

AHCA November Minutes

Nina Park

Aaron Wohler, Landscape Architect, Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources, presented a preliminary design for Nina Park. The design would replace existing wooden structures with similar features, although there are no plans to have a bridge or boat. The park will have an oceanic theme and be geared to children aged 2-5 years. The overall budget is about \$75,000, with construction to be completed by next summer.

Several people pointed out how the park is used by groups of young children from the local day care centers. These children enjoy the group interactions afforded by the existing bridge and boat, but there is nothing equivalent in the preliminary design. Mr. Wohler agreed to return at the December meeting to present alternatives.

AHCA Officers for 2009

Attendees unanimously approved the following officers for 2009:

President - Bruce Cameron

1st Vice-President - Mike Dowell

2nd Vice-President - Van Newstrom

Treasurer - Gail Fleming

Business Secretary - John Kriese

Correspondence Secretary - Paul McAree

Bylaws Amendments

Attendees unanimously approved the proposed bylaws amendments published in the November AHCA newsletter.

Neighborhood Infrastructure

Bruce Cameron put forward the idea of making Virginia Highlands Park our top priority, instead of sidewalks along two blocks of Ives St, as voted at the September meeting. A motion to approve Virginia Highlands Park as the AHCA top priority was unanimously approved. Mr. Cameron said he will report this at the County NC plan discussion on November 13.

Traffic Calming

James Harrison, head of the AHCA Joyce Street Traffic Calming Committee, discussed traffic calming ideas for Joyce Street. These included needed maintenance, improved markings for crosswalks, a traffic island, and diagonal parking. Ideas from the neighborhood are welcome. Contact him at jdj299@comcast.net.

President's Remarks

Mr. Cameron expressed thanks to Van Newstrom and all who made the BooHaHa a great

success.

County correspondence on traffic calming will be posted on the AHCA website.

Our neighborhood received the designation “Aurora Highlands Historic District.”

The ball fields at Virginia Highlands Park will be locked this Fall because they are being used to store construction equipment.

Mr. Cameron urged all to watch the video of the County Board meeting on October 18. It is available at

http://arlington.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=877

Use the drop down menu on the left of the web page to go to number 44 for the discussion of the Crystal City plan, and number 46 for the discussion of Vocelli Pizza.

We may want to appoint “block captains” to visit each residence in the neighborhood and urge people to join the AHCA. The County looks to the civic associations to speak for the neighborhoods.

Mr. Cameron read letters from the County asking for AHCA comments on two day care use permits, signage on Bell St., and renewal of the permit for the CVS drive thru. Attendees had no substantive comments.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 11. It will be a potluck. Contact Mr. Cameron if you plan to come in order to coordinate dishes.

Other Business

October minutes were approved. About 20 people attended the meeting.