library is leased space and not part of Arlington Public School inventory so it is not clear what would happen to the library if the career center moved. Jim Gill made a number of points, mentioning that the study does not take into account maintenance costs for new buildings and also emphasized that the library should remain in Arlington Heights. David Sider moved to keep school property as school property, motion was seconded by Jim Gill. Juliet Hiznay offered a friendly amendment to keep public school based property and then moved that the civic association oppose any removal from Arlington Heights, motion seconded by Grady Foster, motion carried.

It was moved and seconded that any recommended uses of property that involve trucks be designed to enter Walter Reed and 9<sup>th</sup> and to avoid using Highland, Irving and Seventh Streets. Motion carried.

It was moved that we keep career programs at the current site. Richard Bullington McGuire moved that we propose redevelopment of either site to maximize park space and minimize surface parking with a preference for underground parking. Motion was not seconded, failed.

It was moved that any redevelopment of the Career Center site, all buildings should be built in place to permit significant open space to buffer Patrick Henry ES, motion seconded and carried.

Jay Wind moved that we welcome an APS center on the site, motion was not seconded, failed.

Jim Gill announced that he would take the recommendations of the neighbors to the County Board for the upcoming public comment meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40.

Minutes Prepared by Carole Lieber, Secretary