

Arlington Heights Civic Association, November 12, 2019, Quarterly Meeting Minutes

The November 12, 2019 meeting of the Arlington Heights Civic Association (AHCA) was called to order by President Kristi Sawert at 7:02 PM in the library of the Montessori School of Arlington (formerly Patrick Henry Elementary School)

Attendees:

Ted Black, Emilie Bruchon, Nick Carrasco, Marcus Cox, Mahender Dubani, Evan Farley, Carolyn Franus, James Herring, Jim Huff, Stephen Huski?, Eileen Janas, Xenia Jowyk, Susannah Keefe, Dori Kukawa, Carole Lieber, Marilyn Marton, Richard Bullington-McGuire, Habte Michael, Dan Morrisey, Charlotte Nau, Anne O'Brian, Cathy Peterson, Ron Peterson, David Priddy, James Rohal, Cindy Schaller, Betty Siegel Brian Sigriz, Nyson Tope, Amy Vennett, Jay Vennett,

Minutes of the August 13, 2019 AHCA Meeting were approved.

Eileen Janas reported on the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) activities. Construction of the improved walking/biking path along Arlington Blvd. has begun. Construction is expected to be completed in 2019 with tree planting to occur in the spring 2020. County construction manager is Charles Boateng, 703-859-0147. The construction crew is coordinating with Etz Hayim staff to keep them informed of activities.

Attendees validated the priority projects for the NCAC: Traffic calming on First Road South and Sidewalk improvements on Second St. S in front of Thomas Jefferson Community Center.

Habte Michael reported that the guidelines to direct guest traffic away from Highland St. at the Ethiopian Community Development Council are working well. He has not had complaints from the neighbors. Neighbors are invited to the November 24 Refugees' First Thanksgiving Dinner. Flyers with details were provided.

David Priddy (AHCA rep to BLPC) reported that the Career Center Building Level Planning Committee (BLPC) has had four meetings to date and encouraged people to review materials on the website: <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/arlington-career-center/> There was discussion about parking on- and off-site: ensure there is adequate bike parking since bike racks are often insufficient; Fleet is having trouble getting substitute teachers because there are no parking provisions for them; pay the money for the parking garage particularly because many of our streets are so narrow that they become one lane roads when cars are parked on both sides; there is plenty of on-street parking and we should not spend so much on a garage. Kristi Sawert reported that there had been a parking study done during the summer. Peak demand is expected to be 500-600 spaces.

Carole Lieber represents AHCA on the Public Art for Columbia Pike Transit Shelters, Community Technical Advisory Panel. There will be art work on the top of the shelters.

Nick Carrasco, 1st Vice President, reported that the yahoo list serve has been migrated to groups.io, at a cost of \$220 per year.

Jay Vennett reported that the holiday party is scheduled for Dec 13 with caroling at 6:00 PM and refreshments at Mike and Meade Hanna's house at 7:00 PM.

Kristi Sawert was informed of a VDOT meeting about the intersection of S. Irving and Rt 50.

There was discussion about the Purple Lounge use permit review. The establishment has had different names. A motion was passed that AHCA considers the Purple Lounge, it's owners and successor tenants, to be a public nuisance and opposes the use permit renewal.

On Monday, Nov. 18, 2019, 7-8:00 PM there will be a joint Arlington Public Schools/Arlington County meeting at the Columbia Pike Library to inform the neighborhood of the changes to the library to accommodate students at the Career Center.

Reelected as AHCA officers:

Kristi Sawert, President

Jay Vennett

Nick Carrasco,

Eileen Janas, Secretary

Michelle Stafford, Neighborhood Complete Streets Program Manager, presented plans for sidewalks on S. Irving St. between 6th and 7th Streets. See project details:

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/south-irving-street-ncs-project/> S Irving Street ranked highly due to incomplete sidewalks, a crash history and it's proximity to schools as well as bicycle and transit facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Janas, AHCA Secretary