

DRAFT Minutes
April 10, 2014
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

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

Presentation by Larry Marcus:

Ed Hilz - Arlington County has online reporting for potholes, etc. Traffic signals are not part of that, why? Larry Marcus - We don't want to wait, we want a call and want to get to it as quickly as possible. Ed Hilz - Can you tell me where we are with the implementation of the Complete Streets Program. Larry Marcus - We are still working the charge through internally. Jane Kim - With regard to the striping on Harrison Street. Is there outreach done in Associations when something like that happens? David Haring - The outcome was fine, but the process did not work well. Larry Marcus - The way I manage my Bureau is process controlled. I try to find out stakeholders and figure out where we are in the process. Sarah McKinley - There are two effective ways to communicate with neighborhoods in Arlington - through civic associations and NC reps. Chris Healy - The Bluemont Association has reached out to your office and you have been very responsive and I appreciate your willingness to work with us. Bill Braswell - Bluemont is very active, but some associations are not as well suited to deal with that type of outreach. DES has made tremendous progress in the last five years with streetlights. LED's are the future and will save us money, but the outreach was not very effective at first. Parker Harrington - At first people were strong advocates and have now turned. Things are better now. Larry Marcus - I called people in Madison Manor and they are still adjusting. We have responded and tried to show how the dimming works. We want to work with you. The program is flexible. We are revisiting the program. Bill Braswell - How can we work better with you in getting the word out? Larry Marcus - Regular communication, maybe get some demonstrations out as well. The challenge I've heard is what we had before. There is an adjustment. Bill Richardson - Standards for stop sign warrants? Larry Marcus - The standards are not flexible and we need to adhere to the standards we have in place. Jack Dunlap - It sounds like we have a more relaxed view of streetlights. Are we now able to get some tinting of

lights in addition to dimming? Larry Marcus - The answer is somewhere in between. We are open to new technology. I can look into new technology. Bess Zell - How can we get more signs in areas where there is more dangerous sections. Larry Marcus - The answer is specific to the location. We have areas where we do have a false sense of security. Please contact me. I could work with Tim on a questions. Burt Bostwick - Where are we with a simple traffic control system? Larry Marcus - We are at the top of the list for doing this and are constantly upgrading the technology. It does control traffic lights. Elizabeth Rives - It seems like Arlington County is having trouble working out its traffic lights. Timing on the lights seems to have gotten worse over the years, with new lights being installed. Liz McGonigle - How many associations are reluctant to put lights in the queue? Maureen Tankersley - Our residents loved the lights and then changed their view since the LED retrofits. John Breyault - bike train under four mile run tunnel. The lighting for the bike trail that goes under 395 along Four Mile Run is not very good. We've been told that the trail is a VDOT issue, is that true? Larry Marcus - Raise the issue with me so I can work with them. I'm happy to reach out to them. Ed Fendley - I appreciate that you've made comments about complete streets. I think it's something NC is trying to do as well. We pushed for changes at Glebe and Fairfax Drive. Please keep in mind all the users. Sarah McKinley - I found a technological solution to the LED lights where you put a piece a piece of orange plastic over the LED lights. I presented it to Wayne and he told me it wouldn't work. Larry Marcus - I can't promise I'll do it, but I promise I'll look into it. Sarah McKinley - The county had a public demonstration that was very helpful. Will there be another one? Larry Marcus - I'm open to working with you on this. Parker Harrington - Paving is good but some of the crosswalks are not getting put back in. Larry Marcus - The default is to put them back so please contact me if they are not being put back in.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.