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Best wishes to a new set of ARCA leaders!

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

ARCA Nominating Committee Proposes Slate & Supporting By-Laws Mod

A Nominating Committee consisting of Chick Walter (Chair), Katie Buck, Patty Joyce, Nancy Swain, Andrea Walker, Molly Watson, and Bud Wood was convened "for the purpose of preparing a slate of officers." Over the course of six weeks, this Committee has met three times and collaborated regularly via email, and, after careful consideration, makes the following recommendations.

First, this article will serve as due notice to the regular membership of ARCA that, at the July, 2011, meeting, the Nominating Committee will offer a motion to modify the by-laws to expand the Executive Committee. Current by-laws specify the Executive Committee as consisting of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. After careful consideration and discussion, the Nominating Committee has determined that the needs of a thriving, transparent, and responsive neighborhood association require expanded participation. The Nominating Committee will therefore propose that the Executive Committee be expanded, and will propose an expanded slate to include the addition of Communications as a permanent member and expanding the Secretary role to include Parliamentarian. Also, recognizing the evolving priorities and workload of ARCA over time, each year the Nominating Committee will have the option to include on their proposed slate up to 2 additional VPs (one external and one internal) as well as up to three Ad Hoc members whose functions will be established and reviewed yearly based on most pressing neighborhood concerns. For this upcoming term, the committee would be composed of the following: President, two Vice Presidents for External Affairs, two Vice Presidents for Internal Affairs, Secretary & Parliamentarian, Treasurer, Communications, and two Ad Hoc positions -- Zoning & Development, and Transportation. Please refer to the www.arcaonline.org website for the exact wording of the proposed changes.

Second, at the July, 2011, meeting, the Nominating Committee will offer the following slate of neighbors who have agreed to take on the responsibilities, for a term of one year, of the Arlington Ridge Civic Association Executive Board:

President: Katie Buck, 23rd St. S.

Vice President for External Affairs: Natasha Pinol, S. Rolfe St.

Vice President for External Affairs: Arthur Fox, S. Pierce St.

Vice President for Internal Affairs: Molly Watson, 26th Rd S.

Vice President for Internal Affairs: Patty Joyce, 21st St. S.

Secretary & Parliamentarian: Scott McCoy, S. Arlington Ridge Rd

Treasurer: Paul Hammer, S. Arlington Ridge Rd

Communications: Maggie Gaffen, Fort Scott Dr.

Zoning & Development: Nancy Swain, 26th Rd S.

Transportation: David Litman, South Knoll St. & Susan English, S. Kent St.

While each role has individual requirements, the Nominating Committee considered each person for the following traits: healer, collaborator, logical thinker, positive attitude, the ability to hold and respect multiple perspectives (inclusiveness), and the willingness to be a team player for TEAM ARCA.

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Next ARCA Meeting: July 21, 2011 at 7 pm

at Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 S. 18th Street, Arlington VA 22202

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Please join us at the July meeting to nominate these neighbors. In accordance with the current by-laws nominations from the floor will also be allowed at this meeting. All adult property owners within the boundaries of this Association are regular members of ARCA and may nominate another regular member of ARCA, and/or be nominated by another regular member of ARCA, for an Executive Committee position. Names of all nominees will be posted at

www.arcaonline.org and will be included in the September newsletter. All regular members of ARCA are encouraged to attend the September 2011 meeting to vote for our new executive committee members, and to wish them well. If you have an interest in participating in the work of ARCA, please indicate such when returning your membership contribution or send an email to arcaneighbor@gmail.com.

County to Reconstruct Ridge Rd Intersections (S. 23rd, Oakcrest, and Meade Sts.) in August

County reconfiguration of the intersection of S. Arlington Ridge Rd, S. 23rd, Oakcrest, and Meade Sts. is scheduled to begin August 8th and take approximately 4 weeks. After two meetings on May 5th and May 19th, where area residents voiced many concerns, ARCA sent a letter requesting a hold on the redesign until neighbor concerns could be addressed. The June 29th County response contained some changes to the prior plan, but retained the redesign of S. Meade Street (a major concern of immediate neighbors). Subsequent meeting with Ms. Hynes on July 6 resulted in no additional changes. The ARCA letter and the final design can be viewed at www.arcaonline.org.

Traffic calming projects for Ridge Road and surrounding side streets have been a major issue for ARCA for the past several years. Updates on plans and progress have been provided periodically via email, the ARCA web site and association newsletters. Results from the recent Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) survey identified traffic calming as one of the primary issues of concern. ARCA members who would like to be more involved in transportation related issues should email arcaneighbor@gmail.com or select that area of interest on the enclosed membership dues envelope.

Update: Status of Special Planning Process for the PenPlace

As discussed in the Jan and March newsletters, Vornado Corporation is seeking nearly 1.9 million additional square feet of office space for Parcel 1D of the Pentagon City tract. The Vornado proposal would require modification to the General Land Use Plan (GLUP), the C-O 2.5 zoning for the area, the Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) and the Master Development Plan. To assess this proposal, Arlington County tasked the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) of the Planning Commission to establish a framework for considering any possible changes to the Pentagon City PDSP. The purpose of the LRPC process is to 1) evaluate PDSP development currently approved for Parcel 1D in the context of nearby existing and approved development 2) To review previously established planning goals/policies for land use, transportation, and urban design for the parcel and 3) to develop guiding principles for Parcel 1D. The intent is to then use these "updated principles" (and

not the original 1979 Master Plan) to assess the Vornado proposal. Our ARCA reps (Chick Walter, Don Clark and Nancy Swain) have attended the 4 LRPC sessions held to date and have articulated that ARCA supports the **original** plan for Pentagon City, which does **not** allow for any more additional office development. Nevertheless, the goal of the July 21st session is to discuss and finalize the "updated" guiding principles for the site with the intention of eventually taking them forward to a work session with the County Board for approval. Further comments on the LRPC process and guiding principles from the LRPC reps can be viewed at www.arcaonline.org. Following is a sample excerpt. Nancy Swain, former ARCA president and LRPC alternate, asks "On what basis can the LRPC, without a clear charge from the elected officials, explore changing the existing Metro station concept for Pentagon City by adding more office when none is...available? ...

Less Jaywalking, Enhanced Pedestrian Safety on S. Joyce Street near Pentagon Row

The County has completed the design work to construct a curb extension and mark a crosswalk at the driveway following the pedestrian stairway/path

from S. Lynn to S. Joyce St. at Pentagon Row. Construction is scheduled for 2011. Thank you to Adam Kutcher.

Nighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) Update, including Park Enhancement Grants

The PEG program, ancillary to the NCP, provides grants up to \$15,000 for small, stand-alone capital improvement and beautification projects for County parks and recreation facilities. Our neighborhood sent three "letters of intent" for 2012 program--two from ARCA, one from Pentagon Ridge Condominium Association (PRCA).

The first ARCA letter proposes safety improvements to Ft. Scott Park to serve as a barrier for cars that breach the Park's curb such as the incident that resulted in the 2009 death of a neighbor walking on Ft. Scott Dr. The second ARCA proposal is to replace the grass at the I-395/S. Arlington Ridge Rd with low-maintenance liriope-- saving ARCA approximately \$450 per year in mowing costs and creating a more environmentally friendly and attractive entry to our neighborhood.

The PRCA proposal would use the PEG grant to reverse the decline of Prospect Hill Park located at 1025 S. Arlington Ridge Road. The PEG process begins with a "letter of intent" that was due June 30, followed by a draft application due Aug 26 with a final application due Oct 14. Some financial support from ARCA for these projects would increase the likelihood of their approval as attracting funds from other sources is one of the review criteria. A commitment of \$450 (the equivalent of one-year's mowing) for the I395/Ridge Road intersection is suggested and will be voted on at the July 21st meeting.

Status of the NC Plan: Section summaries are being drafted for ARCA's NCP based on the survey results that were discussed in our March newsletter.

Update on the Crystal City Citizens Review Council (CCCRC)

The Crystal City Citizens Review Council, established by Arlington County, began meeting in April 2011. A second meeting occurred on June 1st. A site has been set up for the CCCRC. The Plan, plus other materials, can be found at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Commissions/CrystalCityCRC/page81058.aspx>.

At this point, the Council has reviewed the committee charge (comments by Mary Hynes) and received a high level summary of the Plan. In June, Dennis Leach provided an overview of the transportation components, the open space plan was reviewed and Vornado updated the Council on current

development plans (site plans for two structures are currently underway).

ARCA representatives are currently working to define metrics that should be implemented and evaluated on an on-going basis ensuring that impacts to our community are understood and effectively evaluated with particular focus on traffic (minimize cut-through), environmental (walkability & air quality), and public services (schools, libraries, community centers, urgent care, etc). Our work will continue through the summer and recommended metrics will be presented to the Council.

Virtual Newsletter and "Neighbors Speak" come to the ARCA website

Do you feel this newsletter is too short or skimpy on details? Limiting the pages in the printed newsletter and using our resources efficiently has been our goal. We invite you to visit the website where we have added two new sections. Virtual Newsletter is a collector for all web references in the print edition plus the full body of any articles edited for print. "Neighbors Speak" allows us to share thoughts and opinions. The goal is to get more folks interested in reading the website, and to have a way for people to comment and have a discussion online in the future.

Our first set of articles in "Neighbor's Speak" focused on the Phased Development Site Plan Process with particular emphasis on the newly submitted Pen Place Proposal:

- Focus on Pen Place by Joan Quinn
- Pen Place Proposals Flout Precedents by Don Clarke
- PDSP Archival Info—Special Edition by Dick Herbst

Please take a moment to visit the expanded www.arcaonline.org

SUPPORT ARCA-- DUES ENVELOPS ENCLOSED

Help Revitalize ARCA!! Paying dues is a way to support and protect your neighborhood. Please consider paying dues, and also please consider participating in an ARCA volunteer activity and attending ARCA membership meetings.

Arlington Public Schools (APS) Overcrowding

APS projects new school buildings and/or additions are needed to handle increased enrollment throughout the school system. APS staff asked PTAs for their opinion on ways to increase capacity as input for 2012 Capital Improvement Plan. After meetings in May/June and considering responses to the APS online questionnaire, the Oakridge PTA stated they would not support the permanent addition of 8-10 classrooms at our school. The community didn't support the concept of Oakridge becoming a "mega school". Oakridge capacity (550-581) is just below the county's preferred school size of 600. Current enrolment is 630; permanent additions that result in a larger population will strain our current infrastructure and have detrimental, long-term effects on our neighborhood. The community also overwhelmingly rejected the idea of increasing class sizes by 1-2 students because this type of increase puts a disproportionate burden on already large/overcrowded schools while some schools are still well below capacity. The complete response to the APS questionnaire can be read at www.arcaonline.org. For more information on Oakridge or our community's response to school crowding, please contact Molly Watson mollyswatson@gmail.com

ARCA MEETINGS

♦ 21 Jul, 7 pm – ARCA bimonthly meeting at Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 S. 18th Street, Arlington VA.
Agenda:

- 7:00 pm: Opening Remarks
- 7:15 pm: Nominating Committee Report
- 7:50 pm: PEG
- 8:10 pm: ZOCO
- 8:15 pm: Crystal City Citizens Review Council
- 8:20 pm: Pentagon City/PenPlace
- 8:30 pm: Open Floor

♦ 15 Sep, 7 pm – ARCA bimonthly meeting at Aurora Hills Community Center

Please email your phone number/email address to arcaneighbor@gmail.com for our membership records & ARCA notifications. For bulletins of neighborhood interest, request to join: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/4D-A/>. The group is administered by Alice Andors

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 14 Jul, 7-9:30 pm – Arlington County Zoning: CC Block Plans /CC Zoning District (Implementation of the CC Plan) 2100 Clarendon Blvd Room 710a
- 18 Jul – New Post Office to open at 1301 S. Fern St.
- 20 Jul 7-9:30pm – PenPlace Long Range Planning Committee meeting 2100 Clarendon Blvd Room 311
- 26 Jul 7-9:30 pm – Arlington County Zoning: CC Block Plans/CC Zoning Amendment 2100 Clarendon Blvd Room 311
- 27 Jul 7-8pm – Quarterly 2nd District Police Meeting, Our Lady of Lourdes Community Room
- 10-14 Aug – Arlington County Fair at Thomas Jefferson Community Center
- 16 Aug, 5-8 pm – VDOT Public Hearing (widening of ramp at I-395/Eads) at Arlington County Central Library

Check www.arcaonline.org for updated event details.

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We would love to hear from you!

Please send comments and questions on the contents of this newsletter to ARCAnighbor@gmail.com