

Minutes for May 12, 2010 Aurora Highlands Civic Association Meeting

1. Call to order, meeting chaired by AHCA Vice President Nick Giacobbe.
2. Members present.
 - a. Passed around sign up sheet. About 40 members present.
3. April meeting minutes.
 - a. Motion to approve the posted meeting minutes. Approved.
4. Officer's reports.
 - a. Treasurer's Report: Nick Giacobbe read Gail Fleming report of a balance of \$9,447.42.
 - b. Business Secretary: Call for newsletter submissions.
 - c. 1st VP: Nick Giacobbe thanked Cara Tenuta for her efforts to get the Senior Program reinstated.
 - d. 2nd VP: Cara Tenuta reported that we need a newsletter carrier, and announced the Trash and Treasure sale on June 5 at the Community Center to raise money for the Senior Program.
 - e. Corresponding Secretary
 - f. Web Master: The Kriese's are moving. We need a new webmaster.
5. Committee reports.
 - a. Sidewalks: Bruce Cameron reported that the missing link sidewalk was under construction on Chris Mann's block (700 block of 22nd Street South). The Ives Street NC project passed the second edition.
 - b. NC (Chris): any reports
 - c. CCBID: Joe Petty of CCBID announced Yoga in the water park on Mondays at 7 a.m.: Zoomba on Wednesdays at lunch; Bike to Work Day on Friday May 21; Bike DC; the Styar Trek Movie series on Mondays starting June 7, and the Crystal Farm farmers market on Tuesdays from 4 – 7
 - d. Library committee meeting report: Cheryl Mendonsa reported the July 2010-July 2011 Tuesday closing of library, and that the Central Library Sunday hours cut was rescinded; Nanette will be working on Family Reading Night
 - e. Community Center (Miriam) – Miriam Gennari stepping down to focus on a run for School Board in November. Miriam reported that the school board wrote a letter to the county board stating that, due to our neighborhood's geographic isolation, closing our library would have a negative impact on students in our neighborhood.
 - f. Senior Program: Cara Tenuta reported that the Senior Program funding was restored
 - g. Wakefield High School: Libby Garvey has announced that the county board has committed to put the Wakefield bond on the 2010 referendum
6. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
 - a. Anthony Fusarelli Crystal City Plan 2050 update: His message was that there are two properties (Holiday Inn and Crystal Towers) that will have a shorter height restriction in the plan than currently exist. The Holiday Inn property owner made an appeal to the neighborhood to consider that Holiday Inn would be unable to make money on the hotel without an exception to allow additional height, and they would be unable to

renovate or sell the property with a lower height restriction. The building would deteriorate and be an eyesore for the neighborhood. The Civic Association agreed that Holiday Inn should be treated differently from the rest of Crystal City in the plan because it is directly facing the neighborhood, but asked the county to make sure that it doesn't set a precedent for other properties in the Crystal City Plan 2050. The Civic Association asked Holiday Inn to place unsightly services such as dumpsters away from the neighborhood. He said they would try.

7. Unfinished business.

- a. 100 Tree Planting for May 15th in Virginia Highlands Park to celebrate the neighborhood's centennial.
- b. Motion to raise dues for 2011 to \$10 individual, \$15 families. Motion passed.

8. New business.

- a. Tortoise and Hare, Freddie's: 6 month entertainment permit review at May county board meeting. We are not aware of any issues. Motion to not oppose renewal of live entertainment permit passed.
- b. Freddie Lutz: update on how 23rd street restaurants are doing
- c. Care Packages to Les and Luke Garrison – Cheryl Mendonsa discussed a joint effort with Calvary Methodist and proposed that the AHCA cover APO shipping costs (equivalent to shipping a package to New York City).

9. Calendar

- See the newsletter

10. Announcements

- a. June 9 AHCA Monthly Meeting (joint with ARCA): **State Senator Patricia Ticer** will visit and give an update from Richmond.

11. Motion to Adjourn.