

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee
April 12, 2018

Meeting Minutes – Approved

Meeting location: Navy League Building
2300 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
 - a. Rob Swennes – announced the School Board approved the proposal for an addition to the Reed Elementary School that is approximately \$5 million over budget, and it preserves much needed green space.

Bill Braswell added that he believed this was an example of a BLPC working well together to come up with a plan for the school.
 - b. Lynn Pollock – the NC project in Rock Spring is almost complete.
 - c. Alex Luchenitser – noted the NC project in Waverly Hills is complete and the neighborhood is very happy with it.
2. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2018 NCAC Meeting:
 - a. The Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
 - b. Rob Swennes suggested the NCAC follow up on questions that were posed to Claude at the last meeting.
3. Officers and Staff Report
 - a. Tim McIntosh introduced and welcomed Naudy Martinez. She recently joined the Neighborhood Conservation Program as a full time planner.
 - b. Tim reminded the group that the next NCAC Funding Round will be held in June, and May 15th is the deadline for projects to be submitted for the December funding round.
4. Discussion / Action Items:
 - a. Conversation with Eric Gutshall, the newest Arlington County Board Member
Questions/Comments:
 - i. Eileen Janas asked about funding for NC projects, noting the increase in construction costs and infrastructure requirements on these projects.

Eric replied that regarding project scope, he will engage in discussion on this with the CIP. A question is should the costs be split between different pots of money or should more money be added to the NC pot? Regarding construction costs, he noted that we cannot control the cost of labor and materials, but we can control time, especially costs for permitting. This may be an area for adjustment.

- ii. Ken Matzkin asked if anyone is considering ways to reduce operating costs, such as water. He gave the example of Alexandria, which has privatized their water system.

Eric added that fixed costs are rising faster than our county's revenue, and that is something to be looked into.

- iii. Sarah McKinley asked what Eric's priorities are.

Eric listed 3, in addition to a "best possible NC":

#1 Housing – redefining the options for housing available, such as for the middle class. This would include updating our zoning ordinance.

#2 Schools – Arlington needs creative solutions to maintain our quality. Co-locating functions and 18 hour per day use of buildings.

#3 the business community – looking at our services to and for them, as well as other groups.

- b. Plaque in memory of Sena Wijesinha in Oak Grove Park in Cherrydale

Harry Spector has drafted a letter to the County Board asking that DPR overturn their decision to reject the use of NC funds as they see fit, and in this case, for a park plaque commemorating Sena W. Harry proposed a motion that the NCAC support and approve the letter as written.

- i. John Kirkpatrick made a motion that instead the NCAC raise the money for the plaque, and the decision to send a letter be tabled for another time. Rob Swennes seconded the motion. The motion was approved with only 1 opposed vote.
- ii. Tim Macintosh will send out a letter to the NCAC regarding fundraising for the plaque.

- 5. Other/New Business:

(None.)

- 6. Meeting adjourned.