

DRAFT Minutes
March 13, 2014
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Approval of January, 2014 Minutes (unanimously approved)
3. Officers and Staff Report

Approval of memorial plaque for John Bottum:

Motion to approve: Sarah McKinley. Second: Rob Swennes. Membership approves unanimously

Presentation by Bo Bloomer:

Bernie Berne – I have an issue with two NC projects, Henderson and Carlin Spring Road. Poles are in the middle of the sidewalk and the newly installed concrete is peeling off. Bo Bloomer - The construction inspectors should be out there on a regular basis. The concrete issues are throughout the county and DES is going back to plants and looking at it. Jim Todd - Will you re-build the concrete? Bo Bloomer - We will look at it and if it's our issue we will go back to it. Bill Braswell - This is an issue all through the Northern Virginia area and they are going back to the plant. Ed Hilz – It's very frustrating as a resident to communicate with DES. It seems like everything is in DES and we have a hard time reaching the right person. We could use an organization chart sent to Tim so we could have a contact info and phone number for staff in DES. Bo Bloomer- Yes, we can do that and will send one out to Tim. Natasha Pinol - Last year the County poured concrete in Fraser Park and it has the same peeling issues as well. Bo Bloomer - We have lots of contractors working throughout the county and we are looking at using GIS to see how we can get a list of all the projects in the county. I would like all residents to get the information they need. Edie Wilson - The reason we asked Jane Rudolph to come and talk about the dog park is that sometimes mistakes do get made. A new asphalt path was installed and it turned into a mud pit. All winter people have been walking in the mud. We would like to have someone admit they made a mistake and tell us when they will fix it. We are actively looking at how we get information out to residents. We have the technology to get information out to folks. John Kirkpatrick - What falls under

your Bureau? Bo Bloomer - GIS, Real Estate bureau, Engineering Bureau, Facilities and Design, and Facilities Maintenance. Bernie Berne - Do you do the paving? Bo Bloomer – No, that falls under the purview of Water, Sewer and Streets. John Snyder - The Civic Associations do a good job getting info to the county. Could you have a contact that could give us the up to date information regarding items happening in and around our Associations? Jane Kim - A lot of issues can be solved by using an Arlington App created for residents to send and receive information within the community. Bo Bloomer- It's not released yet, but it's out there. You can do a search and find it. Sarah McKinley- One of the problems with our projects is the utility poles. It can delay projects for months and years. What can we do to improve that? Bo Bloomer - The County Manager's Office is also very frustrated. Ramzi Awwad is meeting with folks as is Greg Emanuel. Shannon Flannigan-Watson in the Manager's Office is also going to the top. We did recently have a resident that wrote to some high ups and we got some response. There seems to be no real impetus for them to work. We are continuing to engage them. Brian Hannigan - We went through the issue with utilities during the derecho and I got contacts for the utilities and had a good experience. I took matters into my own hands. I've been saying for decades that the Civic Federation should supply the info like an org chart. John Egge - A line in my backyard fell down and my son found it. I was very nervous that the wire could be dangerous so I had to call and find out. Jim Todd – I just want to note that NC staff and DES Engineering staff have personally helped us in Cherryvale with 20th Street and Kenmore. They came up with an excellent solution for a difficult project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm