

**Arlington Heights Civic Association
Annual Meeting
Minutes for February 4, 2009**

- 7:00 The meeting was called to order by President, Juliet Hiznay. In attendance were: Juliet Hiznay, Mike Sobola, Dan Morrissey, Lisa Bongardt, Susan Soyka, Stacy Whyte, Sara Snow, Ted Black, Grady Foster, Arnold Appanah, Martin Chadzynski, Cathy Camp, Britta Farahati, Tia Scales, Richard Bullington-McGuire, Jason Torchinsky, and Matthew Morrissey.
- 7:08 Minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Mike Sobola moved and Grady Foster seconded that the minutes be approved. Approved by a unanimous vote.
- 7:10 Martin Chadzynski moved and Grady Foster seconded that we accept slate of candidates as proposed: Juliet Hiznay for President, Stacey Whyte for First Vice President, there was no nominee for Second Vice President, Lisa Bongardt for Treasurer. Sara Snow asked about the open Second VP position. Short discussion. Slate of officers approved by unanimous vote. An election for Second VP position will be held at our next regular membership meeting.
- 7:13 Cinema ‘N Drafthouse Use Permit Review. All positive comments from the attendees. Martin Chadzynski proposed that we communicate the discussion to the Owners and management. Richard Bullington McGuire motioned and Grady Foster seconded that we write a letter of positive support to the county. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
- 7:15 TJ “Daylighting” Proposal
Juliet presented the “Daylighting” proposal to improve Jefferson Middle School. Construction would be interim improvements designed to increase light inside the building and improve the learning environment. This design would be a stopgap until total renovation or replacement of Jefferson could be funded. (AHCA has sent a letter of support for this “Daylighting” construction now under consideration by the School Board).
- 7:25 Juliet Hiznay spoke about the TJ field replacement. AHCA sent letter to board supporting replacement of field. A community meeting of stakeholders will be held on February 12th. Juliet will attend and report back, but asked for guidance from the membership on our goals for the field.
- 7:34 Someone moved to support the synthetic field. Someone else suggested we support it with caveats. Discussion ensued. Britta Farahati suggested an amended motion: The neighborhood goals is to select a surface that eliminates the dust and permits the same level of high-volume play the current field gets. County Fair configuration should not determine the selection of the field surface. Motion passed unanimously.
- 7:42 Public Safety – Visit by Arlington County Police
Captain Michelle Nuneville presented a crime report for the neighborhood.
Highlights:
 - Bike larcenies are up in Arlington Heights. Register your bike at ACPD.

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- Larcenies from autos is also up. Thieves are especially interested in the portable GPS systems.
- Identity thefts are up in District 3. Shred your mail.
- Speed at night on 2nd Street discussed.
- Capt. Nuneville told everyone to write down the non-emergency number 703-558-2222.
- Could also contact District 3 police on the web at www.arlington.va.us/police.
- Police would explore issues relating to loitering and public drinking at TJ, as well as speeding on Second Street

8:30- *Meeting the Neighbors Series* -- Arnold Appanah, Facilities Director for Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Community Center reported on the facility. He reviewed many improvements relating to the building since he started in the position, including removal of trash receptacles in the school side parking lot, addressing noise issues in the parking lot, sanitation, and building maintenance needs that he has carried out. Mr. Appanah discussed the Challenge Course area is in use and indicated that its removal would be expensive and would require funds that are not allocated. Juliet Hiznay raised the possibility of using a PEG grant to beautify the area.

8:55 Britta Farahati moved, Cathy Camp seconded, that the Executive Board contact TJ and the county to explore the challenge course dilemma and the possibility of obtaining a PEG grant to improve the area. Passed unanimously.

8:57 Treasurer's Report (Jason Torchinsky)
More than \$4,000.00 is in the bank account. Most bills are paid. We owe the Civic Federation \$50.00 and we have \$2,000.00 set aside as matching funds for the park enhancement grant at TJ (park at Irving and 2nd Street South).

9:04 Adjourn