

**Arlington Heights Civic Association**  
**Minutes – Membership Meeting Tuesday, October 12, 2010**  
**(Adopted January 11, 2011)**  
**Patrick Henry Elementary School, 7-9 p.m.**

Attendees: Executive Committee: Stacey Whyte, President, Sara Snow, First Vice President, Kimberly Sumner, Second Vice President, Lisa Bongardt, Treasurer, Juliet Hiznay Secretary; Residents: Daniel Morrissey, Michael Kavanagh, David Mordini, Britta Farahati, Leigh Lanham, Elizabeth Wolleben, Helen Worsham, Amanda Shapiro, Daniel T. Jones, Catherine Newling, Jim Presswood, Janet Presswood, Jay Wind, Miles Townes, Mirtha Merlos, Frank Merlos, Jay Wind, Brian Vu, Scott Winn, Michael Bromley, Teresa Jennings, John Kaneshige, Paula Henstridge, Jose Caballos, Pamela Leon, Peter Jones, Grady Foster, Ted Black, Joy Bovernick, Rodney Bovernick, Jay Moore; County Staff: David Patton, Kellie Brown, Jeffrey Fasceki, Jeff Sikes and Mary Hynes, County Board Member liaison to the Traffic Calming Committee

*Neighborhood 25*

President Stacey Whyte called the meeting to order and introduced County Board member Mary Hynes to discuss the “Neighborhood 25” Program. Eighty streets in Arlington qualify for traffic calming measures. Arlington Heights is one of three neighborhoods selected to pilot this traffic calming program, which is a lower cost approach to traffic calming compared to installing expensive speed bumps and other traffic calming measures. Four streets in Arlington Heights will be measured before and after the program is carried out: Irving, Hudson and Highland between 50 and Second Street South, and Highland between Second and Sixth Streets. It is estimated that 85% of the motorists speeding live in the neighborhoods. The program uses signs to remind motorists to slow down – each household can get a sign and put it out each morning, and take it in each night.

Ms. Hynes introduced Jeff Sikes, the County Staff member in charge of the Traffic Calming Program, who encouraged anyone with questions to call his office at 703-228-3696. Mr. Sikes explained that streets with an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 30 or higher qualify for traffic calming measures, such as traffic circles, while an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed of 32 is required to qualify for speed bumps. The signs will be available soon, and enforcement will increase for two weeks. The program is scheduled to roll out in the neighborhood on October 23, 2010. Mr. Sikes stated that the data collected would be shared with the neighborhood.

*Neighborhood Conservation Projects: Irving & Arlington Blvd. Phase II*

Juliet Hiznay, Neighborhood Conservation Representative, introduced Kellie Brown, County Planner for Arlington Heights’ Neighborhood Conservation Projects. Ms. Brown provided an overview of the proposed Phase II of the Irving/Arlington Blvd. project. With each NC project that abutted Arlington Blvd., residents were told that no work could be done in the VDOT Right of Way. For that reason, staff recommended pursuing a beautification project that would address the highway frontage as a whole, permitting VDOT to review a single project. The project is now the neighborhood’s first priority project. The preliminary

design was prepared in May of 2009, and a special meeting for property owners with abutting property was held in March 2010 for property owners to provide feedback. A civic association meeting was held in July of 2010, where the civic association voted down the design. Staff have taken the comments by the civic association to heart and went back to revise the design.

Kellie Brown then introduced Jeff Fascecki, Engineering Team Supervisor for the NC Design Team, who described the changes to the project design. Instead of closing the access roads, the access roads would remain open to traffic and would be marked as “sharrows” (i.e. roads used by cars and bicycles). Further, a “Do Not Enter” sign would be posted at the entrance to the access road at Fillmore, to eliminate the turning hazard at that intersection. Curb and gutter would be installed on the access roads, and between Fillmore and Fenwick and sidewalk would be added on the north side of the road to improve pedestrian access. The remaining project elements are the same as presented in July, with trail improvement and straightening. Lighting along the trail would be low to the ground, which reduces light pollution and is less costly.

Residents raised the following questions: How will gas trucks get access to Fillmore and the access road during monthly servicing and during storms? Staff stated they would work with the gas company on access issues. Drainage concerns along the 17 ft. path. Will the county actually paint the crosswalks and bike trail lines? Staff confirmed that they would. Have the plantings been decided? Staff stated that a landscape designer will come up with a plan and it will be presented to the neighbors. Are both sides of Route 50 still in the plan? Staff explained that a grant is being used to address the intersection design and that it is not technically part of the Neighborhood Conservation project. Is the staff willing to consider putting in a traffic triangle at the head of Hudson Street? Staff stated that this design is not a final design and they will look closely at all issues.

Juliet Hiznay moved that the AHCA approve the preliminary design for the Irving/Arlington Blvd. Phase II project. The motion was seconded. 30 voted in favor. 3 abstained.

~~Teresa Jennings moved that county staff consider installing a traffic triangle at the head of Hudson Street. The motion was seconded. 8 voted in favor. 1 voted against. The remaining residents present declined to vote (2 formally abstained).~~

#### *Treasurer's Report*

Lisa Bongardt, Treasurer, presented her report. She reported revenues from 76 family memberships and 3 business memberships. She also reported she was working on setting up a PayPal account for payment of membership dues. She reported that the bank account stood at \$4,085, but that \$2,500 of this amount allocated for park improvement.

#### *Discussion of Point System for Neighborhood Conservation*

Juliet Hiznay explained briefly the point system for Neighborhood Conservation, and that the extra points from our updated conservation plan would expire with our second priority

project. The neighborhood voted in favor (with one abstention) of the following prioritization of NC projects for Arlington Heights:

1. Phase II Irving/Arlington Blvd.
2. Consolidated Streetlight Project (Highland, Ivy, 9<sup>th</sup> between 7<sup>th</sup> and the Pike)
3. Fifth Street South – Streetlight Project

#### *Announcements*

Sara Snow announced plans for the Halloween Parade to be held on Saturday October 30 at 2 p.m. As with the prior year, this would be a food drive (last year 270 pounds of food was donated to the Arlington Food Assistance Center). The parade maps are available in the Over the Fence. Giant Food will be sponsoring the events with free cupcakes.

Stacey Whyte announced that there is a lot happening with planning on the Pike. She was asked to participate in a meeting held on October 7 held by the Pike Transit Initiative, to give community feedback on the streetcar. She indicated that it is a good time for residents to start paying attention to the planning process. A meeting will be held next month on November 18 from 7-9 p.m. at the Walter Reed Community Center. Stacey stated she is seeking a coordinator for our neighborhood. The website for the Pike Transit Initiative is [www.piketranisit.com](http://www.piketranisit.com).

Jay Wind indicated that a vote to set 2011 Annual Dues was required at our October meeting. Lisa Bongardt moved that we continue with our dues amount of 20 for a family membership and 25 for a business membership. As with prior years, and early bird special would be offered at the Halloween Parade, for \$15, while \$30 could be paid for 2010 and 2011. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

#### *New Business*

A concern was raised regarding the use of Thomas Jefferson Park with regard to the softball fields being used for soccer, and the lack of general maintenance of the softball fields.

Jay Wind announced that Barbara Favola was seeking to garner support for the bond issues. A motion was made and seconded not to vote on this issue.

A motion was made to approve the July 2010 minutes. A name correction was requested and the minutes were approved unanimously, as amended.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Minutes Prepared by Juliet Hiznay, Secretary