

Williamsburg Civic Association (WCA)
Minutes of General Membership Meeting
April 14, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:35 pm in Media Room of Nottingham Elementary School

In Attendance

Sonia McCormick - President
Ruth Shearer - Vice President
Jim Lunson - Secretary
Jim Toronto - Treasurer
Paul Cullen - NCAC Representative

General Membership -17 people

Minutes of January 28, 2011 meeting were distributed, moved, seconded and accepted.

Treasurers Report:

Jim Toronto reported that the Association currently has \$580.28 in the bank account.
Sonia McCormick reported \$355.00 is due in ad revenue from the latest newsletter.
Jim Toronto reported that the current newsletter just distributed cost \$627.00 to print.
This sum then leaves the Association with approximately \$318.00 balance, which should be enough to print the next newsletter (current newsletter contained additional pages).

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ITEMS:

O'Connell Athletic Field Lighting

John Seymour reported that O'Connell has decided to challenge the County Board's decision on their request. This challenge will be based on the idea that the Board acted in a capricious manner and not in accordance with existing laws. Seymour expects this move will not prevail, but the issue will continue. O'Connell can reapply in one year.

In the meantime, a subgroup has been established to work on preparing a new ordinance on guidelines on light spillage onto adjacent properties. Currently there are no rules on this issue in Arlington, but other jurisdictions do have guidelines established.

East Falls Church Metro Development Plan

There was a power point presentation by Richard Tucker, Senior Planner of the Arlington County Planning Department, on the final proposal for development of the area surrounding the East Falls Church Metro Station. He indicated this issue has been studied for the past four years.

The presentation included handouts:

1. The power point presentation that he presented to the association
2. The Research and Analysis Report dated 9/28/10
3. The Response to 50 questions that have been raised at meetings on the issue.

The plan is to be presented before the county Board on Saturday, April 16, 2011 and all citizens are welcome to attend, listen and speak as they wish.

There was a discussion by Association members with Richard Tucker about the plan:

1. Methods and Reasoning behind the plan: The Arlington-East Falls Church Civic Association wanted development in the area, and the plan is a way to get this input into a master guideline so any development is coordinated with surrounding properties and not just done piecemeal and by individual properties.

2. There will be further traffic studies on the area, including surrounding side streets that have not been evaluated at this time.

Traffic Safety Committee

Report from Ruth Shearer that the committee is looking for 3-4 volunteers to add to the committee. The first job will be to review the surveys and summarize the results.

The survey included in the newsletter and on the website has resulted in about 50 responses so far. More are expected.

The committee is also going to explore different funding sources when the legitimate concerns that need addressing have been identified from the survey.

Conservation Plan

Paul Cullen described the process where \$3-6 million is included in bond approvals every several years for work of this type. Each civic association can put forth a list of items they wish to have funded. Items are selected as funds are available and the need is established.

The Civic Association's current item for inclusion is the installation of a curbed median in the center of Sycamore Street from 26th Street to the traffic circle at Williamsburg Blvd. This item is on the list from the previous conservation plan (2001), later updated (2006), and is currently up for consideration by the county. If the association were to select a new project, it would be placed at the back of the list and the current place in line would be forfeited.

For this item to move forward, Paul asked for a volunteer to be a project captain for the project. The captain's job would be to solicit approval from 60% of the frontage land owners along the affected route. Once this approval is done, the county will then proceed with design of the project. A final survey of owners of the finished plan would be done by the County prior to any implementation. The job captain does not have to reside on Sycamore Street, but it would be best if this person did live on the affected street. Several members said they would ask those they know on the street if they would volunteer.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Jim Lunson, Secretary