

**Bluemont Civic Association
Executive Board Meeting
October 10, 2006, 7:00 p.m.
Arlington Traditional School**

Vice President Carl Drummond called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

In attendance were Carl Drummond, Wendy Dean, Suzanne Sundburg, Lloyd Douglas, Judy Collins, Robert Atkins and Lisa Byington.

Review/Approval of 9/12/06 Minutes

Secretary Lisa Byington provided minutes from the September Executive Board meeting (which was conducted in conjunction with a meeting of the Wilson Boulevard Working Group). The minutes incorporated comments provided by several Executive Board officers and BCA members who had attended the September 12th meeting. A motion to approve the minutes, as amended, was made and seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes. The final minutes are to be distributed to the Executive Board and posted on the BCA website.

October Newsletter

Newsletter Editor Suzanne Sundburg distributed draft articles for the October newsletter. The draft newsletter is to be sent to Newsletter Designer Sam Ferro on October 10, 2006, to ensure sufficient time for him to lay out the newsletter. Treasurer Judy Collins confirmed that funding exists for a 4-page newsletter. Sundburg agreed to work with Ferro to make any edits necessary to stay within the 4-page limit.

Candidates Night

A Candidates Night will be held on Thursday October 26th at the Reed School (18th St. and Madison St. in Westover) at 7:00 pm. BCA is a co-sponsor of the Candidates Night and is to provide light refreshments to attendees. A motion was made, and seconded, to authorize the BCA Executive Board to spend no more than \$50 on the purchase of refreshments. The Board voted unanimously to approve the \$50 expenditure. Vice President Drummond agreed to purchase refreshments and deliver them to the Reed School.

October General Membership Meeting

The Board discussed the agenda for the next general membership meeting to be held on Wednesday October 25th at the Arlington Traditional School. Paul Ferguson, Vice Chairman of the Arlington County Board, is scheduled to attend the meeting to discuss issues of interest to with BCA members. NCAC Representative Wendy Dean has coordinated Ferguson's visit and agreed to provide him with a list of topics that are generally of interest to BCA members – redevelopment and the General Land Use Plan (GLUP), traffic and pedestrian safety, property taxes, Neighborhood Conservation (NC) budget shortfalls, school costs, the ATM project on Wilson Boulevard.

Update on Redevelopment Projects

Peck/Staples

It does not appear as if JBG has submitted their final application to the Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) yet.

Ballston Row

It has been reported that a developer has purchased the garden-style apartments on Buchanan Street between Fairfax Drive and N. 9th Street. (The name of the developer is not yet known.) The developer has proposed to build 16 townhouses on the site. The Board discussed the pros and cons of the proposed project and agreed to monitor its progress.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Judy Collins reported that she has received a few new membership applications following the neighborhood-wide newsletter distribution conducted in September. BCA now has approximately 280 dues-paying members, although it generally requires 330 members to balance its budget. Because BCA will not be hosting the annual Halloween party this year, it will be able to balance its budget despite the low membership. Newsletter Editor Sundburg agreed to include a request for donations in the October newsletter.

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Commission (NCAC) Update

NCAC Representative Wendy Dean reported that she had received a request for information and assistance to apply for a new Neighborhood Conservation project for curbs to be installed on 11th Road between Frederick and Illinois Streets. The Board discussed the current underfunded status of several NC projects, such as 9th Street and Frederick Street, which remains at the top of the list for BCA. This funding crisis is not expected to be alleviated any time soon. BCA member Atkins reminded the Board that the NC Plan would need to be amended in order for 11th Street to be added to the list of BCA's NC projects.

Other New Business

Vice President Drummond reported that the Arlington Democratic Committee is searching for a new precinct captain for the Arlington Forest neighborhood. Any interested persons should contact the Arlington Democratic Committee's volunteer coordinator Marj Signer at arlnow@aol.com.

Vice President Drummond also distributed the newly released Profile 2006. Copies are available on Arlington County's website at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/CPHD/Documents/46402006%20Profile%20Final.pdf>

Other Old Business

BCA member Atkins asked about the status of BCA's incorporation. BCA requires *pro bono* legal assistance in order to prepare the necessary documentation and make all filings. Newsletter Editor Sundburg agreed to put the request for *pro bono* assistance in the October newsletter.

Adjournment

The Vice President adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 p.m.