



ARLINGTON RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Membership Meeting Minutes July 21 2011

1) Opening Remarks: Chick Walter, ARCA President, opened the meeting at 7:00pm. He provided status of some ongoing activities:

- Neighborhood Conservation Plan -- survey data analysis is underway
- New improved bollards ordered by the county will be tested on 19th/20th streets
- Crosswalk/modified curbing to be installed across S. Joyce Street to Pentagon Row
- ARCA/AHCA submitted requests for the 2011 Tree Canopy Program.

Kit Whitely, ARCA Secretary, reviewed some admin updates

- P.O. move from Eads to 1301 S. Fern
- ARCA's new mailing address—P.O. Box 2443 22202-0443
- Volunteers needed for newsletter routes
- Dues envelopes included in this month's newsletter
- 27 July Quarterly Police Meeting
- Oct candidate's night

2) Nominating Committee Report: Bud Wood represented the Nominating Committee and announced the slate for the 2011-2012 Executive Board. He reported that the slate was developed as the result of a 6 week effort by the Nominating Committee. They conducted a broad-reaching search to find eligible candidates (adult property owners within ARCA boundaries) whose experience and knowledge, coupled with the time and desire to represent all interests in the neighborhood, will help to ensure all our neighbors concerns are heard and will help move ARCA forward in the year to come. Because the Committee concluded that a thriving and responsive neighborhood association requires the shared responsibility and expansive participation of neighbors, this slate represents additions to the current ARCA board to include 2 additional VPs, a Communications officer, and 2 ADHOC members representing the issues of Zoning & Development and Transportation. He then presented a short bio of each candidate (see www.arcaonline.org) and introduced each candidate who was in attendance.

Bud then proposed a motion to approve the following change to the bylaws required to authorize the Nominating Committee to expand the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Nominating Procedure. A nominating committee of at least three (3) regular members shall be elected prior to the May meeting for the purpose of preparing a slate of officers ~~(one nomination for each office)~~ and . In addition, the committee shall review the Association commitments and propose the number of VPs required and whether there is a need to fill AD HOC positions to ensure pressing neighborhood issues are adequately represented. . The committee shall make its report at the May meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be in order at the May meeting.

The discussion then focused on whether the modifications had been sent out the required 5 days before the meeting and concern that the proposed modifications did not reflect the

entire scope of the proposed changes to the Executive Board. Prior to the vote, the secretary was asked if there would be a verification of voter eligibility. She stated all adult property owners within the ARCA boundaries were eligible and that we would trust our neighbors to comply with that requirement. The vote was then taken and disapproved (26-20) --2/3rd majority required for bylaws vote. A second motion was made by Aleks Zelenovic "*Motion to form committee to propose changes to the by-laws, by September to support expansion of positions on ARCAs expanded slate*". This motion was passed 20-14. A by-laws committee will be formed by Chick Walter and will report their proposed bylaws updates in time to support the September newsletter schedule (NLT 2 Sept).

3) Call for Nominations from the Floor

As required by bylaws, a call was made for nominations from the floor for ARCA Executive Board. In addition to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee, a single nomination was made from the floor-- Dan Troutman for president of ARCA. Dan, who was present, accepted this nomination. Chick Walter requested that Dan forward evidence of his ownership of property within ARCA boundaries to validate his eligibility for office.

4) Park Enhancements Grant: Bonnie Flynn reviewed the three grants submitted by ARCA members:

- Liriope in place of grass at 395/Ridge
- Safety enhancements at Ft Scott Park
- Improvements to Prospect Hill Park.

Membership approved \$450.00 to be used to supplement county money for the liriope replacement as well as \$450.00 to continue the grass cutting through this year (see attached).

5) Development Updates

- **ZOCO Crystal City** Arthur Fox reported that the focus of the last meeting was on establishing zoning process options to help ensure consistent adherence to the goals for the CC development. Whereas the CC Sector Plan envisions planning on block-by-block basis, actual development will more likely occur on a site-by site basis. Arthur recommended that the County should proceed in measured phases, reserving maximum leverage to make adjustments over time to ensure the "urban community village" objective of the plan is realized. Particular emphasis should be placed on availability of comprehensive retail, personal services, entertainment, schools, public safety, etc. to fulfill residents' needs from within CC, and to avoid or abate any negative impacts on the neighboring communities to the west. Link follows to meeting summary <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/Commissions/plancom/2011/file82492.pdfwwwb>

- **CCCRC**—Katie Buck reported the CCCRC will meet again in Sept but they are currently working to an 8 August deadline for submittal of proposed tracking metrics. The ARCA team is focusing on the areas of traffic (flow, monitoring), services (schools, safety) and environmental (noise, particulants), will continue to refine and will be asking for community input prior to submission to the CCCRC Co-Chairs.

c) Pentagon City Pen Place—Don Clarke (LRPC rep) reviewed the purpose of the LRPC, its relation to the Planning Commission and its proceedings thus far as they effect the PEN Place (Parcel 1D) proposal. He explained LRPC was working to develop a new set of guiding principles, which will then be used to evaluate the proposal. ARCA reps are concerned that this principles are being unfairly slanted towards enabling the development of additional office density not currently allowed. Don articulated that ARCA supports the **original** plan for Pentagon City, which does **not** allow for any more additional office development.

6) Open Floor. One neighbor noted that this was the first time in his memory that ARCA would be holding a contested election for President. He expressed concern that this might prove a distraction to the community.

7) Closing Remarks: Chick stated there were no closing remarks and meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00pm. Next meeting is scheduled for September 15, 2011.

Attachment

Park Enhancement Grants:

Competitive program sponsored by the Arlington County Park and Recreation Commission which results in grants of up to \$15,000 for park projects that are sponsored by county citizens. Grant applications are reviewed and approved by the Park and Recreation Commission and, ultimately, the County Board. The program:

- Enables Arlington citizens to initiate small capital improvement and beautification projects for Arlington's parks and recreation facilities in their neighborhoods;
- Encourages community support for public parks; and
- Streamlines these improvements to be completed without going through the normal County budget process.

Proposed Park Enhancement Grant Projects:

Fort Scott Park: Add safety enhancements (boulders, bollards) on the hill descending the park to serve as a barrier for any cars that broach the curb and help preclude future tragic accidents. In October 2009, a neighbor was killed on Fort Scott Drive when the driver of a vehicle engaged in a driving lesson in the parking lot breached the curb and crossed Ft. Scott Drive – stopped when it hit a home. Several incidents since they have raised safety concerns including parking lessons and using the parking lot for car maintenance. *POC: Kit Whitely ARCA* *If you are willing to assist, please contact Kit at kitwhitely@comcast.net*

I395/Ridge Road – Replace the existing grass on the right when exiting I395 onto Ridge Road with lirioppe. Replacing the grass with lirioppe would not only reduce the need for mowing at a cost to ARCA of \$450 per year, it would also be good for the environment, reducing the amount of fertilizers and other chemicals going into the local sewer and drainage systems. It would also result in a significant reduction in yard waste as lirioppe only needs to be cut once a year. This garden area which is one of the primary entrances to our community was created by Friends of Hume School, with the assistance of Arlington County. The area is maintained by Friends of Hume School and ARCA volunteers. *POC: Bonnie Flynn ARCA*

Prospect Hill Park: Create a safer and more beautiful destination to anchor Arlington Ridge Road through landscaping for both civic and safety purposes. The project would plant native trees and shrubs to reduce road noise from I-395 and attract pollinators. It also includes rearranging park signage, improving park down lighting, and trimming trees to increase safety and improve views of the Air Force Memorial.

POC: Adam Kutcher, Pentagon Ridge Condominium Association

Key Events:

June 30, 2011 – Letters of Intent due to County (complete) *Note: 14 received*

July 28, 2011 - Orientation Workshop

July-August 2011 – Meet with assigned Commissioner

August 26, 2011 – Draft Applications Due

October 14, 2011 – Final Applications Due

October 25, 2011 – Briefings to Park and Recreation Commission

January 2012 – Commission Recommendations briefed to County Board at regular January board meeting

Request motions for the following:

1 – A contribution of \$450 (2012 funds) for the renovation of I395/Ridge Intersection as a contribution to the Park Enhancement Grant. *NOTE: When we were successful in obtaining 2 PEGs in 2007*

(for the walkway and planting the top of Hume Hill), the county never collected the \$1000 ARCA committed so it “may” remain in the ARCA Treasury. Needed as a sign of good faith/ARCA commitment to the project.

2 - \$450 for mowing for this calendar year (2011 funds).

ARCA PEGs approved in 2007:

- 1) \$5,644 to replace the asphalt path at Hume School
- 2) \$3,600 for beautification efforts at Hume School