

**Arlington Heights Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting Draft Minutes  
Patrick Henry Elementary School, Cafeteria  
July 17, 2007**

Present: Carole Lieber, Joan Gill, Keith Walker, Dave Mitchell, Grady Foster, Cathy Camp, Juliet Hiznay, Jim Gill, Larry Mayer (Lyon Park Civic Association), Marilyn Marton, Liz Fried, Adam Crosswell, Jason Torchinsky, Jay Wind, and Kimberly Sumner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. Minutes were approved as presented, moved by Juliet Hiznay and seconded by Grady Foster.

Carole Lieber, Secretary, noted for the record that she has not been receiving updated member lists as requested so she cannot determine a quorum for voting purposes.

There was discussion on proposed plans for TJ Middle School pertaining to meetings of the Building Level Planning Committee Report (BLPC) presented. Grady Foster is the AHCA rep to the BLPC. Grady explained the objectives of the BLPC and suggested concepts for TJ. Primarily that central to the objectives is that anything moved must be replaced, so regarding TJ, if the loading dock is removed, it must be relocated. Under proposal Concept B, there would be a major rotation of playing fields. Option C offers the fewest constraints and is the favored option, while Option A offers the most constraints. Fewer constraints are better for the IB program. Under plan A and B, the school will be taken down to the foundation. The School Board obtained a priorities list a while back and Wakefield is the number one priority. Jim Gill stated that TJ cannot be de-couples from the Career Center or Wakefield.

Our first guest was Walter Tejada, Arlington County Board member, who discussed the new Arlington fitness initiatives and the desire to promote a culture of fitness. There will be an updated website in support of the initiative which will soon be operational. The intent is to also encourage good nutrition, including affordable food for seniors and working with the schools to offer healthier lunches. Walter also discussed assistance available for non-profits under a new initiative and partnering with Virginia Tech. A resource center is available at the main library, and the initiative also provides for executive training for non-profits, offering courses such as Grant Writing 101. Arlington also has a fresh air initiative and Walter suggested folks change light bulbs for energy efficiency. He also mentioned one can get a tax break in Arlington for hybrid cars. Members of AHCA had an opportunity to ask questions of Walter on a variety of issues, including cut through traffic, commercial vehicles parked on neighborhood streets, and plans for the new park at TJ.

Captain Michelle Nuneville, Arlington Police Department District III Commander, was our second guest. She spoke about a variety of issues of concern to members, including commercial vehicles parked on residential streets, advising motor vehicles over 25,000 pounds can be ticketed, call non-emergency number at 703-555-2222. Captain Nuneville discussed the Arlington noise ordinance and provided attendees with an overview of

criminal activity in the neighborhood, including gang issues in the surrounding area, larcenies and two home break-ins, along with one robbery and two suicides. Captain Nuneville stated the cars most often taken are the ones easiest to start and she cited Honda, Dodge, Accord, Camry and Corollas the most desirable cards. She advised residents to consider alarm systems and clubs for cars and also cautioned not to leave personal items in view in one's car. Captain Nuneville also spoke of efforts to clean up graffiti from the neighborhood and mentioned that the police will catalog the graffiti to determine if it is gang graffiti or tagging, then public works will remove the graffiti. ACPD hopes to have an auxiliary force to deal with graffiti, the biggest challenge is that there are different groups in different locations. Captain Nuneville mentioned all of Columbia Pike has had an increase in larcenies and Penrose has had an increase in stolen cars. She issues a crime report monthly, which residents can receive via email.

Cathy Camp reported on the County Fair, where she has volunteered to be in charge of resident complaints.

Jim Gill mentioned that he is looking for volunteers to look at the Bylaws. Juliet Hiznay stated that we need flexibility in the Bylaws to the requirement of the two-week notice for meetings.

Jay Wind mentioned that the September 4 meeting of the Arlington County Civic Federation would be candidate's night. He also mentioned that in June ACCF passed a resolution to preserve the tree canopy in Arlington. Jim Gill solicited interested volunteers to serve at ACCF either as a delegate, alternative or committee member and he mentioned one does not have to be a delegate or alternate to serve on a committee.

Juliet Hiznay mentioned that there will be funding round in December for Neighborhood Conservation and that it was hoped that the Garfield project would be funded at that time.

Jason Torchinsky reported 2,012 in the treasury and a membership of 54.

There was discussion on the realignment of Highland Street, with a FBC proposal to have the street go through the site of the art store on Columbia Pike. Residents of Douglas Park are concerned about potential cut-through traffic.

It was mentioned that Walter Reed will be re-paved and bike lanes would be added.

Carole Lieber mentioned that the recent garden tour was a great event and well attended and she commended those who had worked to organize it.

Adam Crosswell moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m., seconded by Carole Lieber.

Submitted by,

Carole Lieber  
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