

Bluemont Civic Association
Executive Board Meeting
June 9, 2009, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order and Attendance

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

Approval of Minutes for 5/12/09

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 5/12/09 Executive Board meeting. A motion to approve the 5/12/09 minutes was made and seconded. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the 5/12/09 minutes as presented. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting to the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

June Newsletter

Suzanne has a draft newsletter that includes the slate of officers and representatives for 2009–2010. Carl will send the results of the NC vote on June 11 to Suzanne and photos of the nearly complete 9th Street North project to Sam. This will be the last newsletter until September.

Update from Officers and Representatives

Judah reports that Bluemont Drive has no curb and gutter next to the park. He will try for a parks grant to fix this problem. Judy reports that she is still waiting for payment for newsletter ads. Judah will follow up with the advertisers who are in arrears. There is \$6,000 in the treasury. Carl reports that Bluemont's N. Frederick Street project is #8 in the Neighborhood Conservation queue and may be funded in the meeting on June 11. Judah reported that Ed Fendley recommended networking with the neighbors, ATS parents, the school board and the county board regarding how the school fits into future plans for the neighborhood.

Bluemont Village Center (BVC) Working Group and NC Plan Update

Judah will follow up with Planning Commission and BCA member Steve Cole regarding whether a class in the urban planning department at Virginia Tech would be interested in working with the BVC working group. Judah will also follow up with Steve regarding related materials that need to be requested from the county in July or August. Judah will also follow up with Dave Leichtman regarding the results of the online survey. An in-depth survey specific to the NC plan needs to be hand-delivered to all households within BCA boundaries along with the September newsletter. It was suggested that the survey be printed on brightly colored paper to raise the odds of the 10% reply (approximately 200 surveys) that the county requires.

Bluemont Fundraiser

The first Bluemont fundraiser will be held in September 2009 to benefit the Arlington Food Assistance Center (AFAC). It was suggested that Judah approach AFAC to draw on their knowledge of past fundraising events. The vision is to start small with this event and hold it in different locations in different years so that word spreads and increases its popularity.

New Business

BCA meetings will continue to be held in the ATS library at 7:30 through June 2010.

President dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.