

**Bluemont Civic Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
January 8, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Arlington Traditional School**

**Call to Order and Attendance**

President dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Terry Serie, Carl Drummond, Wendy Dean, Sam Ferro, Suzanne Sundburg, Judy Collins and Mary Thorne.

**Approval of Minutes for 12/11/07**

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 12/11/07 joint Executive Board and general membership meeting. Final edits were made to the minutes, and a motion to approve the 12/11/07 minutes, as amended, was made and seconded. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the 12/11/07 minutes. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting on the BCA Website.

**Peck/Staples/Jordan Manor Update**

Terry Serie announced that the Arlington County Transportation Commission meeting on January 10 would address transportation issues related to the Peck/Staples/Jordan Manor site. Terry will compile a list of transportation-related questions of concern to the neighborhood. Judah dal Cais will distribute the questions to members of the Transportation Commission and make a short statement asking the commission to consider these issues. If the questions require further study by the commission, the commission may consider deferring rather than approving the application. Terry will compile a second set of questions for the Planning Commission meeting on January 14. Judah will take the same approach as with the Transportation Commission. It is expected that the County Board will still look at Peck/Staples/Jordan Manor even if the Transportation and Planning Commissions both defer. JBG would have the option of requesting an up-or-down vote at this meeting but the outcome might not be in its favor. If Arlington Housing Corporation Inc. (AHC) does not have its paperwork ready by February 1, AHC will have to wait until February 2009 to seek funding from the state. Terry met with Cooper Carey (JBG's architect) on January 4 regarding building architecture, with a focus on Building A. Suzanne will send out an e-mail with the dates for the two commission meetings and the next County Board meeting.

**January Newsletter**

Sam Ferro needs the articles for the January newsletter by Friday, January 11. Terry will do an article about the latest developments on the Peck/Staples/Jordan Manor site. Kate Mesches will do a short article on the school boundary issue. This issue will include a membership renewal form. Judy Collins needs the completed newsletters by January 17 so they can be mailed on January 18. Judy also will send the January newsletter to those whose membership expired in December 2007.

### **March Newsletter Deadlines**

Sam will need all articles for the March newsletter by March 7. It will be printed by March 13 for neighborhood-wide distribution.

### **Speakers for January, February and March**

There will be no outside speaker for the January meeting, which will focus on the Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor site plan. Judah will ask the Arlington Agency on Aging (AAA) if it can provide a speaker for March instead of February. Ed Fendley has indicated that he can speak in February (if AAA can move to March). Judah needs to find out if Arlington Traditional School can provide space for the February and March meetings.

### **Neighborhood Conservation**

The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) recommended the release of funds for the project on 9<sup>th</sup> Street North between Frederick and Edison. This now will go to the County Board where it is expected to be approved.

### **Membership**

Treasurer, Judy Collins reported that approximately 142 members have renewed for 2008. This shows a better than 50% renewal rate.

### **New Business**

Judah reported that an application has been made to hold several foot races in Bluemont Park. The five races are scheduled for February, April, June, August and September. All races will be held in the evening with the exception of the February race, which will begin at 9:00 am. Traditionally these races have involved 50–150 participants. The applicant was informed that foot races could no longer be held at this site due to previous objections by BCA relative to parking and early morning loudspeaker noise. This will be an issue for discussion at the January general meeting.

President dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:35 p.m.