



**ARLINGTON RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
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ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA 22202**

Membership Meeting Minutes Sept 16 2010

1) Opening Remarks: Chick Walter, ARCA President, opened the meeting at 7:00pm. He spoke briefly about the upcoming Candidates' Night on Oct 13 and noted that all candidates for County Board and School Board were scheduled to attend. He also thanked the newsletter carriers for their patience this month as the newsletters had been delayed.

2) Guest Speaker: Betty Diggs, Capital Projects Management Coordinator
Arlington County Transportation Division was in attendance to discuss the project at Ridge/23rd/Oakridge. Betty introduced herself and stated she had been a planner in Arlington for 30 years. She reviewed the 15% design noting that she had attempted to capture the comments from the previous meetings. She said part of the challenge had been to create the design within the budget but she had been successful in finding additional money for the stoplight at Oakcrest Road and additional sidewalks (\$40 K from Arlington Walk program) and she believed that now there were sufficient funds to complete the effort.

The design would include a single pole stoplight at Oakcrest Road. "T" configuration for Meade St, additional greenspace, shorter crosswalk, rebuilding of some driveways, an additional bike lane and handicap access at Oakcrest. Pictorial view can be seen here http://www.arcaonline.org/docs/15_Arlington_Ridge_Plan.pdf. The county will be requesting a permanent easement from the real estate office and the church to move the curb line. Sharrows will be drawn on 23rd. The schedule assumes completion of the 15% design summer 2010, 90% design summer 2011, construction fall winter 2011. She asked that any additional comments be provided to Andrea Walker by Oct 8 2010.

Several neighbors expressed frustration that feedback from previous sessions was **not**, as reported, reflected in the current design particularly the issue with driveway access at 2300 Arlington Ridge Road. Neighbors were also concerned about the sharrows in the downhill (south) lanes on Arlington Ridge road. They also requested that their concerns about completing sidewalks on 23rd street, bike lane on 23rd from Arlington Ridge to Army Navy and school zone markings for Oak Ridge be taken to Wayne Wentz for consideration.

Andrea Walker agreed to have the neighbors meet again within the next week to provide additional guidance to the county

4). Update on Crystal City Plan Approval: Kit Whitely reviewed the status of the negotiation efforts with the county on the Crystal City Sector Plan. She stated that the

myriad of concerns that the community had were consolidated into a status matrix that contained “must haves” including a comprehensive traffic monitoring program, citizen advisory committee and agreement that the plan was not final but a baseline that would be modified as needed. She reiterated that she, Mike Dowell, ARCA, and Christer Al, CC, had met with the county board (on two occasions) as well as the county manager and his staff and were continuing their negotiations. Several neighbors expressed concerns that their voices had not been heard through out the process particularly on the issues on density, building height and safe pedestrian passage over Route 1. They were doubtful that any negotiation with the county would be positive for the neighborhood. Ms. Whitely asked if her effort should continue and consensus was given, with reservation.

5) Closing Remarks: Chick noted that the time for comments on Crystal City was past and that our efforts now should be to work with the county to finalize the requests contained in the status matrix. With that, ARCA would support approval of the plan. Next meeting is scheduled for Nov 18 2010. Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

