

**Arlington Heights Civic Association Meeting
Minutes for April 21, 2009.**

- 7:05** The meeting was called to order by Juliet Hiznay
In attendance: Juliet Hiznay, Richard Bullington-McGuire, Mike Sobola, Jason Torchinsky, Cathy Camp, Dan Morrisey, Grady Foster, Michael Rafky (Congregation Etz Hayim), Kevin Kelly (EDG), Stacey Whyte, Sally Ferrett, Ted Black, Justin Constantine, John Morrill, Lisa Bongardt, Britta Farahati, Jay Helring, Ella Nargile, Nursat Aygen, Matthew Morrissey, David Sider. (*Secretary's note: not all members listed here were present at the start of the meeting.*)
- 7:10** Minutes from last meeting presented and passed 14-0
The motion passed unanimously.
- 7:03** Lisa Bongardt gave the Treasurer's report and membership update. 80% of newsletter costs covered with advertising revenue. 70 family memberships, 5 business memberships. \$2200.00 income for year to date. \$1400.00 newsletter printing costs, \$600 parties and events, web costs and other. Net effect is zero (break even).
- 7:14** **Announcements**
May 16 BBQ/Pot Luck 4-7 PM on Hudson between 50 and 2nd St.
June 6 Garden Tour (new date)
- 7:16** **TJ Renovation**
Approved in Capital Plan. Capital Maintenance funds filled in the funding gaps. Includes HVAC, windows, roof points, new drop off area and traffic flow pattern. Work to begin Fall, '09 and completed by Fall 2010. Bulk of the work to be done in the summer of 2010.
- 7:20** **TJ Dust Field**
Working on funding. Consultant hired for design and cost estimate for synthetic field.
- 7:24** **Information Items--Four-Way Stop at Irving & Second**
County says we don't qualify because of traffic volume difference between the two streets. Points to only one accident last year at that intersection. Discussion of pedestrian safety brought up the new park there and how it necessitates traffic calming measures. Someone mentioned a speed camera. Another mentioned a permanent "speed sign" that displays the speed you are travelling. No decision was made.
- 7:30** **Special Guest Presentation.**
Mary Margaret Whipple, VA State Senator discussed budgetary process, Smoking Ban that passed on December 7, unemployment benefits rate changes (extended for those taking training). Also discussed other legislative actions taking place in the general assembly. Entertained a brief Q & A session.

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8:00 Information Items-Continued

Jeff Sykes will study possible four-way stop at 7th Street.

Arlington County has a new concrete maintenance plan (sidewalks, curbs & gutters). AHCA and Penrose are first on the maintenance list. (Scanned letter from county is attached). Maintenance plan will continue for next 6-12 months in AHCA. Contact person for county is Mr. Francis Soulamany is contact person for county (703-228-7822).

8:10 Elections

Joy Helring, retired Arlington attorney, nominated and approved 19-0 for Second Vice-President.

8:13 Civic Federation Report

New slate of deligates. Civic Federation is stepping up its activities.

8:15 Neighborhood Conservation Projects

Funded:

1. Garfield St. between 50 and 2nd (Pending Etz Hiyam approval);
2. Fenwick Street between 50 & 2nd (50% designed; a block meeting is planned for when 90% of the design is completed);

Failed Petition:

Irving Street South between 50 and 2nd. Only 55% of neighbors approved (60% needed). AHCA Executive Committee recommends dropping Irving St Project Phase 1 (above) to priority 2 and petition to move phase 2 Irving Street to Fall as first priority. This would deal with the open subject of the bike trail; temporary curbing Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter on access road and bike trail to Fillmore. This would move forward in the Fall (50 points in Fall). Potential problem is VDOT has to be a collaborator. Cathy Camp moves and Matthew Morressey seconded that AHCA accepts the Executive Committee recommend as stated. Motion passes. Vote not recorded.

8:35 Fair Board Presentation

Scott Perry, Fair Board Chairman. Discussed new layout for Fair. Stonedust field "programming" will move to upper field. Stone Dust traffic will have limited foot traffic. Layout dependant on weather. He proposed extending fair closing hours to 11 PM on Friday and Saturday nights. He also said Fair Board is addressing the trash issues by recruiting volunteers from community groups (boy scouts, etc) to pick up trash during the fair.

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FAIR TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

Problem in past year with cars blocking 2nd Street when drivers are stopping to drop off passengers. No solution was put forth, but a drop off zone may be considered. Also, Irving Street will be blocked off again at both ends.

Scott mentioned that no alcohol will be sold at the 2009 County Fair. No commitment has been made yet for future years. There was vocal and passionate debate against alcohol when the idea was floated on the list serve.

9:28 Motion

Cathy Camp motioned and Matthew Morrissey seconded;

“AHCA requests that the Fair Board allocate one open seat on the Fair Board to AHCA to appoint a representative from its membership.”

Motion passes 12-0 with one abstention.

(Secretary’s note: Discrepancy in voting numbers is due to some of the earlier present members having left by this time).

9:32 Motion

Cathy Camp motioned and Matthew Morrissey seconded:

“AHCA proposes that, in addition to the same streets as last year, the ACPD close Ivy at Second Street during fair hours.”

Motion passes 10-2 with one abstention.

9:36 Motion

Matthew Morrissey motioned and Britta Farahati seconded:

“That the Fair Board restrict fair closing times to no later than 9 PM on weekdays (Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday) and no later than 10 PM on weekends (Friday and Saturday)”.

Motion passes 10-2 with one abstention.

9:39 Motion

Matthew Morrissey motioned and Dan Morrisey seconded:

“Fair breakdown not occur between the hours of 11 PM and 6 AM”

No vote on motion.

Britta Farahati moves to amend motion (Matthew Morrissey accepts amendment) to read:

“AHCA requests that the fair breakdown not occur between the hours of 11 PM and 6 AM this year and following years. If a decision for following years cannot be made now, then AHCA requests that this rule be in effect for this year and considered again for next year and following years.”

Motion passes 12-0 with one abstention.

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9:43 Motion

Cathy Camp moves and Matthew Morrissey seconds:

“That AHCA accept the Executive Committee recommendation on the NC Extension vote as previously stated (dropping Irving St Project Phase 1 between Rt. 50 and South Second Street to priority 2 and petition to move phase 2 Irving Street to Fall as first priority).”

Motion passes. Vote not recorded.

9:45 Meeting adjourned.