

Woodmont Civic Association

Quarterly Newsletter

January 2006

Arlington County Goals for 2006

In the January 2nd Organizational Meeting of the Board, Chris Zimmerman outlined his goals for the County in six policy areas, summarized here for WCA folks.

1. *Planning and Building for the Future:* Master Transportation Plan, Historic Preservation Plan, opening a new library, a new theater, and a new community center. Continue planning for Arlington Mill and the North Tract.
2. *County Employees:* the county will continue to be an “employer of choice” by offering attractive conditions of employment in a competitive market.
3. *Housing:* at the top of the policy agenda. Arlington should continue to be diverse and inclusive: for people of all backgrounds, all income levels, all ages.
4. *Senior living in Arlington:* community living for people of all ages. Address the needs of our older residents in housing, health services and transport, among others. Examine the future need for additional “Continuing Care Retirement Communities” within the County.
5. *Transportation:* funding for Metro as a regional effort; focus on Walk Arlington projects, intersection improvements, traffic signal optimization and utility under ground along the Pike; bicycle trails and racks, enhancements to ART bus service and new Metro bus services; and starting the Youth Transit Initiative, a joint effort of the Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families and the Arlington Public Schools, to respond to needs of our youth to connect with jobs, after-school programs, and entertainment venues.
6. *Economic sustainability:* critical to sustaining our goals in view of the pending impact of Defense Department changes approved by the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC); plan to open Transition Assistance Center to help businesses and employees affected by the coming changes; special focus on small business.

For further information, visit the County’s website at www.arlingtonva.us

Church Parking Lot Zoning Change

Arlington County is considering a new zoning ordinance governing the use of church and lodge parking lots for other parking uses. The issue has been under discussion for over a year and will go to the Board for decision in February.

The Planning and Zoning Committee Co-Chairs, Martha Moore and Bill Gearhart made a short presentation to the Arlington County Civic Federation at its January 3rd general meeting. We took a "straw poll" of delegates present. In case you missed the meeting, we have both up on the Civil Federation Web site at: <http://www.civfed.org/churpark.htm>

January 2006 Meeting: Agenda

Thursday Jan. 27th at 7:30 PM at Woodmont Center. Items:
Membership dues / Elections in April
Participation in Newsletter
Captain Herbstreit, Arlington Police Presentation

Summary October WCA Meeting

WCA president thanked the young men and women at the group homes for distribution of the newsletter.

Gratitude was given to Vicki Foster for organizing, and to all others who helped with the neighborhood Labor Day Picnic.

Sharon Rogers gave a report on the status of the Lot Coverage proposed changes for Arlington Co: 3 proposals before the Board on how to deal with over-sized homes. The Civic Federation has recommended that no changes be made at this time since there is no consensus on any proposal.

Sue Bentley gave a report for the Advisory Committee on the group homes: good communication; background checks on each of the new residents. Remaining question about who verifies the reports (probably Zoning Administrator); reviews of group home annually by the Board. Bart Tarman asked that concerns be communicated quickly to continue good relations; suggestion for a place on WCA website for neighbors to voice concerns.

Marjorie Hobart, Chair of the CCC Education Task Force gave a presentation on Emergency Preparedness. She included information on how to prepare a kit, how to make a plan, how to be informed, and how to get involved. Details from the presentation will be posted on our website.

Membership dues are due at the Jan. 2006 meeting for calendar year 2006 to coincide with the calendar year.

Elections were held for representative to the Neighborhood Conservation Plan, resulting in a tie between Tom Laughlin and Carla Von Bernewitz. Subsequently, Carla declined.

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