

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee  
May 9, 2019

**DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Meeting location: Arlington Mill Community Center  
909 S. Dinwiddie St, Room 527 A&B  
Arlington, VA 22207

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1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
  - a. Deborah Wood (Barcroft) announced that their 7<sup>th</sup> St S Trail project is complete and looks great.
  - b. Sarah McKinley (Columbia Heights) shared information on the 2019 Columbia Pike Democratic Primary Debate”, scheduled on May 15<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Ed Hilz (Fairlington) announced that on May 11<sup>th</sup> their CA will have the bi-annual Home & Garden event, which is listed on the CA website.
  - d. Kathy Reeder (Glencarlyn) indicated that she would like to have a discussion with someone that may know the steps in removing and/or improving a “deadend street” – large trucks are having issues with getting out of them.
  - e. Rob Swennes (Leeway Overlee) shared that the CA will host a Spring Fling Yard Sale on June 1<sup>st</sup> – a 40 year old event that will allow for individuals to repurpose their things that are no longer wanted/needed. More information is on the CA website.
  - f. Ginny Farris (Shirlington) finally got in some pedestrian safety improvements by development funds, which took many years – two pedestrian flashing crossings at Arlington Mills Drive; and, the Trade Center acquisition study (for a better layout of the Trade Center) – staff will meet with the CA to provide an update, question and answer session on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Shirlington Library.
2. Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2019 NCAC Meeting:

The Amended Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously:

  - a. Discussion/Action Items: It was verified that Anthony Fusarelli’s title is **Assistant to the Director of CPHD**; and
  - b. Questions/Comments, ii: first line should read: **Phil Klingelhofer** suggested the Housing Division revisit allowing a home to **be** divided into....
3. Officers and Staff Report
  - a. Tim McIntosh informed the group that the Parks & Recreation Commission was left vacant by Jim Feaster (Ashton Heights) and introduced Angela Collins (Bluemont) as the new NCAC Liaison – NCAC unanimously voted to have her as the liaison.

- b. Angela Marshall and Tim McIntosh informed the group of the Points Committee meeting, held on May 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, location – Bozman Government Center. Tim provided information on the Points Committee and what it involves, as well as extending the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for neighborhoods to submit or resubmit a first priority for the December 2019 funding session. Tim also stated that a new date is forthcoming for a public meeting of the NCPR, which was to be held in May.

4. Discussion / Action Items:

- a. Age Friendly Arlington Presentation, Commission for the Aging, Mitch Opalski, Past Chair and Carl Brooks, Current Vice Chair:

Mitch provided an overview: The Commission on Aging is working to be certified to become part of AARP's age friendly network of livable communities. The AARP network of age friendly communities is an affiliate of the World Health Organization's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities, an international effort to help cities prepare for their growing population of older adults and the trend toward urbanization. COA's Age Friendly Arlington initiative has been endorsed by the County Board -

Questions/Comments:

- i. Sarah McKinley (Columbia Heights) asked a question regarding the livability index level for Arlington County – Mitch indicated that Arlington is ranked high at 65 for livability.
  - ii. Alyssa Cannon (Clarendon Courthouse) inquire about the walkability status – is it better for seniors, in general – Mitch states that it is, but there is always room for improvement
  - iii. Eileen Janas (Arlington Heights) noted that two largest populations, dementia and Alzheimer need assistance with facilities that have walkability.
  - iv. Sarah McKinley asked about additional information on retrofitting homes.
- b. Presentation of the Lyon Park NC Plan by Thora Colot (NC Representative for Lyon Park)

Christa Abbott (LP Neighborhood Rep) provided an overview of Lyon Park plan update. The NCAC unanimously voted to approve it and it will go to the County Board.

Questions/Comments:

- i. Eileen Janas asked how many households are in the area, and what percentage answered the survey.

The reply was not clear. However, staff will follow-up on the numbers as it will be needed prior to going to the CB.

- ii. Jim Rosen (Ballston VA Square) asked for advice on how to reach over 15,000 residents, in which the BVSCA likely has, and which outreach methods were used.

Thora indicated that a newsletter, with a link to the survey was generated monthly and distributed to over 5,000 residents; there was also an open session where residents were invited to obtain information on the survey, and to take the paper survey.

Tim McIntosh also stated that Charrettes are a good way to go, as it is often difficult to obtain access into multi-family unit, condos, etc. Sarah McKinley prefers to do Charrettes because people are all together and conversations are live and interactive. Survey Monkey is recommended too, but not highly. It is a huge effort.

- iii. Kathy Guernsey (Columbia Forest) asked how long the survey in terms of how many questions, how long will it take to fill-out; was in just in English or in several languages; because our CA is predominately Spanish speaking, we want to be welcoming and inclusive.

Thora states the survey was only in English and there were 120 questions.

Ginny Farris (Shirlington) shared how they worked with their neighborhood and homeowners association board on a pedestrian safety survey – they worked with the members of individual condos and homeowner’s association to get the survey widely disseminated. Also, they did mostly on-line, and it is a good idea to have two languages.

- 5. Other/New Business:  
None.
- 6. Meeting adjourned.