

## Minutes 9 June 2010 Meeting – Special AHCA-ARCA Neighborhood Meeting.

1. Call to order.
2. Members present.
  - a. Pass around sign up sheet
3. Announcements
  - Centennial Grove Planting completed in May, check out the trees!
  - Summer Kickoff and Library Card Drive, June 16.
  - Summer Potluck at the Firehouse Saturday, 10 July.
  - Boo Ha Ha planning, starts this month.
  - Coffee Mugs, please inspect the prototype
4. Neighborhood Status: ARCA and AHCA
5. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
  - a. State Senator Patsy Ticer
    - **this year budget discussions focused all on outlays, no revenue**
    - **praise for Creigh Deeds' letter (to Assembly?) re what is important**
    - **decreases for mental health funding, education funding (which will lead to larger class sizes), and even police, sheriffs, jails, etc. took hits.**
    - **Medicaid is one of the biggest budget drains**
    - **If there is money, State employees will get 3% raise**
    - **Concerned about deferred \$620 million for VA retirement system--will repay over 10-year period with interest**
    - **Tuition assistance for private schools reduced by \$5 million**
    - **Only increase: Governor's economic development \$46 million**
    - **No funds for transportation; no one is willing to give a dedicated source of income**
    - **Request for bi-partisan redistricting commission**
    - **Support for green jobs, tax relief for companies who promote energy saving, hire new employees, etc.**
    - **"Stream Saver Bill" (no mountain-top removal for coal)--was discussed for 2-3 hours with both sides (industry & govt) represented**
    - **2006 law re power plants cannot "trade"/buy points for air pollution--dangerous levels of particulates, some people around power plants have to move**
    - **Temporary assistance denied for former prisoners who use/have access to drugs--hurs families (if prisoner is living with family and is caught with drugs, all benefits to the family are halted)**
    - **Sees a problem with perspective of new, younger political folks in past 5 years--haven't served their local communities, have no experience in "working across the aisle"--they are inexperienced, focus on the here & now rather than the long-term. 50% of problems are regionalism.**

- **Tim Kaine gave 400K acres for green space, but didn't have the same view about business oversight**
- **Personal Property Tax was a local tax. State took control of it, but had no right to do that (Ticer was one of 9 Senators who voted against that--only 9 out of 40)**

**During Q&A period, someone raised issue re high rises in Crystal City blocking air flow in our neighborhood. Ticer recommended we work with influential people who live in our community/Crystal City.**

AHCA Business Meeting after conclusion of State Senator Ticer discussion

6. April meeting minutes.
  - a. Motion to approve the posted meeting minutes. Motion passed.
7. Officer's reports.
  - a. Treasurer's Report (account balance)
  - b. Business Secretary (Cory – any comments on newsletter, call for submissions..?)
  - c. 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Nick – any reports)
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Cara – any reports)
  - e. Corresponding Secretary (Jenny – any reports)
  - f. Web Master (new webmaster: Jason Roberts)
8. Committee reports.
  - a. Sidewalks (Bruce): sidewalks status
  - b. NC (Chris): NC Meeting Thursday
  - c. CCBID (Cheryl) - any reports
  - d. Library (Cheryl) – committee meeting report.
  - e. Community Center (Mike, report on Laura Lazour meeting): **Continuing discussions with county, who can provide some help for matching program vendors, volunteer-led suitcased programs, and equipment. But no funding!**
  - f. Seniors (Cara) – any reports
9. Unfinished business.
  - a. Care Packages to Les and Luke Garrison (Cheryl)– status.
10. New business.
  - a. Canopy Motion – Jim Oliver. **Quick overview provided by Mike Dowell. Discussion deferred to next month**
  - b. Busy Bee Renewal – **Motion passed not-to-oppose renewal.**
  - c. Potomac Waldorf School administrative review. **Motion passed not-to-oppose renewal**
  - d. **Candidates Night in at Oct AHCA Meeting as joint AHCA & ARCA meeting;**
  - e. **Sept. 18 we will have a booth at Crystal City Vantage (wine event)**
11. Calendar

- See newsletter

12. Motion to Adjourn.