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Arlington Heights Civic Association Quarterly Meeting, August 13, 2019

The August 13, 2019 meeting of the Arlington Heights Civic Association (AHCA) was called to order by President Kristi Sawert at 7:05 PM in the Patrick Henry Elementary School library.

Attendees: Matt Ambrose, Anna Ballance, Veronica and Jeff Bartlett, Ted Black, Richard Bullington-McGuire, Mahender Dudani, Rajan Dudani, Carla Gorrell, James Herring, Eileen Janas, Habte Michael, Dan Morrissey, Anne O'Brien, Kristi Sawert, Alexander Slotte, Aklilu Tesfai, Jay Vennett

President's report: Kristi Sawert reminded attendees that the last construction meeting for the Alice West Fleet School will be Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 PM. There will be an open house in late August for students and parents, with an open house for the community in October. APS will redraw school boundaries in 2021.

The Arlington County Fair starts Wednesday at 5 PM. Let Kristi know if there are any problems.

The AHCA last quarterly meeting is in November, when we elect new officers. Please let Kristi know if you would like to be an officer.

Secretary's report: Eileen Janas distributed minutes from the May 14, 2019 meeting which were approved without revision.

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee update: Eileen Janas reported that our first priority project is traffic calming on First Road south. We still have no start date for South Irving Street/Arlington Boulevard phase II which was funded in 2011.

Arlington County Civic Federation: Rajan Dudani reported that the Nauck community is renaming itself to the Green Valley Civic Association. The plan for a boat house in Rosslyn is also a topic at ACCF meetings.

Ethiopian Community Development Council: Habte Michael reported that the County Board approved their request to extend hours to 2 AM. They have improved the access between 901 and 3045 Columbia Pike with paving and lighting and are encouraging use of the parking garage. They are working to minimize taxi and uber drop-off.

Westmont Shopping Center: Jay Vennett reported on the June 27, 2019 meeting. The owners plan to demolish the Westmont Shopping Center and replace it with a six story building with storefronts on Columbia Pike and Glebe Road on the first level and apartments on levels two through six. Construction is expected to start in 2021 or 2022 and take 2-1/2 - 3 years. There will be 300-400 parking places, as well as green space in the center for residents. The plans have been posted to the [FBC AWG website https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/form-based-codes-advisory-working-group/](https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/form-based-codes-advisory-working-group/). A question was raised about storm water runoff during construction and Jay advised participants to communicate with County Board members about any concerns.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Ambrose reported a balance of \$1,419.91

Streetlight report: Kristi Sawert reported that the LED resolution passed at the May meeting was sent to the Santosh Neupane, the Streetlights Management Plan project manager, but the county will not change the lights from 4000 Kelvin to 3000 Kelvin until they burn out.

Career Center Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC): Ted Black has been selected to chair the BLPC. He is a member of the Joint Facilities Advisory Commission, worked on the current strategic plan, and lives on S. Ivy St. The committee will be appointed Aug. 22 and meet from September until February

or March. They will present results to the School Board in March. The BLPC will make recommendations for accommodating 800 additional seats at the Career Center.

Fall Festival: Kristi Sawart asked if there was interest in having a fall festival like we had last October: picnic food, bounce houses, rented gym space, area walk for children in costumes. Meeting attendees supported the idea.

General Discussion:

We discussed the location for AHCA quarterly meetings: should be remain at the Montessori School or switch to Alice West Fleet. Attendees thought the Montessori school is more central to the civic association but would also like to meet at Fleet. There was support for alternating meetings between the two sites.

Jay Vennett asked if anyone would be willing to host the after-caroling party in December. Mike and Meade Hanna have hosted it in the past. Contact Jay if you can assist.

Attendees discussed new walking patterns to the Fleet School and concern was expressed about the lack of sidewalks on S. Irving between 6th and 7th Streets, and S. Jackson between 5th and 6th streets. New stop signs will be placed at S. 2nd St. and S. Old Glebe to make it a four way stop.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Janas  
AHCA Secretary