

AHCA Meeting Minutes

12 January 2011

1. Call to order at 7pm.
2. Members present: 28
 - a. Pass around sign up sheet
3. September, October, November, December meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion to approve the posted meeting minutes passed.
4. Officer's reports.
 - a. Treasurer's Report (Brent) – As of 12/31 \$11,293.75 and 62 members.
 - b. 1st VP (Nick) – no reports
 - c. 2nd VP (Cory) – anything to report. Cory is looking for a webmaster and contributions to the newsletter. She announced that Maya, her daughter, took a photo of the Hume School which is a finalist for the county decal.
 - d. Secretary (Jenny) – no reports
 - e. Web Page (any web page issues): Need a new webmaster!
 - f. 2011 AHCA Organizational Meeting, 25 January Aurora Hills Community Center 7-9 pm
5. Committee reports.
 - a. Sidewalks (Bruce): By Spring 11 end of Joyce and 23rd projected to be done.
 - b. NC (Chris): (Spray park update – see special orders). Next spray park meeting is Feb 3- a design meeting with Christine and a survey of the area with infrastructure topography.
 - c. CCBID (Cheryl) - any reports. Crystal Couture and the Wine Walk reminders!
 - d. Library (Cheryl) – On Monday Jan. 10 members of the AHCA met with Zimmerman and the Board to talk about the future of the AH Library and Community Center. County Manager, Deputy Co Manager, Fire Chief, head of the Library, and other senior County staff members attended what Bruce described as a “friendly” meeting. ARCA was also represented. Perspectives given all fit together very nicely – short, mid, and long-term perspectives were all discussed regarding the future of our Library and Community Center. Minor upgrades and the future were also discussed. DES is looking for suggestions on improvements, such as replacing the “bank teller” windows with a homework center or café. The idea of bringing back the volunteer staffed visitor center was brought up and the idea of bringing up volunteer interior decorators. Other history of the center and library was discussed and reminisced about.
 - e. Community Center (Mike) – Poe night on Jan 22 at the Library.
 - f. Seniors / Day care: any other reports.
 - g. Aurora Hills Facility meeting 10 Jan report (Bruce)
6. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.

- a. Four Mile Run Presentation – Neal Sigmon. Neal lives in Arlington Ridge and has been working as a volunteer on the Four Mile Run Restoration Task Force since 2000. Since Arlington has no waterfront, Four Mile Run IS our waterfront. Through an EPA grant obtained by Arlington County and the City of Alexandria they completed a master plan in 2006. Project partners include Alexandria, US Army Corps of Engineers, and NVRC. Neal and Arlington County staff Jason Papacosma displayed a map of the Tidal Corridor Restoration. They are trying to perform environmental restoration while maintaining a flood control function. Trails and overlooks will make it a more interactive waterfront. They are at 60 percent design. In 2-3 more months Jason expects to be at 90 percent final with the design. The restoration project has a \$7 million cost estimate. \$3 million has come from EPA grants requested by Congressman Moran.

Plans for a pedestrian and cyclist bridge will link South Eads Street and Commonwealth Ave. Currently the task force is negotiating with a firm on the design. There were about 40 bidders interested in the project from firms around the world.

Jan 26 7pm at Fairlington Center, there will be a larger meeting by the Four Mile Run task force. More details on the design will be available then.

- b. Landscaping update, Water Pollution Control Plant. Aaron Wohler gave an update on landscaping around the Water Pollution Control Plant. Work to install the plants will commence in Spring or early Summer and is slated for completion late fall 2011. The budget for this work is \$700 K from the County's budget. Thousands of trees and shrubs will be planted to improve the landscaping and help obscure the mechanics of the Plant.

7. Unfinished business.

- a. Pen Place LRPC meetings scheduled, 27 Jan. Mike is rep, Bruce and Nick are alternates. Bruce made a motion to write a letter to the county requesting that they honor the existing PDSP density zoning for Pen Place. (Transfer of the residential was already approved). Comment was made that we need to think about tall buildings and signage on them as billboards promoting corporations to Washington DC. Vote passed with 7 votes. Bruce will draft the letter.

- b. Actions from last month.

8. New business.

- a. Crystal City Citizen Review Council representatives: Need a representative to the C3RC, and expressions of interest to help with metric definition and benchmarking in the 2011-2012 period. Our submissions are due to the County by Friday 1/14. We already have access to data about our quality of life.

9. Calendar

- L'Arche information session 19 Jan. Maria Gillen is involved in this group which is for high functioning disabled adults.
- Poe night Jan 22
- Organizational meeting on January 25.

- a. Post Office is slated to move in March or April, according to employees of the Post Office. They will move across from Costco.
- b. b. We have an air quality monitor here and our air quality is the worst in all the monitoring stations in Virginia for particulate matter. Comment was made that in all of our dealings we need to remind the county of the burdens we are bearing.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.