

**Approved Arlington Heights Civic Association's  
May 12, 2015 Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

**Call To Order** - President Stephen Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM with welcoming remarks. Papa John's Pizza (3233A Columbia Pike, 703-271-8000) again provided pizzas for all to enjoy. Stephen reminded everyone that annual dues are \$20, and that payment of dues is needed to pay bills (such as printing of the quarterly newsletter, *Over The Fence*). He asked volunteers for AHCA's June 13<sup>th</sup> picnic contact him asap, and in response to comments about lack of shade at Patrick Henry announced that the picnic site will be at TJ park in the area near the park entrance at Second & Irving Sts. Treasurer Scott Winn was present to collect dues - \$20 checks can be made payable to AHCA, & mailed to the AHCA Treasurer, P. O. Box 40311, Arlington VA 22204. Treasurer Scott Winn mentioned that he expects that before long residents will be able to pay dues online using Pay Pal.

**Attendees** (23) - The following neighbors attended the meeting: Stephen Hughes, Scott Winn, Jay Moore, Maureen Critchley, Molly Calkins, Maureen Critchley, Mahender Dudani, Keith Whyte, Molly Calkins, Stephanie Chong, Emily Tsoi, Ella Nargele, Ron & Cathy Peterson, Jim Presswood, Susannah Keefe, David & Teresa Jones, Amy & James Vennett, Dan Morrissey, Amelia & Charles Self.

**Guest Speakers:** Our first guest speaker was Delegate Alfonso H. Lopez (D) who distributed copies of *SESSIONS HIGHLIGHTS 2015*, & discussed recent legislation results of the Virginia General Assembly, followed by a Q & A session. He welcomed being contacted at [delalopez@house.virginia.gov](mailto:delalopez@house.virginia.gov).

Our second guests were from our Third District ACPD (703-228-4130), Sgt. Damon Washington and Corp. Steve Gomez represented Capt. Stu Ellis who sent his regrets for not attending our meeting. This is National Police Week, and Capt. Ellis had another commitment this evening. There was a robust discussion about methods to control/enforce speeding in our neighborhood especially

S Irving Street from Arlington Blvd to 2nd, and beyond to S 7<sup>th</sup> Street – including various types of speed detectors (traffic classifiers vs. mobile speed radar units) on roadways & poles, and stop signs at 4-corner intersections. We were reminded that often when ACPD monitor speeding & issue citations, the drivers are neighborhood residents.

The officers agreed to discuss ongoing traffic concerns raised tonight with County Traffic Engineers & put them in contact with Stephen. They also discussed upcoming public service

programs that APD will be conducting in upcoming weeks including an ACPD Safety & Community Awareness Event (including VIN etching on auto windows at Kenmore Middle School on Saturday July 17 from 9AM-4PM.) Residents also spoke about concerns & the need for ACPD presence during the County Fair because of the Fair's impact on neighborhood traffic & detours, and the need for police monitoring the 7/11 at Glebe & 2nd (which sells beer & wine).

Before leaving they mentioned that ACPD will conduct a 2-hour Public Service Campaign in our neighborhood about Pedestrian Safety if the AHCA contacts them with specific dates.

**Approval of Minutes** - Draft copies of the Minutes from the AHCA's March 10th Quarterly Membership Meeting were distributed & Stephen asked everyone to review them for accuracy & let us know if they noted any discrepancies. No one raised any questions, a motion was made by Charles Self to approve the Minutes, Scott Winn seconded the motion. The vote to Accept the Minutes was unanimous.

**Agenda Items** - Stephen gave an overview & update about the current "chatter" about the *possible* site selection for an elementary school being on the TJ site. Jim Presswood (Friends of TJ Park) mentioned that the "FOTJP" are planning to host a 1-year anniversary picnic on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and will post information about same on the AHCA list serve. Stephen also spoke about his attendance at Pike Presidents Group 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly meetings where one of the prime topics is the County's affordable housing issue & the need for investments in equality throughout the entire county for businesses, schools & affordable housing.

Stephen expressed concern about the rapid need to respond as a civic organization & need for our membership to begin to consider the need to amend the bylaws to allow for a rapid turnaround possibly including electronic methods of member voting. He may request a subcommittee be established to consider amending the bylaw.

**Adjournment** – There being no other business, Dan Morrisey motioned that the meeting be adjourned, & Charles Self seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 9:10PM.

Submitted by Maureen Critchley, Secretary