

Arlington Heights Civic Association's
November 10, 2015 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Call To Order - President Stephen Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM in the library of the Patrick Henry Elementary School with welcoming remarks. Papa John's Pizza (3233A Columbia Pike, 703-271-8000) again provided pizzas for all to enjoy.

Attendees (25) - The following neighbors attended the meeting: Stephen Hughes, Scott Winn, Jay Moore, Maureen Critchley, Mahender Dudani, Ron Peterson, Jim Presswood, Susannah Keefe, Dan Morrissey, Amelia & Charles Self, Gail Massot, Eileen Janas, Jordan & Carrie Cross, Lisa Turcios, Dori & Karl Kukawa, Melanie Myers, Emilie Bruchon, Marcus Cox, Melynda Boyce, Katherine Godesky, Zelmira & Joseph McGann.

Guest Speakers: Our first guests were APS Capt. Adrienne Quigley & Sgt. Damon Washington of our Third District Police team who reached out to provide talk about "crime statistics" for our neighborhood (which are down). They discussed need for those who use Craig's List to be careful and meet in public places during daylight hours, urged need to be careful & avoid check & credit card fraud, and reminded us to never invite solicitors into our homes. We discussed recent bike trail assaults, neighborhood speeding, and crosswalk safety.

Our second guest was Charles (C. Nana) Wilson, an Arlington County Code Enforcement Inspector (703-228-3232) (Dept. of Community Planning, Housing & Development, Inspection Services Division) who gave examples of types of issues his department handles which include overgrown (tall) grass & snow removal. He responded to several questions from the audience.

Approval of Minutes - Draft copies of the Minutes from the AHCA's May 12 & August 11 (2015) Quarterly Membership Meetings 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 Lisa Turcios to approve the Minutes, and Scott Winn seconded the motion. The vote to Accept the Minutes for both meetings was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report – Scott Winn reported there are #45 2015 AHCA members compared with #88 in 2014. The AHCA bank account has a balance of \$1,336.

Agenda Items - Stephen thanked Mahender Dudani, AHCA Representative & Lisa Turcios, AHCA Alternate to the SAWG (South Arlington Working Group) for their time and attention at numerous recent Arlington Public School designated SAWG meetings, and invited them to bring our audience up to date. In summary after some 8-10 bimonthly meetings, the majority of SAWG Representatives voted to designate the new 750-seat elementary school be located on

the NW area along S Old Glebe in front of the Thomas Jefferson Middle School. The vote was far from unanimous & there was also a preference to relocate the Montessori program at the Patrick Henry site. The SAWG report was received by the School Board on November 5, the topic will be discussed by Arlington Public School's professional staff on November 16th, and a joint meeting between both the School & County Board members will take place on December 5th. Mahender thanked Lisa for posting updates on the AHCA listserv, and presented Lisa with a bouquet of lovely flowers. Lisa & Mahender answered questions, and urged a broader AHCA community involvement writing individual letters to County and School Board members with their opinions and suggestions, attend the meetings outlined above, and also be prepared to make 3 mins public comments at these meetings. There was also discussion about the number of vehicles that exceed the 25 mph speed limit along S Second Street in the vicinity of the TJ complex, and the number of neighborhood sidewalks that are not ADA compliant. These issues present safety risks for everyone in the neighborhood especially students walking to/from school.

The final topic for our meeting was election of 2016 AHCA Officers. Stephen explained that as has been posted several times in recent weeks, he and Maureen are stepping down as Officers. Scott (Treasurer) & Jay (Second Vice President) agreed to self-nominate themselves, and they are confident that Jeanne Haggerty will agree to also continue as First Vice President. Susannah Keefe agreed to self-nominate for the position of Secretary. There was no nominee/ candidate for the position of President. Those present unanimously voted to elect the above nominees as noted above.

Stephen will post another call for nomination of a member for the position as President on the AHCA list serv. It is likely that Executive Committee members will meet in December and again address the urgent need to identify someone willing to serve as President as of Jan. 1, 2016.

Adjournment – There being no other business, Stephen made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, & Scott Winn seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Submitted by Maureen Critchley, Secretary