

The May 10, 2022 meeting of the Arlington Heights Civic Association was called to order by President Kristi Sawert at 7:03 PM via Zoom.

Attendees:

Anne, Arlington Village, Aunt Kathy's iPad, Veronica Bartlett, Sabrina Bell, Ted Black, Anissa Brennan, Shannon Burnett, Carolyn's iPad, Teresa Cardiff, Nick Carrasco, Claire, Mahender Dudani, Martha Duggan, fleetroop60146@gmail.com, Melissa Gildea, Carla Gorrell, TH, Karen Hanchett, Alcova Heights, Chuck Heath, Eileen Janas, Jay, Ken, Paul Mandell, Marilyn Marton, Maryeliz, Gail Massot, Clyde McGraw, Mcole, Charlotte Nau, Amy Petz, Gerald Pierce, Bill Potapchuk, Lara and Michael Robinson, Estelle Roth, Heidi Ross, Alcova Heights, Vincent Rudolph, Kristi Sawert, Susan Scott, Ben Simon, Scott Stewart, Susanne, Marie Van Ness, Kedrick N. Whitmore, Call-in attendee

Minutes of the Feb 8, 2022 meeting were approved.

Ms. Sawert provided the Treasurer's Report: \$2190.67.

Mini-garden tour: John Mashaw has arranged a mini garden tour on Saturday morning, June 4, starting at 9:00 AM at the new bio-retention area at the intersection of South 5th Street and Fillmore. Anne Guillette from Arlington County and Thomas Rainer, Landscape Architect will lead the tour. Two smaller water gardens nearby will also be included in the tour.

Nick Carrasco provided an update on the Career Center. The School Board approved the APS proposal and authorized them to go forward. See the Engage website for the most current news. Mahendar asked about the disposition of federal COVID funds; the Career Center project is funded from the CIP. Ms. Sawert encouraged people to stay engaged and provide feedback: encourage maximization of green space and underground parking.

Maryeliz inquired about safety improvements to the Glebe Rd/Arlington Boulevard bridge. Attendees were not aware of any plans.

Scott Stewart reported Bob Caslin's latest update on the Westmont construction. The alley is closed for May; traffics control measures continue; no news yet on the businesses in the commercial sector.

Ms. Sawert reported on the Arlington County Missing Middle Phase 2 proposal which will legalize multifamily housing countywide; feedback can be provided from April 28-May 27 on the Missing Middle website. [Ms. Sawert distributed the presentation in a May 15, 2022 email to ahca@groups.io] 2-8 units can be built in place of a single family home, with parking requirements reduce from 1 to .5. Set back and height restrictions are unchanged. The County thinks it will add about 150 people a year which they see as a modest increase. The aim is to create housing at more price points. There was a question about turning garages into living space; auxiliary dwelling units are legal now.

Melissa Gildea, Arlington County urban forester, reported on tree canopy. Arlington has 19,500 street trees and about 755,400 on private and public land. Oaks are a huge ally in biodiversity, providing a 10° difference in temperature. The Urban Forest Master Plan, which was adopted in 2004, is being rewritten. About 80% of the tasks outlined in the 2004 plan have been completed. The County supports a free, tree distribution program administered by EcoAction Arlington. Fewer trees are being planted in the grass strip between the sidewalk and the street. Current requirements are that 4' is the minimum width.

Clyde McGraw, representing Sunrise Senior Living, gave a presentation on the plans for the United Methodist Church property at 1716 S. Glebe Rd. Sunrise is a mission based

organization that currently has 276 communities, primarily providing assisted living and memory care services. They have been in existence for 40 years. Their facility on North Glebe Rd. serves 123 senior citizens and provided 85 local, full-time jobs. This visit is an introduction to the plans; the contract has not been signed. They will also present to Alcova Heights. The current tenants will be able to remain for a year. They train and promote from within. The current plan proposes 50 parking spaces to accommodate employees and visitors since few residents drive located behind the building. There was concern expressed about the dislocation of the preschools currently using the building. The construction period will last 18 months. [Ms. Sawert distributed the presentation in a May 15, 2022 email to ahca@groups.io]

Mark Murawski presented by phone call a friendship community proposal for a partnership between AHCA and Bibury, a small city 1/2 hour from London. It would be an informal agreement between us and the UK to learn about other people and encourage visits. He requested permission of AHCA to contact Bibury and determine interest. It was moved and seconded that Mark may approach Bibury to investigate their interest. During the discussion period Eileen Janas said it would be impractical to hold a joint meeting because of the time difference, and that AHCA did not have enough volunteers to manage the responsibilities of the association, such as the newsletter. Mark volunteered to help with the newsletter. The motion was carried. Mr. Murawski will contact Bibury and report their interest.

The next meeting will be August 10, 2022. The meeting was adjourned about 8:35 PM. (The secretary failed to write down the time the meeting ended and has no idea what time we actually finished.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Janas
AHCA Secretary