

Minutes for the WCA January 27, 2005 quarterly meeting

The door to door delivery of our quarterly newsletter continues to be a problem because of lack of help in parts of the association. It was suggested we transition to posting the newsletter on our website only as an alternative to the door to door delivery. We would notify those for whom we have an email address. A copy would be posted on each street for those without a current email.

Treasurer reported that very few members have paid dues for the year. It was suggested an email be sent to remind and educate members when dues are due.

Nominations for officers were held. Sharon Roger and Naiem Sherbiny were nominated for president; Carla Von Burnawitz for vice-president; Sue Bently for treasurer; and David Thacker for secretary. It was decided per our by-laws that the executive committee will meet to have a slate of officers to put forth for the April elections.

The effectiveness of the speed bumps on 24th Street was discussed. The County prefers humps to bumps so that emergency vehicles are not so affected. One suggestion was to narrow the lanes for cars as a means to slow traffic. A speed camera was also suggested. The County is supposed to do a follow up study to show if the current speed bumps are being effective. We also need feed back from the neighbors on 24th Street as to the current situation.

Approval by the County of the two group homes on 24th Street was announced. An advisory committee has been established and met for the first time January 25th. The members of the committee are: Bart Tarman, chair, Sue Bently, Bill Noland, Rav, Belton, Oshaker, and one resident from each of the homes. Marcia Smith from the County also attended the first meeting. Sue Bently reported they had a good first meeting with a very good and open spirit. They plan to meet each month until May when the County will review the application. Any concerns, questions, or complaints can be addressed to the members of the committee.

Naiem initiated a conversation for more effect communication and representation from the Association Civic Federation and Neighborhood Conservation Plan delegates. With the Civic Federation we had attempted to monitor the individual committees of the Federation between Federation meetings, but there is not an effective tool to do so. It was suggested to make sure those serving in these positions have a real interest in fulfilling their role.

Announcements:

A new Arlington Transit Service stop has been added on Lorcum Lane between Edgewood and Fillmore.

Other Business:

The question was raised as to what is happening at the Woodmont Center. Interest was expressed for the WCA to take a more active role in the counties use of the facility. It was thought that the building falls under the oversight of the Health & Human Services Manager. Sharon Roger offered to investigate the current situation.

There was discussion of the I-66 project. The current right of way includes all of Spout Run. A map can be viewed at www.idea66.com. The report from VDOT is due out soon. This is a state project, so it is not based on Arlington Co. Board approval. The starting point for the widening of one west bound lane is under consideration. This decision has the greatest affect on our neighborhood. It was decided we need to have a strong advocate from our Association to represent us at the various meetings regarding the final plan approval. The main concerns raised were for sound barriers to be included and for a study on air quality to be done.

Jay Dunn raised the idea of having parking permits issued to residents on 23rd Rd. for the purpose of monitoring parking in front of homes. The lots are narrow and there is limited space in front of each house for parking home owner's vehicles.

Tree replanting project. A project for the spring has been proposed to replant trees in the neighborhood. These could be in the park or on private property to replace trees lost to recent storms. It was suggested a Boy Scout would like to do this project as part of his Eagle Scout badge. The County would have money or donations for the trees. Anyone interested should speak to Amy Millen.

Meeting Adjourned.