

Bluemont Civic Association
Joint Executive Board and General Membership Meeting
December 11, 2007, 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 Carl Drummond, Judah dal Cais, Sam Ferro, Mary Thorne, Suzanne Sundburg and Judy Collins.

Approval of Minutes for 11/13/07 and 11/28/07

Secretary Mary Thorne distributed draft minutes for the 11/13/07 executive board meeting and the 11/28/07 general membership meeting. A motion to approve the 11/13/07 minutes with an amendment was made and seconded. The membership voted unanimously to approve the 11/13/07 minutes. A motion to approve the 11/28/07 minutes with an amendment was made and seconded. The membership voted unanimously to approve the 11/28/07 minutes. Thorne will amend the minutes as requested and forward them for posting on the BCA Website.

Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor Site Plan Update

The next Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 20. Once the date is confirmed it will be posted on the BCA Website. Judah and Terry will write the letter that was discussed at the BCA general meeting on 11/28/07.

Membership Update

Treasurer Judy Collins reported that we have 285 members. The next newsletter will urge members to renew their membership for 2008. In addition, Sam Ferro will print membership forms for the executive board to give to potential members encountered at meetings and elsewhere.

Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Update

Wendy Dean reported by e-mail that she would be presenting BCA's project for funding approval (\$423,000 estimate) at this month's NCAC meeting on December 13. This project includes improvements to curb, gutter, sidewalk and street lights on N. 9th St. between N. Frederick and N. Edison. Block representative Mike Minaie plans to attend.

Pedestrian Issues

President Judah dal Cais reported that Rich Viola has asked for feedback regarding where to add a street crossing on Carlin Springs. At Harrison there currently is a flashing yellow caution light. Suzanne has sent out a request for input to the e-list.

Accessory Dwelling Report Issue

The County's Accessory Dwelling Subcommittee is recommending amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to permit Accessory Dwellings (ADs). Suzanne will alert the e-list about this issue next time she sends out a message.

December Newsletter

A one-page newsletter with a dues renewal appeal and an update on the Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor SPRC process will be distributed after Christmas. Terry Serie will write a short article that will include the three January meeting dates for the Arlington commissions and County Board that will look at the Peck-Staples-Jordan Manor site. There will also be an article on Phase III of the Arterial Transportation Management (ATM) plan. An announcement of the Civic Federation's worst-sign competition will be included only if there is space. Articles need to be delivered to Sam on December 22. The newsletter will go to the printer on December 27 with the distribution date set for December 28. Judy Collins offered to serve as the editor for this edition of the newsletter.

Upcoming Speakers

There will not be an outside speaker for the January meeting. A speaker from the Arlington Agency on Aging (AAA) is scheduled for February. Judah will attempt to get Ed Fendley for February to talk about school admission issues if the AAA speaker can move to March or April.

Adjournment

President dal Cais adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.