

AGENDA Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee September 13, 2018 7:30 p.m.
The Navy League 2300 Wilson Boulevard

Neighborhood Conservation staff will be available at 7:00 p.m. to answer questions or discuss plans and projects.

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report

- Arlingwood- Peter Lengyel, new NCAC Member
- Ballston VA Square- Jim Rosen, new NCAC Rep
- Tara-Leeway Heights- Bill Braswell-
 - The BLPC and PRFC got together and came up with a recommendation to add 6M dollars to build the Reed school correctly and it was approved
 - Have been working with VA hospital center to come up with some extra space for out patients and parking. The planning commission recommended to delay—will delay again and continue the conversation on the planning development.
- Williamsburg- the Sycamore St median project is complete!

2. Approval of June, 2018 Minutes

Approved
Bill First, Tracy Seconded

3. Officers and Staff Report

- Contractor JSI bid on a package of 5 projects in the beginning of 2017. Recently came to a \$180,000 settlement agreement to terminate the contract. JSI will not be able to bid in the County for a period of 10 years. The funds come out of the NC budget as the County does not have a set aside budget for these types of payments. There are 3 remaining projects must be re-bid:
 - Westover Village, Glencarlyn, and Arlington East-Falls church
 - Will need to re-bid these remaining projects
 - The total for all projects was around \$4.3M. The 2 projects that JSI was working on are complete and the money for the remaining projects is still in place.
- As an outgrowth of the CIP, an NC evaluation will be taking place starting within a month or two and will go until next year. A draft scope is being put together (internal/external). The external taskforce will include NCAC members and other members from Arlington commissions and beyond (transportation, civic associations, civic federation, planning commission, etc.) and staff who work on NC projects. Plan to meet every 3-4 weeks, but it will be a year long process. ***If you'd like to volunteer, please submit your names to Tim.*** 1 person from the executive committee and 2 others at large.

4. Discussion / Action Items

Review of the NC Active Project Status list

- NC has made significant progress on the design side. Coming into this year and going into next year, there are going to be a lot of projects that are going to be ready for construction. Some of the projects will be fine with budgets, but some will have cost overruns.

- Our on-call contractor ends at the end of this year. New DMF guideline: \$500K limit for on-call contractor--if over \$500K project will need to go out to bid. We'll be able to leverage the on-call contractor (seeking 2) but will have to go out to bid for several of the projects (individual vs package). A lot of the projects will begin to hit construction next year, but there is some concern about cost and how they'll be built. Questions?
 - Q. What does that do to the timeline? A. We are unaware of how many projects we'll be able to use the on-call contractor for since the project will be more than \$500K
 - Q. How do we raise the \$500K cap for costs? A. Uncertain at this time. This is part of VA state procurement law.
 - Q. Which projects are in the hands of the on-call contractor? A. Preparing for Construction: N527: Patrick Henry Dr., N544- 2nd St, and N551- N Quintana. Those are the 3 projects remaining from JSI contract—those will get out to bid asap.
 - N545- 7th street and N515- Irving St. Will be using WSS A&M to build those. 22nd St will be built by an on-call contractor but through bio-retention storm water group.
 - Evergreen, Oakland, 13th St, 9th St, Green Briar, 2nd St, 31st St, 20th Rd are all going to be ready within the next 6 months.
 - Q. Is it possible to have multiple on-call contractors? **NCAC would like to get the new procurement officer in to speak to the group to learn more about the procurement process (executive committee will send an invitation).**

December Funding Round Recommendation

- NC recommends that we hold off on the December funding round to preserve funds.
 - I we move to defer the December funding round – David Litman. Lynn Pollock seconded it.
 - **In favor- 33**
 - Opposed- 1 (Bluemont)
 - Abstentions- 2 (Arlington Heights, Douglass Park)

NC Program Moving Forward

- Stephanie Derrig-High View Park
 - Go back to the roots of NCAC--being advocates for the neighborhood. Great opportunity to think about community activities with the county to be advocates. Understanding process (i.e. maintenance of built projects).
 - How does the NCAC as a body work with the County to come up with a process and understand what resources are available to take on the maintenance of projects?
- Kathy Reeder- NCAC should work to define the process for getting the County Assistance.
- Bernie Bern- Buckingham- NCAC used to have a process of opposing projects that the neighborhood did not support. Need to bring this process back and be representatives of neighborhoods.
- Tim (NC)- What we are trying to do is figure out what we are going to do for the next couple of years with the funding that we do get. We need the flexibility to be able to find some smaller less expensive projects to do.

- David Haring- Yorktown - An idea could be to keep the front end planning but get out of the business of building. Leave multi-phase project process for sidewalks/infrastructure so that we can identify but not build.
- Lauren Bailey- Arlington Ridge- APS is currently redistricting schools based on walkability of neighborhood aka continues sidewalks--is there any opportunity to make this a cost share with APS?
- Claudia Fetter-Bellevue Forest-
 - Is there some way to work creatively with the procurement office to share that cost with other departments to make the process more efficient?
 - What are typical intersection improvements? A. Infrastructure that reduces speed and makes the intersection safer (nubs, crosswalks, etc.)
- Kathy Guernsey (Columbia Forest)- How do we capture where we articulate what we see as an appropriate role for NCAC to engage with citizens? What role will they play in partnership with the County? What document does that live in? How will the body know what the community wants? A. This is something the taskforce will be working to understand. The taskforce will need to connect with the community to understand what the community wants.
- Ginny Ferris- Shirlington- As we're selecting people for this—we need to ensure the reps of NCAC in the taskforce are including the civic associations to ensure that neighborhoods views are being represented.
- Frank McDermott (Bellevue Forest)- How would we re-evaluate our project if it's above the 500K? A. Cannot re-evaluate the sidewalk project per-se—what we're intending is to see if neighborhoods have smaller projects they want to build (i.e. intersection vs sidewalk), you wouldn't lose the place in the queue if you propose this new project.
- Alex Luchenitser (Waverly Hills)-
 - Why not include speed bumps once the moratorium is up? These might be easier to do. A. Speed humps have been installed using NC funding in the past, but only if the need for these traffic calming devices passed the County's Neighborhood Traffic Calming criteria. Unfortunately, the program no longer exists and there is no option to get speed humps installed in the county.
 - What about bio-retention? A. Bio-retention seems more feasible than speedhumps at this time.
- Rich Gibson- Bluemont- Will this still support the traffic study? A. Yes
- Eileen Janas- Arlington Heights- Would fund large sidewalks vs small projects because all small projects have been done. All that's left are the big projects and we are the only ones that do the sidewalks in neighborhoods. If this is what our neighborhoods care about, we should continue to do sidewalks because that's what's important to the neighborhoods.
- Jerry Milagros (Foxcroft Heights)- Arlington county cemetery is expanding--neighborhood is looking for guidance. Hoping that NCAC can provide this type of guidance and representation when non-county changes come to neighborhoods. A. Any new roads go through transportation, suggest meeting with Transportation (Denis Leach).
- Howard Solodky (Old Glebe)- Is it feasible to be rethinking sidewalk projects? Could we put funds for just sidewalks but not the additional infrastructure? Could we get cooperation within DES? A. As a body this could be something that could be brought to DES.
- Maureen Tankersley (Old dominion)- Do we want to make any adjustments to the point

system to give more points for the smaller projects? Make more small project categories. This would incentivize neighborhoods to pursue smaller projects.

- Kathy Reeder- Glencarlyn- Do we have an idea what the smaller budget would do to the list of proposed projects? How many are there? Does it put the larger projects on hold? A. Yes, dismisses approx. half of the queue.
- Darcey Cuffman- Penrose - Is there any other Dept in the County that does sidewalk repair? A. Yes, technically. WSS maintains the sidewalks and the streets that are built by NC but also has a fund to do maintenance on concrete.
- Rob Swennes- Leeway- Overlee - Can you clarify the \$500K limit? A. This is just for construction cost but the \$500 cap on the proposal document is for everything (design/construction).
- David Litman (Aurora Highlands)- Is there a way to keep the sidewalk project in the queue even if we put in a smaller project? A. Yes, but still working out the details of what happens to the project that gets put on hold.
- John Seggerman (Donaldson Run)- What is the timeline for this document (aka What do we do in the interim during the review of the program)?
- Rob Swennes- Leeway- Overly- Are we still phasing projects? A. Not really, the last project to be phased was the Sycamore project.
- Lynn Pollock- Is it possible to get the list of proposed projects? ***Most recent list of proposed projects will be sent out by Tim***
- John Seggerman- Donaldson Run- FYI APS is building sidewalks at Strathmore.
- Bill Braswell- Tara Leeway Heights- APS has a process called Walk zones where the County will pay for sidewalk. This is one example of how the NCAC needs to learn the totality of what is going on in the county.
- Kathy Guernsey (Columbia Forest)- There are a few projects related to streetlights (which is under moratorium at this time) --can the opportunity to sub in a project also be opened up for the streetlight projects?
- Claudia Fetter- Bellevue Forest - What projects are viable from the proposed list? A. Staff will go through the list to understand what projects are viable to propose a smaller project from the proposed list.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15