**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**On Zoom, Escuela Key Elementary School
February 26, 2025, 7:30 PM**

1. The President established that a quorum was present.
	1. Read politeness statement
2. Introductions
3. Approve minutes of the General Membership meeting
Minutes were approved.
4. Summary Report of Executive Board Officers, Civic Federation Delegates, BCA Committees, and Follow up Discussion
	1. President report
		1. Discussed dangling communications cables from utility poles; contacted other Civic Associations; no response yet. Citizens urged to use Report a Problem website of the county.
		2. Demolition has begun for Macy’s site. Will last through August. Concern re truck traffic, and will be using Fairfax Drive during heavy volume time.
		3. Re lot coverage restrictions, County will do a study. But County has cut back and will only consider impervious surfaces.
		4. Re concern about noise at Safeway, neither police nor noise inspectors have satisfactory tools/processes to address. Will meet with Mr. Amiri.
		5. New Secretary will be Barbara Wein.
		6. Help needed – keeper of the 45-pound clapper. Conveys with wagon.
		7. Newsletter-- March 23 deadline for newsletter articles. Delivery will occur April, and
5. NCAC report – N. Illinois Street; by Christopher George ;
	1. Christopher George presented a rationale for this priority project, which would be the second one proposed by BCA this year.
	Discussion raised a question whether additional light, and this must be discussed with the County.
	The following motion was presented to Membership for a vote to advertise:

	The Bluemont Civic Association designates improving the streetlighting on the 600, 700, and 800 blocks of North Illinois Avenue as its second priority project for the Arlington Neighborhood Program.
	The motion to advertise passed by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, and 2 abstentions.
6. Civic Federation
There was no report as a meeting going on at same time as this meeting. A report will follow at a later date.
7. Finance Committee – Jeremiah Howard
The Arlington County Board voted 4:1 to advertise an increase of the tax rate. He noted that there continues to be interest in discouraging a tax rate increase. He will write up his report for the newsletter.
In addition, Jeremiah noted the March 25 budget hearing and March 27 budget hearing on this tax rate increase. Residents are encouraged to attend to voice concerns. Information about these hearings will be on the Arlington County website.
8. Proposal for community yard sale – discussed proposal developed by Austin Anton. Austin presented a well-thought-out proposal for a community yard sale. One proposed date was May 3-4, but more details will be considered and this will be further discussed and reconsidered at a future meeting.
9. Motion on Underground Water Flows
This motion was tabled due to report by the president that the County has just decided to proceed without consideration of below-ground water impacts created by development of commercial buildings and parking lots.

Monthly Speakers

1. Nora Palmatier of the Tree Stewards presented work of Tree Stewards. Graphics will be provided to the BCA. Visit Treestewards.org for more information.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM