

Arlington Heights Civic Association, November 13, 2018 Quarterly Meeting Minutes

President Kristi Sawert called the meeting to order in the library at Patrick Henry Elementary School. Ms. Sawert reported that the fall festival very well attended, with 200+ attendees.

AHCA Website: work in progress. Richard Bullington-McGuire discussed the 20 year history of the Arlington Heights Civic Association website and some basic plans for moving forward. An updated search capability has been added to site. Additional work is underway.

Ms. Sawert presented an update on the Fleet construction and extended hours, as well as information about community meetings being held at TJ related to building status.

Elementary school boundaries presented. Discussion about demographics occurred. Motion by Nick Carrasco to allow Kristi Sawert to speak on behalf of the AHCA at School board meeting on the Patrick Henry/Fleet boundary topic advocating for maintaining the PH family together as initially promised and emphasizing the desire to maintain the diversity of the school rather than reducing said diversity by eliminating planning units such as those south of Columbia Pike. Motion seconded by Jay Vennett and passed by all in attendance.

Ms. Sawert then presented an update on the Career Center project. Slides on boundary and CC status to be provided. Discussion on parking facilities, note about Penrose concern that county is planning on revisiting permitted parking and potentially eliminating said parking permit areas. Part of final resolution passed by Career Center Working Group: school to remain as a choice school until equitable/equal amenities/facilities are provided matching that of other schools in Arlington. Additionally it was noted that the purchase of the ECDC property may be imminent. If this happens, and the decision is to level the property, (with exception of the parking facility which would be used to offset the loss of the parking during CC updates), then the Library plus other amenities and entities may be moved to a new 'Jewel of the Pike' facility.

Elections:

Nominations called for President, Nick Carrasco nominated Kristi Sawert as president. Seconded by Jay Vennett. No other nominations provided. Motion made to vote by Matt Ambrose, 2nd by Jay Vennett. Kristi elected as president

Nominations called for 1st Vice President, Nick Carrasco nominated by Richard Bullington-McGuire 2nd by Jay Vennett. No other nominations offered. Motion made to vote by Matt Ambrose, 2nd by Jay Vennett. Nick elected as 1st vice president

Nominations called for 2nd Vice President: Jay Vennett nominated by Matt Ambrose, 2nd by Mahender Dudani, moved to vote by Nick Carrasco and 2nd by room. Jay elected as 2nd Vice President

Nominations called for Treasurer: Matt Ambrose nominated by Nick Carrasco, 2nd by room, Jay moved to vote, Matt elected Treasure

Nominations called for Secretary, Eileen Janas nominated by Matt, 2nd by Jay, moved to vote, Eileen elected Secretary.

Discussion held on appointed positions, AHCA is looking for members to represent the AHCF on the Arlington County Civic Federation (www.civfed.org). They meet 1st Tuesday of the month Sept-June. Looking for interested members, AHCA has 5 members with 2 alternates. Several permanent members would like to take some time off and step down.

Delegate Alfonso Lopez came by to answer questions. Most questions related to the Amazon announcement that they would be opening a 2nd HQ in Crystal City, Arlington. 25,000 jobs to be created over next 10 years to earn promised incentives. County/State to fund transportation and pedestrian improvements.

Meeting Adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Nick Carrasco, 1st Vice President

Approved February 12, 2019.