

**Bluemont Civic Association**  
Executive Board Meeting  
June 10, 2008, 7:30 p.m.  
Arlington Traditional School

**Call to Order and Attendance**

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Carl Drummond, Sam Ferro, Judy Collins, Lisa Byington and Mary Thorne.

**Approval of Minutes for 5/13/08**

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 5/13/08 Executive Board meeting. A motion to approve the 5/13/08 minutes was made and seconded. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the 5/13/08 minutes. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting on the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

**June Newsletter**

Sam Ferro needs the final newsletter text by Saturday June 14. Judy Collins will mail the newsletter on June 19.

**Slate for BCA Elections**

Judah dal Cais will contact Bob Atkins for the final slate for the BCA elections. The slate will be printed in the June newsletter.

**Neighborhood Conservation**

Carl Drummond will cover the June meeting for Wendy Dean. The Townes of Ballston owners association has asked BCA to support a traffic-calming project on N. Tazewell Street (south of Wilson Boulevard). The association has asked to have this proposed project on the June 25 meeting agenda. Terry Serie reported via e-mail that the Harrison Street bike trail connector project would be included in the list of potential future projects in the "bicycle element" of the Master Transportation Plan as "...project B 2-15 N. Harrison Street to Custis Trail Connector." This inclusion does not guarantee funding for the project.

**Accessory Dwelling (AD) Issue**

At the May BCA general membership meeting, there was a unanimous vote against allowing ADs. However, the BCA membership was not informed that this item would be discussed and that the civic association would take a position. The AD issue will be put on the agenda for the June meeting so that those for and against can present their views one last time before the County Board meeting in July. The letter from BCA to the County Board that will address this issue will not be reviewed until after the June general membership meeting.

**Membership**

Treasurer Judy Collins reported that there are 245 members of BCA. Dues for the remainder of 2008 plus all of 2009 are set at \$23 per household.

### **Truck Parking**

Lisa Byington reported that Robbie Guenther's trucks continue to cause a problem for neighbors. This issue has divided BCA members, none of whom want rental trucks parked in front of, or behind (in the case of the Safeway parking lot), their homes. The trucks don't display property tax stickers or zone permits. Trucks parked on Fairfax Drive do not move every 4 hours as specified on the signs. Some neighbors are willing to "look the other way" on the trucks' violations to help keep the Texaco station in business.

### **Peck-Staples Site**

The Staples store closed on June 1. A new, smaller Staples has opened on Oakland Street. Demolition has begun on the Peck buildings.

### **Meeting Announcement Sign**

Sam Ferro has been working on designing a meeting announcement sign that will be clearly visible to the average motorist or pedestrian. He presented the prices for six signs, three to hang from the bottom of the Bluemont signs and three to be mounted above. BCA will forego the bottom signs with the Website information and purchase the signs to be mounted on top, pending approval of the County Department of Environmental Services. The total cost for the three signs will be \$285. Ferro will forward a photo of sign to Dal Cais will forward to Jill Yutan for approval.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

Judah will try to get a builder who specializes in environmentally friendly, "green" homes to speak at the June meeting. The July meeting will be at Dal Cais's house if he is in town.

### **Other**

BCA was asked to contribute to a neighborhood block party. It is the responsibility of the residents on the blocks involved to pay for the block party. It is BCA's policy not to provide financial support for block parties in Bluemont.

It was suggested that the June newsletter announce the ringing of Constitution Bell on July 4.

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