

ARCA Membership Meeting Minutes
July 16 2009
Aurora Hills Community Center

Chick Walter convened the meeting at 7:00pm . Following is a summary to the topics covered:

1. Welcome/Opening Statement—Chick provided a summary of the revitalization effort that has been undertaken over the last 9 months. He noted that those efforts are beginning to pay off as seen by an increase neighbor involvement as well as approval from the county of improvements (cross walks, lights) in the neighborhood
2. Proposed Bylaw Modification Review/Approval—Kit Whitely reviewed the three proposed modifications a) Adding a second VP b) deleting requirement for 3 elected executive committee members c) changing the meeting schedule from monthly to bi-monthly. The target is to meet on alternating months starting in January with July as a social event. The October Joint Candidate Night with ARCA will also be held. The modifications were approved by a membership vote and the bylaws will be updated accordingly. A summary of other proposed by-laws modifications will be posted on the website
3. Officer Election—The Slate of Officers for the Sept 2009 to Sept 2010 term was presented and approved by a membership vote
President –Chick Walter
Vice President-Jeff Orner
Vice President-Andrew Smith
Treasurer—Chuck McFadden
Secretary—Kit Whitely
4. Website Introduction—The new ARCA website (www.arcaonline.org) was introduced. The intent is to use this site as a vehicle to facilitate communications within ARCA. Currently it is focused on near term actions (traffic, Crystal City Development etc) and meetings (agenda, minutes, action items) but is continuing to be expanded to include calendar, history, and financial info with the goal of providing a central repository for all ARCA information. A question about the process to communicate questions or provide feedback on the site was posed. At this time the arcneighbor@gmail address should be used for neighbor feedback until procedures are finalized for website management.
5. Status Updates
 - a. Traffic—Andrea Walker reviewed the current ARCA request to the county recommending improvements on Ridge Road and 23rd street for expenditure of \$170K of developer set aside funds. These will include 2 more speed displays on Ridge as well as additional pedestrian bollards. The letter to the county is in final draft and will be cosigned by AHCA. Andrea expressed concern about the

continued speeding of buses on Ridge Road though no infractions had been detected during the period that the county was monitoring the road. Additional concerns were raised by the membership including dump trucks parked beside Gunston, dangerous intersection at Lange and Ridge Road and the Stop/Yield area at the exit from I-395.

- b. Membership—Patty Joyce gave a quick recap of membership activities. Dues envelopes were sent out in this month’s newsletter with the hope of increasing paying membership. She continued to encourage the membership to “get involved”. She stated that her next focus will be on “defining the community” and she will start by documenting the history of ARCA.
- c. Budget—No changes were reported to the budget and clarification was made that it is a CY budget. The 2009 budget will be posted on the website
- d. NC Plan/Neighborhood Survey—Michael Reamy stated that the survey was nearing completion and would be distributed to the community in the near future. He also noted that a new procedure had been established in NC Plan process for traffic calming measures. The made up 70% of the requests so there will be additional steps required for approval
- e. Crystal City Long Range Planning—Chris Mailander reviewed the current status of the county’s efforts. He explained that the LRPC had duly noted the concerns of the neighborhood associations regarding unidentified impacts (infrastructure, traffic, access, environmental etc) and had directed that a Chapter 4 be added to document to include “humanizing” aspects of the plan. He continued by explaining that a joint working group with AHCA and Crystal City had been formed with purpose of coordinating our efforts and that this team had taken on the task of crafting a joint input to Chapter 4. He thanked everyone who was assisting with the efforts and explained the individual submissions were being incorporated into a consolidated document. This draft will be submitted to the working group for internal review ASAP.
He went on to explain that the LRPC process is slowing a bit. The reasons for the slowing pace are several, including the fact that the additional new chapter on ‘community’ is being added as well as the previously planned chapter pertaining to implementation of the Vision Plan which has not yet been provided by the County. The document is 137 pages, will grow to somewhere around 200 pages, and the LRPC review is only at page 65. The original ARCA plan was to have our input to the County before the July 30th LRPC meeting in anticipation that the focus of that meeting would be on this new chapter on community but that expectation is sliding. This delay should not impact the review by the county as they are most likely to add several more review meetings to their schedule.

Finally, ARCA will have a small group meeting with the County transportation staff in August to review studies, assumptions, and planning models. Links to the

transportation study and the latest LRPC status will be provided under the CC revitalization section of the ARCA website.

There was discussion from the membership on the best way for us to ensure that our voices are heard regarding this development effort. It was clarified that activity with LRPC was only one venue for advocacy and should not preclude other individual or group initiatives.

Chris closed by stating that he was encouraged by the progress he was seeing—the accommodations that the county was making toward the community by including us at the table as well as creating an additional document section for our issues. He encouraged the membership to continue to stay actively engaged in the process.

6. Chick adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

Action Items

Action Item #	Action	Due Date	Actionee	Status
0716091	Update the bylaws with approved changes and post on website	7/23/09	K. Whitely	Complete; Updated on Website
0716092	Prepare processes for website management to include feedback provisions	8/16//09	K. Whitely/C. King/S.	In process; to report progress at Aug 13 Exec Meeting
07160903	Obtain permission from A. Fusarelli to post the Crystal City Traffic study on the ARCA website	07/23/09	C. Mailander	Complete; link posted to ARCA website
07160904	Disseminate the updated Crystal City LRPC schedule to the community	07/23/09	C. Mailander	Complete: link to the Arlington LRPC web posted to ARCA site