

## AHCA September Minutes

### **Code Enforcement**

Mr. Dana Wilson of the County's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development Inspection Services Division presented an overview of Code Enforcement activities and answered questions.

-There are 10 staff positions in Code Enforcement and Mr. Wilson does not expect there will be any additions to the current staff.

-Code Enforcement personnel:

-Do not do drive around looking for violations, but they will proactively look for violations as they travel to respond to complaints.

-Will accept anonymous complaints.

-Handled about 5500 cases last year.

-Does not deal with drainage problems.

-Can arrange mediation.

-An inoperable vehicle is one that cannot operate on the streets of Arlington. To be in code, an inoperable vehicle must be in an enclosed building.

-The County will cut grass if the owner does not. It will write a violation and bill the owner.

-An owner has 30 days for compliance or appeal after receiving a violation notice. It is possible to get an extension. All are urged to check with zoning and get permits before starting construction. A construction permit remains valid if there is an inspection every 180 days.

-Problems with garbage cans are handled by the County's Solid Waste office if they are on the right-of-way. Code enforcement handles problems if they are not.

-Over crowding is defined by the zoning ordinance as over 4 unrelated people in a house.

-Call 703.228.3000 if you don't know what County department handles your need.

An attendee said people may contact the local Business Tax Division of the Commonwealth's Treasury Office regarding possible illegal businesses. The division can be reached through 703.228.3000

### **Proposed Pizza Delivery Business**

Mr. Shahzan Kiani is requesting County approval of a pizza delivery store at 768 23rd St S. The business will have limited seating for eat-in and will not serve beer or wine. Mr. Kiani will go before the County on October 18 seeking approval. Attendees expressed concern about the negative impact of a delivery business on the quality of life in our residential neighborhood. Specific concerns include a potential problem with vermin and the impact increased traffic will have on the safety of children at a nearby child-care facilities and tot lots. A motion was passed (14 to 1) opposing a pizza delivery store at 768 23rd St S.

### **Other Business**

A motion was passed endorsing sidewalks along two blocks of Ives St. as the next proposed project.

Ms. Cheryl Mendonsa reported on a meeting she and several other AHCA officers had with Mr. Chris Zimmerman of the Arlington County Board. The plan is to have quarterly meetings with Mr. Zimmerman to discuss issues that are important to our neighborhood.

Mr. Bruce Cameron reported on his meeting with Mr. Zimmerman to emphasize the importance of Wakefield renovation.

About 35 people attended the meeting.