

**Arlington Heights Civic Association  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes for July 28, 2009 (Adopted October 20, 2009)**

- 7:05 The meeting was called to order by Stacey Whyte.  
In attendance: Stacey Whyte, Joy Helring, Lisa Bongardt, Dan Morrison, Erin Comer, Cary Comer, Cathy O'Malley, Jay Vennett, Amy Vennett, Sara Snow, Harold Magnossen, John Morrill, Jeremy Spector, Grady Foster, Peter Jones, Jay Wind, Carole Lieber (secretary's note: note all attendees listed here were present at the start of the meeting.)
- 7:05 Minutes from the last meeting presented and passed 17 – 0  
**The motion passed unanimously.**
- 7:10 Lisa Bongardt gave the treasurer's report and membership update. To date we have met our 2009 membership goal of 75 memberships with exactly 75 memberships. Current bank balance is \$4,668. We have exceeded our budgeted ad revenues to date with actuals of \$225 per issue vs. \$110 budgeted. Actual YTD expenses are \$1,939 vs budget of \$2,218. We have over spent on neighborhood events and sponsorships by approx. \$100 - \$200.
- 7:15 **Special Guest Presentation**  
Steven Yaffe, Transit Services Manager, Arlington County, gave an informational update of the new ART 77 bus route. The bus runs from Shrlington to Court House. All buses on the route are fueled by natural gas. Weekly bus passes are available at Giant for \$11. Brochures and flyers on the ART 77 and other bus routes serving Arlington Heights were made available to the attendees.
- 7:25 **Meet the Neighbors Series: Congregation Etz Hayim**  
Laurie Effron, Etz Hayim Board Member and AHCA neighbor provided an informational update on the Etz Hayim congregation, schools and facility renovation. The congregation consists of approximately 100 families and the school curriculum includes preschool, a religious school and adult education. Their facility renovation is scheduled to start in August 2009 and is anticipated to take 12-14 months for completion. There will be no change to the footprint of the building and the facilities will remain open during the renovation. Etz Hayim will be holding a craft fair on Sunday, November 15, 2009 and if necessary due to construction, the back up location is Long Branch School.
- 7:35 **Special Guest Presentation**  
Debby James, Design Specialist, The Evergreene Companies, gave a presentation on the new housing development at 7<sup>th</sup> Street and Glebe Road. The project named The Awbery, is scheduled for construction to start in October 2009 pending final plan approval. The first home (show house) should take four months to complete and deliver in early 2010. The sales activity/pace will determine the construction schedule for the remainder of the homes. The development will include four single family homes with 2-car garages and driveways facing 7<sup>th</sup> Street . Attendees raised concerns about tree pruning and disruption to 7<sup>th</sup> Street during construction. It is anticipated that construction will only disrupt the traffic on 7<sup>th</sup>

Street for one week when the water main is installed. The development will not cause any changes to the current traffic patterns.

**7:55 Wakefield High School Renovation Update**

Cathy O'Malley, Wakefield High School Liaison and AHCA neighbor, gave an overview on the current proposed renovation plans for the high school. The schematic design has just been completed. The project is going for LEED – Gold status. The current gross square footage is 316K square feet and the current proposed design is 381K square feet. The estimated costs are \$105M reduced from \$150M. This project would be part of a 2012 bond redemption and would start in 2013 if approved. The construction period is estimated at 2.5 years.

**8:15 Announcements**

August 5 Columbia Pike Library Children's Puppet Show  
August 22-23 AHCA Lemonade Stand at the County Fair

**8:20 Information Items**

The county fair will have the same hours this year as it did in 2008. The 2010 fair contract is being negotiated now and it is believed that the county is considering a multi-year contract (2-5 years). Carole Lieber asked if the bus schedule was going to change as a result of the fair. Stacey Whyte to inquire.

AHCA has participated in two friendly neighborhood softball games with Alcova Heights and Penrose. There is anticipated to be a third game in the fall.

Neighborhood Conservation Update: The Route 50 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Street project has been redesigned and the petition approved. The project is up for funding in the fall. The design excludes the intersection which could be phase 2. The S. Garfield sidewalk project (Route 50 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Street) has been extended due to the discovery of gas lines too close to the surface.

The RFP for the renovation of the TJ Field is out. Attendees raised a concern that currently the sprinkler heads are not properly positioned.

**8:50 New Business**

Stacey Whyte proposed that AHCA “adopt” our local fire house.

A concern was raised about the selling of fireworks in the parking lot at the corner of Glebe Road and Columbia Pike. The discussion resulted in conclusion that this was not something that could be moderated as it does not go against any current codes or laws.

**8:55 Drawing for Neighborhood Business Gift Certificate**

Gift certificate donated by Bangkok 54 and won by Jay Wind.

**9:00 Meeting Adjourned**