

**Bluemont Civic Association
General Membership Meeting
May 25, 2005
Arlington Traditional School**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 pm.

Wilson Boulevard Arterial Traffic Management (ATM) Plan

Richard Best of county staff presented the 50% ATM design plan. He, and members of the Executive Board, described how five years of joint effort by the County and the Civic Association have resulted in the plan. Best answered Association members' questions, and explained how previously stated concerns were addressed in the latest version of the plan. He noted that a left turn lane from Wilson onto George Mason was being studied, and said he would report back to the Association President on any progress. Best agreed to take a second look at the curb cuts along the strip mall that contains Two Chefs restaurant, along the section by the Safeway and along the section running by the 7-11; but he cautioned that the County does not have right-of-way in these areas, so the business/property owners would have to agreed to any changes. Best agreed to find out if the owner of the BP gas station would be willing to grant an easement of four feet or less to allow a wider sidewalk or a planting strip. Best noted that the traffic count was insufficient to support an additional traffic light at Emerson and Wilson.

Members present unanimously approved the 50% ATM plan as presented at the May 25 meeting.

Members present unanimously authorized Association leaders to support the plan by writing to County officials, meeting with County officials and attending meetings related to the plan.

Abingdon Street Traffic Calming (between Wilson Blvd and Carlin Springs Road)

County staff member Rich Viola presented a 75% design was presented for traffic-calming nubs, a planting strip and other measures to improve safety at this portion of Abingdon Street. A proposal was made for the Association to approve the plan, but an objection was raised on the grounds that the plan had not been previously presented to Association members. It was noted that members present favored the plan, but suggested that a crosswalk across Carlin Springs and improved lighting be added. The plan will be discussed in the Association newsletter and posted on the web so that Association members can review it and take a final vote on it at the June General Membership meeting. Viola said that because no easements were needed, construction could begin this year.

Nominations Committee

All current Executive Board members have agreed to serve another term, but nominations will be accepted up to, and including, the night of the annual meeting on June 22. It was noted that the Association must publish a slate of candidates in the June newsletter.

Neighborhood Conservation Update

The project at 9th Street and Frederick (curb, gutter and lights) is the top priority of the Association to press for funding at the June NCAC meeting.

Missing Links Sidewalk Program

Member Cindi Charles and resident Pauline Eagney (both of Frederick Street) submitted a proposal for a section of mission sidewalk along North Frederick Street to be funded and completed through the newly revised Missing Links program.

Lot Coverage Proposal

Members were urged to check the link at the Civic Federation Website (<http://www.civfed.org>) to determine how their property would be affected by the lot coverage proposal. Proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance would reduce the portion of lots that can be covered by structures and driveways.

Development Affecting Bluemont

Members discussed reports that the site of Bob Peck Chevrolet (Wilson and Glebe) is being sold. The Association President encouraged all members to participate in site plan meetings for any development of this site. He recommended a committee be formed to follow this case. Member Wendy Dean and First Vice President Carl Drummond volunteered to head up the review committee and keep members informed of any developments.

Wilson Boulevard Revitalization Committee

The Association President explained his plans to hold a meeting of this Committee. He said the Association needed a rough idea of what type of development members want built, and how they wanted it built. He said that with the support of the community, such an idea could be presented to a developer.

Park Enhancement Program

Grants of up to \$12,000 are available for improvement in parks. People interested in submitting a proposal should send a letter of intent to the Department of Parks and Recreation by the May 31, 2005 deadline. Complete proposals will be due in September

2005. Member Bob Waffle reported that he planned to submit two proposals for Bon Air Park: one for a footbridge near the restrooms, and one for landscaping.

DC United and Arlington Soccer Association

Bob Waffle announced that he has become the official liaison between the Arlington Soccer Association and DC United. People working with youth and children's groups can contact him for tickets to soccer games.

Ice Rink Celebration in Ballston

On June 11 there will be a celebration of the building of the ice rink at Ballston Commons mall. There will be events all day for children.

Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the April General Membership meeting were approved unanimously without comment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.