



**ARLINGTON RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**September 17 2009**

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

1. Welcome/Opening Statement—Chick welcomed the group and stated the past officer recognition ceremony would be delayed until the November meeting as many of the officers were unavailable.

2. Emerging Issues—Aurora Hills Library

There is rising concern about degradation in library services due to some recent “directed” personal shifts. There is a sense that we are losing premier staff to other libraries and this is just a step along the path to centralize the library functions in Arlington County. Four of the five library personnel have been moved in the past two weeks including the manager and the children’s librarian position has been downgraded to a part time (20 hour vice current 40 hour). Neil Philips, the new manager, has previous experience at AH but so much change in personnel over such a short period with no time for turnover may have a negative effect on our library. ARCA will continue to monitor the situation and report to the membership at the November meeting

3. Recent Accomplishments

- Crystal City--Chris Mailander reported that four more LRPC meetings have been scheduled for Sept/Oct. No feedback has been received from the planning staff regarding ARCA/AHCA comments but the hope is that our input will be factored into the two new chapters on community and implementation that are currently being developed

- Arlington Edge Development Effort—There is an Arlington-wide effort underway to develop countywide policies regarding zoning for step-down transitions from high-density developments to residential neighborhoods. ARCA is soliciting volunteers to participate in this effort.

- Traffic--We have received unofficial notice that implementation of the improvements requested in our July 30 letter to the county (Dennis Leach) is being held up as a result of the additional traffic recommendation made in the CC comments and recommendations document. Efforts are underway to determine current status

- County Manager--Selection of a new county manager is underway and the group was asked if they were interested in submitting a letter to the county detailing ARCA recommendations for selection criteria. It was decided that in lieu of a letter, an email would be sent to the ARCA listserv making the neighborhood aware of the ongoing selection process and directing them to the county-developed survey. Link to the survey has been posted on the ARCA site.

••Website-- Since August 15, 128 people have visited the site. They viewed an average of 2.2 pages and spent an average of 1 minute and 45 seconds viewing the site. The most-visited page is the About Us page. If you search for “Arlington Ridge Civic Association” in Google, we are number 4 on the list. The best way to raise that is to have other sites link to our website. So if anyone has a blog or knows about a website that should link to the ARCA website, please post a link!

NC Survey—Survey is being finalized. Efforts are being made to streamline it and the goal is to still us the website to solicit input. Survey Monkey (survey tool) is being assessed for its utility

4. Open Floor—It was recommended that the newsletter and website should focus on recent accomplishments across the community. Will revisit website format and membership meeting agenda to accomplish this goal.

5. Chick adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm

Action Items

Action Item #	Action	Due Date	Actionee	Status
09170901	Make several additions to the newsletter 1) add website address prominently on front page 2) Include time of meeting, 3) focus on recent accomplishments	11/19/09	S. Sonali	In process; To be included in next newsletter
09170902	Prepare processes for website) management to include feedback provisions	09/20//09	K. Whitely	Complete; email sent 9/20 and website updated