

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee
June 14, 2018

Funding Session Meeting Minutes – Draft

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

1. Roll Call - NC Representatives signed in and were given a “Proposed Projects, June 14, 2018” booklet upon arrival.
2. Minutes from the May 10, 2018 NCAC Meeting will be reviewed and approved at the July 2018 NCAC Meeting.
3. Discussion / Action Items:
 - a. Presentation of the Spring 2018 Funding Session
NC Planner Angela Marshall introduced the 3 projects that have been qualified and are being put forth before the NCAC for funding.
 - 4th St. S (between S Kensington St. & S Illinois St.) in the Glencarlyn neighborhood – a Street Improvement project, described by the Block Representative, Kathy Reeder
 - N Monroe St. (between 17th St. N & 3612 19th St. N) in the Cherrydale neighborhood – a Street Improvement described by the Block Representative, Rosie O’Neal
 - Edison Park, on N Edison St. in the Arlington Forest neighborhood – a Park project, described by the Civic Association President, Allison Kennett, that includes renovation of an existing play area, accessibility, and storm-water management.

Questions/Comments:

- i. Bernie Berne – (re. Edison Park) – would like to see an environmentally conscious route taken by including meadow area with pollinator plants and flowers instead of so much grass.
- ii. Alex Luchenitser asked why Long Branch Creek neighborhood’s LED Lighting project technically also qualifies for funding, why has it not been put forward with this funding round?

Tim McIntosh replied that the Street Light Master Plan has not been completed yet, which would affect the lighting system selected for the project.
- iii. Collier Cook asked why the Cost Estimates use a higher percentage number for contingencies in street projects than in park projects.

Tim explained that historically, street projects have greater unknowns and surprises once construction starts that need to be anticipated. Any project that has money unspent goes back into the NC pot for funding of other future projects.

- iv. Rob Swennes reviewed the recommendations by the Points Committee for the NCAC.
- v. Sarah McKinley requested the point tally be checked for a proposed project in Columbia Heights.

Edith Wilson noted that a Shirlington street lights project is not on the list.

Angela explained that the proposed project list will be updated once the Spring Funding Session is completed.

- vi. Rob Swennes put forth the Points Committee's recommendation as a Motion to vote to approve the N Monroe St. and Edison Park projects, with the contingency that if a permanent easement needed to construct the Monroe St. project is not obtained before the County Board votes to fund these projects in the fall, the 4th St. S project will be substituted in and replace it.

Bernie Berne requested a Friendly Suggestion be included for Arlington Forest to consider replacing the grass area with meadow and pollinator flowers.

The motion was seconded by Tracie Morris.

A vote was taken: Aye – 30 / Nay – 1 / Abstain – 1

b. County Manager's 2018 Bond recommendation

Alexandra Bocian informed the NCAC about the funding change proposed by the County Manager in his 2018 CIP that will be put forth for approval by the County Board on July 21st. The Neighborhood Conservation Program has been reduced from the previous amount of \$12 million in the last CIP to \$4 million in this one.

- i. Stephanie Derrig expressed frustration at the change over the past few years in length of time each project takes, as well as the NCAC now having to advocate for infrastructure support. Wants NCAC Representatives to be advocates for their neighborhoods again.
- ii. Bill Braswell noted that in the past, DES funded the infrastructure on NC projects.
- iii. Bernie Berne proposed discussing at a future NCAC meeting whether the program should fund sidewalks, considering all the associated costs.
- iv. Jim Feaster noted that the focus of the NC Program is on neighborhoods – strengthening, support, and creating bonds. By not funding projects, this is diminished.

4. Meeting adjourned.