

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee
November 14, 2019

Meeting Notes - Final

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

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
 - a. Deborah Wood (Barcroft) announced that the 9th St. S project construction is underway and they are happy to see it coming along.
2. Approval of Minutes from the October 2019 NCAC Meeting:

The Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.
3. Officers and Staff Report
 - a. Tim McIntosh reminded the group that November 15th is the deadline for submitting new projects and confirming priority projects.
 - b. The Spring 2019 NC Funding Round Package will be presented this Saturday to the County Board in November as a consent agenda item.
 - c. Tim asked for volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee to find candidates for two officer positions on the NCAC Executive Committee: Vice-Chair and Deputy Vice-Chair. Email Tim if interested and would like more information.
 - d. The Neighborhood Conservation Program Review (NCPR) Working Group recently completed their 6th meeting, which concludes the “Discovery” phase. Next will be the “Evaluation” phase.
Link to the NCPR Working Group webpage: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/nc-plan-program/neighborhood-conservation-program-review/>
 - e. Phil Klingelhofer (Boulevard Manor) urged the membership to share the Urban Forestry summary document (attached to the October 2019 Meeting Notes) with their Civic Associations (CA’s), as a way to educate their neighbors and encourage them to learn more on the topic.
 - f. Phil notified the membership that the County Manager will begin working on the FY 2021 operating budget soon, under which he will make a recommendation to the County Board for the NC Program’s general obligation bond fund amount for FY 2021-2023.
4. Discussion / Action Items:
 - a. Presentation by Kris Krider, Planning Supervisor, Urban Design and Research Team
[ADDED IN NOTE - Introduction from Tim: Kris’ presentation will cover the who, what, where and why of placemaking. The presentation is meant to help all of you develop a

better sense of how the concepts of urban design can help activate space and community in your neighborhoods.]

Link to slides from this presentation on the NCAC webpage:

<https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation-advisory-committee/>

Click on “Kris Krider Presentation”

Questions/Comments:

- i. Jim Rosen (Ballston-Virginia Square) – asked about public vs. privately owned space, and can the use or design of these spaces be affected by the County or the community?

Kris explained the tools that influence how some space is publicly used and accessible. This is done primarily through the County Site Plans Exception process, and developers are encouraged to follow the guidelines for Privately Owned Public Space (POPS) located in the recently adopted Public Space Master Plan.

- ii. Sarah McKinley (Courthouse) – observed that on some privately owned areas around apartment buildings there can be barren space that seems like a lost opportunity.

Kris suggested Civic Associations work with a property owner, as everyone benefits when an area is improved, especially if everyone puts in work or contributes.

- iii. Howard Solodky (Old Glebe) - asked why some privately owned areas end up looking better and have better quality open space than others, and why doesn't the County have more influence on improving the plans before they are built.

Kris explained that the County does work with developers, but there are Virginia State statutes that limit the outside influence the community or the County has on a project located on private property.

5. Other/New Business:

None.

6. Meeting adjourned.

Attachments:

- PDF Handout* from Kris Krider’s presentation on Urban Design and Placemaking in our Neighborhoods.

** As your civic association’s NCAC Representative, please bring this information back to your CA. The goal is to make it easy to pass news on and educate our neighbors, letting them know why this may be of interest or matters to them. This could be done through a few words or briefing along with the handout at your next CA meeting, for inclusion in a neighborhood newsletter, webpage, social media, listserv, or other.*