

Bluemont Civic Association
Executive Board Meeting
October 14, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Arlington Traditional School

Call to Order and Attendance

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:40 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Carl Drummond, Sam Ferro, Suzanne Sundburg and Mary Thorne.

Texaco Budget Trucks

Per BCA member Lisa Byington, Robbie Guenther (owner of the Texaco station that rents the Budget trucks) sent his paperwork to Safeway approximately a month ago. There has been no official word on what deal, if any, Robbie was able to strike with Safeway. Judah will follow up with Robbie and/or Safeway to obtain details and terms of any agreement.

Approval of Minutes for 9/9/08

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 9/9/08 Executive Board meeting. A motion to approve the 9/9/08 minutes with edits was made and seconded. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the 9/9/08 minutes with edits. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting on the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

November Newsletter

If the decision is made to distribute a November newsletter, then Suzanne Sundburg needs the text by October 30. Sam Ferro will do the layout the weekend of November 1–2. This decision will hinge on the content of the JBG-Rosenfeld presentation on October 22. Judah asked if his Ironman race sponsorship appeal could be considered for inclusion in the November newsletter. According to Suzanne and others present, members' appeals for local charity functions/fundraisers are included upon request in the newsletter on a space-available basis.

Candidates' Night

Judah will purchase the refreshments for Candidates' Night, October 29. BCA has budgeted \$50 for this event. The event will be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church at 7:30 pm.

Letter to County for Arlington Forest Club Renovation

Suzanne, with help from Judah, will draft a letter to the County regarding the proposed Arlington Forest Club bathhouse renovation. On October 22, the membership will vote whether or not to approve the sending of this letter. The letter should mention support of the club's existing number of off-street parking

spaces and opposition to paving the “grassy” lot, which would require several mature trees to be cut.

Neighborhood Conservation

Arlington County wants Bluemont to redo the Neighborhood Conservation (NC) plan which was last done in 1998. The suggestion was to update rather than redo this plan. With this option in mind, Carl Drummond will invite County staff member Tim McIntosh (who works on the NC program) to the November 12 meeting. The N. Frederick Street project might be funded in the December funding round, contingent on whether the bond issues pass on Election Day. This question will probably be answered at the next NC meeting. The request for Bluemont NC projects yielded four responses. These ranged from a simple repair to building a playground on the bike trail near the big rocks. One possible project would be to bury telephone lines on Wilson.

Other

Neither Arlington Traditional School (ATS) nor Lubber Run is available on November 11 because it is a federal holiday. Judah will ask ATS if space is available on November 12 for a joint Executive Board/General Membership meeting. Judah suggested scanning old meeting sign-in sheets to reduce paper files. Sam Ferro will be one of three people to put up meeting signs and take them down before every meeting. Ferro volunteered to cover the Ballston/Virginia Square Partnership meetings if Talmadge Williams is no longer able to serve in this capacity. Judah will continue trying to contact Talmadge to determine whether he still wants to attend the Ballston/Va. Square meetings. Judah will announce his fundraiser idea again at the meeting on October 22. A committee would need to be formed to spearhead the fundraiser effort.

President dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:25 p.m.