

Bluemont Civic Association
Executive Board Meeting
July 8, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
Home of Judah dal Cais

Call to Order and Attendance

President Judah dal Cais called the meeting to order at approximately 7:35 p.m. In attendance were Judah dal Cais, Carl Drummond, Sam Ferro, Judy Collins, Bob Atkins, Wendy Dean, Chris Oatway, Dave Leichtman and Mary Thorne.

Approval of Minutes for 6/10/08

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 6/10/08 Executive Board meeting. A motion to approve the 6/10/08 minutes with the cost of meeting signs added was made and seconded. The Executive Board voted unanimously to approve the 6/13/08 minutes as amended. Thorne will forward the approved minutes for posting on the Bluemont Civic Association (BCA) Website.

Neighborhood Conservation

Thirteen projects were approved in the latest funding round. Eleven projects were not funded including those in Bluemont. There needs to be an article in the September newsletter requesting NC project suggestions and project leaders. The article should reference examples of previously funded projects.

Civic Federation

Bob Atkins reported that the newly elected president of the civic federation died shortly after the elections. A new president has been appointed. The candidates' debate will take place the first Tuesday after Labor Day. A BCA e-mail should be sent to inform members of the date and remind them to attend. Judah will be the point of contact for the candidates' debate. The October meeting will address the four County bond issues and the referendum issue about creating a housing authority in Arlington.

Newsletter

Sam Ferro announced that BCA needs to look for new advertisers before September. Two Chefs wants to advertise but their account has not been paid. Ferro will put together a flyer to go to businesses in the area. He will send a PDF file to the executive committee. Dave Leichtman asked Ferro for electronic versions of the newsletters so he can update the website. Ferro needs newsletter articles by September 6 so the completed newsletter can go to the printer on September 10.

Development of Safeway Site

JBG Rosenfeld is doing a study to see if the Safeway site would be a feasible location for development. This development would retain a Safeway store. The Mid-Atlantic Safeway group is soliciting bids which are probably contingent on

up-GLUPing the site. Development at this location was successfully fought by the neighborhood several years. BCA will follow this issue and get involved if necessary.

Other Business

Judy Collins paid annual dues of \$75 to the Ballston Virginia Square partnership. BCA needs an alternate to Talmadge Williams to attend meetings of the Ballston Virginia Square partnership.

Judah Dal Cais will send the letter regarding BCA's opposition to accessory dwelling units to the County Board.

There has been no change in the situation with the Budget rental trucks parked on neighborhood streets.

Now that the Peck Staples site is well into the demolition phase, JBG wants to put signs on the fence. Judah is monitoring this situation. Dal Cais will speak to Terry Serie about the orange color brick in the latest version of AHC's plans. These are the plans that will be voted on by the County Board in July.

Some ideas for speakers at upcoming BCA general membership meetings include; JBG-Rosenfeld, Arlington County code enforcement, speaker on green building/housing, and the Arlington County bicycle office. Suggestions of speakers for the 2008-2009 general membership meetings should be forwarded to Dal Cais.

Odile Saadi, who had previously made a presentation at a Bluemont meeting, has retired from the Arlington Agency on Aging.

Mary Thorne asked if the August 12 meeting could be cancelled. The decision was to try to handle any urgent matters by e-mail until the September 9 meeting but the August meeting was not cancelled.

President dal Cais adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:50 p.m.

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