



Glencarlyn Citizens' Association

Minutes of the September 8, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order by President Brian Cavey at 7:35 PM

Adoption of Agenda:

The agenda was adopted at 7:35 PM

Program: County Priorities , Streetcar Initiative and Public Space for Public Good

The Honorable Jay Fisette, Chair, Arlington County Board began his presentation with describing Arlington County's three priorities: 1) Schools; 2) affordable housing and; 3 economic competitiveness. Arlington county devotes 5% of its annual budget for housing. Surrounding counties spend less than 2%. Arlington is losing its economic competitiveness to DC and Tysons Corners. BRAC cost Arlington county 17k jobs. Arlington county spends about \$20k per student per year which greatly exceeds the surrounding counties.

He discussed the merits of the streetcar. He stated the streetcar will bring more revenues than expense to the area. If no streetcar then you can't have the density. Without density there is little growth.

Public Lands for Public Good is an initiative by the county board to identify those public lands for possible use by schools and affordable housing. Mr. Fisette stated that the intent is not to prioritize open lands over affordable housing. Arlington County added 76 acres of open space in the last 10 years. There is no Board policy that states "No net loss of public lands". Water treatment plant improvements cost \$500M and that means additional costs for water and sewer use.

Officers, Delegates and Other Reports

Minutes of the May 5, 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report - \$19,103 in checking and savings account with 87 dues paying members.

Neighborhood Conservation (NC) - Survey crews were on Illinois and 4th Streets. No NC projects are planned for those streets.

Civic Federation - The civic federation needs volunteers for committee positions .

Upcoming Events, Programs and Reminders

Village View article deadline is September 10, 2014

Fall Picnic, September 20, 2014, 4:30 - 8:00 PM. Need volunteers for this event.

Next GCA Meeting: October 6, 2014, Captain Stu Ellis, Arlington Police Department is the speaker

New Business

Arlington County Civic Federation Resolution on FAA Navigation Hazard Evaluation Change: Pete Olivere discussed the implications of the height of buildings and flights in and out of DCA.

Arlington Forest Civic Association: Ester Bowring, President. Has formed "The Arlington Parks Coalition" to address the public lands for public use initiative. Her association will pass a resolution that addresses the current initiative. GCA will discuss the public lands initiative at the OCT GCA meeting. GCA will write a letter of concern to the county board. GCA leadership will hold a mtg on Monday to discuss the use of Carlin Hall.

Volunteers needed - Fall Picnic, Halloween Party

Adjourned at 9:15 PM