

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE ARLINGTON RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
17 NOVEMBER 2011**

The meeting was attended by approximately 23 members and began at 7.10pm. ARCA Officers and Directors attending included Katie Buck, Scott McCoy, Patty Joyce, Molly Watson, Arthur Fox, Susan English, Nancy Swain, Scott Wierzbowski, and Chick Walter.

1. **Opening Remarks** – Ms. Buck began the meeting with a discussion of the agenda for the meeting and noted that this is the first membership meeting of the new, expanded ARCA board. Ms. Buck continued with a summary of ARCA updates, including the Pen Place-related initiatives, the results of the ARCA member survey showing traffic management as the top issue for members, the Crystal City Citizens Review Council, the sign ordinance, big box zoning, park enhancement grants, the by-laws review, and the neighborhood conservation plan.
2. **Calendar** – Mr. McCoy noted upcoming events on the ARCA calendar and explained that ARCA membership meetings are held on the third Thursday of every other month.
3. **Membership Vote on Additional Vice President** – Ms. Joyce made a motion, with a explanatory introduction, for the election of Scott Wierzbowski as a Vice President of ARCA. The motion was seconded and a vote was held. All members present voted in favor of the motion and Mr. Wierzbowski was elected to the position.
4. **By-laws Committee** – Mr. McCoy announced that Ms. Buck has asked him and Paul Hammer, Brian Cowan, and John Quinn to form a committee to review further revisions to the associations by-laws. A motion to form the committee was introduced by member Kit Whitely, seconded, and all members present voted in favor of the motion to establish the By-laws committee. The results of the committee’s review are expected to be presented to the membership at the next ARCA membership meeting in January.
5. **Internal Affairs Update** – Ms. Joyce explained efforts to create a Volunteer Village in the Arlington Ridge area as a citizens group to aid those in the area who are older and who have limited mobility and other age-related needs and noted that Andrea Walker is the ARCA member working on this effort. She further summarized efforts to restart the Arlington Ridge neighborhood conservation plan.

6. **PenPlace Update** – Ms. Watson gave an extended status report on the proposed PenPlace development in Pentagon City. She summarized the issues at play, including the fact that the parcel slated for PenPlace is the last undeveloped land in Pentagon City, why the current proposal is outside the original Pentagon City development plan, how the Long Range Planning Commission (LRPC) appears to have neglected key parts of its review, and how ARCA has tried to encourage the county board and LRPC to study the impacts of the current development. She also explained that, while the county has stated that they will extract “extraordinary community benefits” from the PenPlace developer, Vornado, it remains to be seen what these will be and whether they would be worth the negative impacts of the new buildings.
7. **June Street Extension** – ARCA member Jeff Luchsinger informed meeting attendees of proposed plans to extend June Street north from its current terminus off S. Ridge Road in the southern part of the neighborhood. A landowner has proposed subdividing a large lot in order to construct several new houses in an area currently inaccessible by car. The proposed extension of June would involve removing the current park-like path between June and Oakcrest Park (a former gravel quarry) and replacing it with a drivable street. Mr. Luchsinger and others at the meeting are opposed to the plan and will continue to work with the County on exploring options to find resolution. At this time, ARCA support is not requested.
8. **Park Enhancement Grants (PEG)** – Kit Whitely noted that ARCA has received PEGs worth approximately \$150k and which can be used to improve area parks according to the proposals submitted to the county, particularly the improvement of Fort Scott and Prospect Parks.
9. **Adjournment** – Ms. Buck thanked those present for attending and concluded the meeting at 8.24pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott McCoy,
Secretary