**FINAL Minutes: Bluemont General Membership Meeting**

Via Zoom and at Key School

September 27, 2023; 7:30 PM

1. The President established that a **quorum** was present.
2. Members approved the minutes of the August General Membership meeting without changes.
3. Guest Speaker, Constance Potter - League of Women Voters (LWV) made a presentation to the general membership.
4. Reports from Officers and Committee Chairs.

**President** Henry McFarland reported on:

1. Wilson Blvd lane closures without sufficient notice. He followed up with the County and they updated the project plan to begin Oct. 2
2. A group of concerned homeowners near 9th and Jacksonville have engaged the BCA and VDOT about sound levels from I-66. BCA, along with Senator Favola and Del. Hope sent a letter to VDOT urging VDOT to do a sound analysis. That letter was responded to with a generic response of non-committal on VDOT’s part to do anything. We are currently unsure of available options.
3. Neighborhood newsletter will be distributed soon
4. There was a lot coverage ratio meeting with the County. It may be in our interest to stand up a committee specifically for this topic. The County said they were going to do a study, but did not commit to any dates of performing it - potentially March 2024 but this is not guaranteed.
5. The County is planning a remodel of the north end of Lacy Woods Park. There will be a very short, online only, public forum to submit resident feedback. BCA will distribute this online URL via the listserv.
6. October 25th will be the next BCA meeting. Arlington County PD will be here to answer questions. Please submit them to the Executive Board email address in advance.
7. BCA’s November meeting will host Mt. Olivet Church as our guest speakers

**Treasurer** David Smith reported on the bank balance.

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| **September-23** | | |
| Previous Total: | 2150.75 |  |
| Out: | 19.93 | EHO letter |
| In: |  | \*New dues to be added later |
| New Total: | 2,130.82 |  |

David Smith also reported on the recent Annual Meeting of the Lubber Run Watershed group and presented slides that were shown during that meeting. He included updates regarding the construction of a Woodlawn Park water detention vault, similar to the one that was constructed at Cardinal School in Westover.

**Civic Federation Delegate** David Hughes reported an update on the recent Candidates Forum and who the candidates were at the forum.

1. EHO Committee

**EHO representative** Allen Norton provided a report on the activities of the EHO Committee. The committee is actively tracking the EHO County website for additons/changes - including the current Bluemont properties.

1. New Business

**President** Henry McFarland discussed the upcoming December 2023 BCA meeting date which is currently unset. The available options for the month of December are the 13th, 20th, and 27th. A motion was made to set the meeting date for December 20th and that the entirety of the meeting would be **virtual only via Zoom for all attendees**. The motion passed unanimously.

**President** Henry McFarland discussed a cooperative partnership opportunity (in conjunction with Arlington Heights) to write a letter of support for the Bilbury Outreach Program with the City of Arlington in the United Kingdom. This would not be a formal “sister city” agreement - but merely a non-legal cooperation between the two cities. Henry presented a draft letter of support to the membership. Kate Mattos suggested an amended version of the letter. A motion was made to accept the **amended** letter. The motion carried with 5 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

**President** Henry McFarland discussed an issue he received from a community user which he received via email regarding the rezoning of APS middle school boundaries. A motion was made that the BCA should publish a proposed formal position stating that all Ashlawn Bluemont planning units should be rezoned to the same middle school. If passed, this motion would be presented for final vote and adoption at the November BCA general meeting. The motion carried with 8 yeas, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes prepared by Vice President Matt Harrison