



Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

Minutes of the March 4, 2013 meeting

Program – Arlington Boulevard and Manchester Upgrade for Pedestrian Safety –

Guest - Jeremy Watson Project Management Coordinator for the Arlington County Division of Transportation

Mr Watson describe in detail the current state of the upgrades planned. These include the upgrading of the traffic signals, which is phase one and will be finished this spring; moving the bus stops on both sides of Arlington Blvd to be after the intersection; putting sidewalks to the bus stops and providing street lighting; including a bus shelter for eastbound riders; providing for small pedestrian refuges in the median strip of Arlington Blvd; and including curb cutouts for all of eight striped pedestrian walkways. The design should be done this summer with construction and striping beginning next winter. Contact Jeremy Watson - JRwatson@arlingtonva.us 703-228-1861.

There were a number of questions and concerns raised including several from last April's presentation to the GCA membership. Key ones were:

- ≡ When vehicles are on the service road facing west waiting for the light to change, the width of the service road precludes busses and most vehicles from being able to turn right onto the service road from northbound Manchester. The request is to widen the service road to allow clearance for turns. This entrance to the service road is used by ALL busses going to Kenmore. The inability to turn causes a backup along the right turn lane on Manchester and sometimes to where it is a single lane. This slows the flow on Manchester and can cause delay of a whole signal cycle for vehicles exiting the service road.
- ≡ Northbound vehicles on Manchester very frequently block the intersection when the light is red. Request inclusion of a supplementary light to ensure traffic stops before the service road. At a minimum ensure there are stop lines and signs to not block the intersection.
- ≡ Questions were raised about the mid-day timing of the traffic light for westbound Arlington Blvd turning left at Patrick Henry.

The Agenda was adopted.

Reports

Minutes of February 2013 meeting were approved with correction.

Treasurer's Report - \$11,465 residing in checking and \$7,532 in savings accounts.

Village View Article Deadline – February 8

Upcoming Events, Programs and Reminders

Next GCA Meeting - Mon April 1 - Arlington Street Car Project 7:30 PM

Spring Clean Up of Four Mile Run and Hotdog Roast– March 9, 2013 9:00 AM - noon

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday March 30, 10 am - Glencarlyn Park pavilion #2 - bottom of 3rd Street entrance.

Plant Sale - Community Garden - Sunday, May 5, 2013 10am to 3pm Rain or Shine

Glencarlyn Day – May 31 - June 1

New Business

President will be sending a letter to the School Board based on the discussions at the October 2012 meeting.

Minutes taken by Peter Olivere