



ARLINGTON RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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Membership Meeting Minutes Sept 15 2011

1) Opening Remarks: Chick Walter, ARCA President, opened the meeting. He stated that approving bylaws changes and electing the 2011/2012 slate was the main focus on this session.

2) Administrative Updates: Kit Whitely, ARCA Secretary, reported:

- \$4680 in dues to date-- 212 homes, 338 members
- 480 addresses on the arcanighbor listserve,
- 215 property owners forgo paper newsletters for electronic only
- Electronic delivery now expanded to Horizon House, Ridge House, Representative, Pentagon Ridge Condos, churches, County Board and 2nd district police
- Calendar Updates:
 - Oct 12 7pm -Candidates Night—joint meeting with AHCA—questions to be Developed for candidates in advance and will also be taken from the floor
 - Oct 22 4pm Boo Haa—Community Center
 - Oct 29 3-5pm Halloween Parade—Oct 29 3-5pm

2) Bylaws Revision Committee Report—John Quinn, Bylaws Revision Committee chair, began his remarks by reviewing the charter of the committee. Authorized at the 15 July 2011 membership meeting, its charter was to “....to propose changes to the by-laws, by September, to support expansion of positions on ARCA’s expanded slate.” The committee met during August and submitted its report Sept 2. John reported the committee had agreed by majority vote to submit the attached resolution for adoption by membership to include two additional VPs along with four additional positions to be determined on an annual basis by membership vote. He also noted the committee proposed a comprehensive review of the by-laws be conducted ASAP and offered some draft language for consideration. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes. Motion approved 59-4. John then explained a second motion was required to waive the requirement that the additional four positions be presented 2 months prior to membership vote. That motion was also seconded and approved 59-4. Updated bylaws can be reviewed at <http://www.arcaonline.org>

3) Nominating Committee Report/Election of 2011/2012 Officers: Bud Wood represented the Nominating Committee and presented a motion to elect the slate presented at the 15 July meeting with the exception of Dan Troutman and Natasha Pinol who asked that their names be removed from consideration. Chick Walter moved that the slate as now submitted be approved. That motion was seconded and was approved by unanimous vote. Bud then introduced Scott Wierzbanski as the new candidate for External VP and asked that his name be accepted for election on 17 Nov. Bud presented a short bio for Scott (<http://www.arcaonline.org>). Scott stated that since his family would be making Arlington Ridge their permanent home after his retirement from the USAF he wanted to get more involved in the community. He looks forward to representing ARCA as External VP. Bud asked for community concurrence on Scott’s nomination and it was granted unanimously. There was then a call made for nominations from the floor. There were none offered.

4) Recognition of New Officers: The former Executive Committee presented Chick Walter with a plaque in recognition of his many hours of dedicated service to ARCA and the neighborhood. Members of the former executive committee as well as bylaws committee were thanked for their

efforts and the new officers were congratulated on their election. All were presented with ARCA coffee mugs

5) PENPLACE-- Molly Watson, ARCA Internal VP, provided a short summary of the Pentagon City development. She stated this parcel was designated a mixed-used development with a heavy residential presence as there were concerns about both traffic and environmental impacts. The Phased Development Site Plan (PDSP) #105 describes the constraints placed on development including density and height as well as specific constraints on mixed-use allocations (i.e. office limited to 1,250,000 gfa). She then described the PENPLACE proposed configuration for Parcel 1D (NE corner of the PDSP area) as 4 office buildings (12, 18-22 stories) and 1 hotel for a total for 1.9 M sq ft of additional density. She noted all authorized office space had already been developed thus requiring a modification to the PDSP and a 22 story building in that location was inconsistent with the tapering strategy for Pentagon City (tallest building over metro and all taper from there).

Molly asked, "Why should the neighborhood care". She explained that the additional 2250 additional parking spaces could result in 4500 additional car trips per day and the office buildings would not contribute to the "vibrant community" as this area will "go dark" after business hours.

Molly then described that in advance of a full proposal review, the county had chartered the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) to revisit the goals from the original PDSP and propose any updates deemed appropriate for 2011. These new "guiding principles" would then be used by the Site Plan Review Committee to assess the proposal. LRPC met 5 times during 2011 and ARCA representatives attended all sessions. The "final" version of the guiding principles presented at the last 1 Aug session, did not address many of the comments made by the community representatives during the process. This set of guiding principles (with potential updates from last session which have not been made available) are now scheduled to go to a joint working session of the County Board and Planning Commission for adoption in early Nov.

Molly noted it was very likely that if these guiding principles are adopted, the development would result in 4 blocks that doesn't contribute to the community and seems to defy principles of smart growth. The end product does not seem to meet the original goals nor does it address the original concerns about traffic and environment. Could this be another Mark Center?

Molly stated ARCA would request that the community have another opportunity for input into the process by conducting one more LRPC session prior to adoption of the Guiding Principles. The goal would be to adjudicate all unincorporated community comment and update the guiding principles accordingly.

Several members reiterated that the current proposal violates constraints of the current PDSP and thus the rights it conveys particularly to the community.

6) Open Floor. -No comments

7) Closing Remarks: Katie Buck, newly elected ARCA president, expressed to membership the new team's intention to establish a good working relationship with the county as they take forward the issues and concerns of our community. That goal, along with our role in CCCRC, should help contribute to the future economic health of the county as the same time providing protection to our individual homeowners property. Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2011.

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REPORT OF THE BYLAWS REVISION COMMITTEE
September 1, 2011

At the July, 2011, ARCA membership meeting a motion was made, and adopted by a vote of 20-14, “to form a committee to propose changes to the by-laws, by September, to support expansion of positions on ARCA’s expanded slate.”

Accordingly, the incumbent Executive Committee appointed four ARCA members, John Quinn, Chairman, Bud Wood, Aleks Zelenovic and Arthur Fox, to serve on this Bylaws Revision Committee to carry out the foregoing membership resolution.

The Committee met on two successive Sunday afternoons and engaged in very frank, far reaching, and constructive discussions. They exchanged, critiqued and refined various draft bylaws revisions. While Aleks Zelenovic did not vote in favor of the final draft, the other three Committee members did vote in favor, thereby agreeing by majority vote on August 30, 2011, to submit the following Resolution to the membership at its next meeting, currently scheduled for September 15, 2011, with a recommendation that it be adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 1, of the Bylaws shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall be elected from the regular membership and shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee shall consist of the above-named officers and, upon election by the membership of the Association, up to four additional persons whose duties shall be assigned by the membership. The precise number of additional members of the Executive Committee, if any, shall be determined from year to year by the membership of the Association, at a regular meeting of the Association held no less than approximately two months before the annual election of officers, depending on the amount of work to be done by the additional members of the Executive Committee during the ensuing year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Article IX, Section 2, of the Bylaws of the Association shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. Vice Presidents. The four Vice Presidents shall, respectively, perform such specific duties, roles and responsibilities, as the President shall, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, assign to the individual Vice Presidents, taking into account the amount of time any particular Vice President is willing and able to devote to the Association’s affairs, the skills and capabilities of the respective Vice Presidents, and the anticipated level of effort required from year to year in order responsibly to fulfill the duties of office. In the absence of the President, or in the event of a vacancy in that office during the course of the term, the Vice Presidents shall, in the order determined from year to year by the President, and confirmed both

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by the Executive Committee and membership, either temporarily perform the duties of the President or succeed to the office of President.

During their discussions, all members of the Revision Committee unanimously agreed that while their mandate was limited to supporting the expansion of positions on ARCA's expanded slate, ARCA's existing Bylaws are in need of careful review and, potentially, comprehensive revision, a project they would, and do hereby, recommend that the incoming Executive Committee undertake promptly. In particular, it was agreed that ARCA's mission should be more fully set forth and that the Executive Committee should be made jointly responsible for carrying out that mission or set of objectives. In that connection, the following draft language was proposed, and it was agreed that it should be included in this Report for future discussion:

The Association and/or its Executive Committee collectively shall:

(1) proactively keep informed about County and regional policies and proposed changes thereto that affect the Association's neighborhood and its environs; report such matters to the members; and provide leadership with respect to the Association's response to such policies and proposed changes thereto, which response shall be consistent with the goals of preserving and improving the Association's Neighborhood Conservation Plan, the beautification of common areas and parkland within the neighborhood, protecting and preserving the neighborhood's environment, including its air and water quality and its aesthetic appeal; and protecting and, subject to the goal of protecting and preserving the neighborhood's environment, including its air and water quality and its aesthetic appeal, promoting the social and economic diversity and sustainability of the neighborhood;

(2) provide leadership with respect to working and coordinating with the Aurora Highlands Civic Association and the Arlington Civic Federation the Association's approach to the County and any other decision-making body with respect to the policies or proposed changes thereto referenced in (1) above;

(3) nurture and recruit active members of the Association, keeping in mind the interests of both particular segments of the Association's neighborhood as well as of the entire neighborhood, and the possible diverse perspectives on how such interests shall be asserted and honored; and

(4) energetically act, to execute and improve the Association's Neighborhood Conservation Plan; to deal with traffic issues as they arise; to support neighborhood public schools; to promote beautification of common areas and parkland within the neighborhood; to protect and preserve the environment, including its air and water quality and the aesthetic appeal of the neighborhood; and, subject to the goal of protecting and preserving the neighborhood's environment, including its air and water quality and its aesthetic appeal, to protect and promote the economic and social diversity and sustainability of the neighborhood.

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Respectfully submitted,

John Quinn, Chairman

Bud Wood

Aleks Zelenovic

Arthur Fox