

Minutes for February 9, 2011 AHCA Meeting

1. Call to order.
2. Members present - 25
3. Motion to approve the posted meeting minutes passed. Mike reminded those present that you must be a member to vote and members of AHCA and ARCA can only vote in one civic association.
4. Officer's reports.
 - a. Treasurer's Report (Brent) – There is \$11,793.75 in the treasury with 82 member households.
 - b. 1st VP (Nick) – LRPC Pen Place project at Army Navy between Eads and Fern. County staff plans to have a series of meetings. County staff has designs on a portion of that site for a car barn to serve the street car system being planned. Five buildings are being planned and it is not clear how the County would fit in the car barn there. There was discussion about how to come up with a cohesive strategy to work with Vornado and the County.
 - c. 2nd VP (Cory) – Always looking for newsletter ideas and contributions.
 - d. Secretary (Jenny) – We may be moving to a paid position maintaining the web sites for a low-cost per hour professional. ARCA is interested in sharing this person with AHCA.

Cory reminded folks to vote for the decal competition. The Hume School, a neighborhood landmark, is in the competition and the photo is by a Wakefield student in our neighborhood Maya, who is Cory and Nick's daughter.

5. Committee reports.
 - a. NC / Sidewalks (Bruce, Chris): Spray Park design update, 19th street planning continues, should be underway in the spring.

Chris is looking for proposals for \$10,000 projects. Deadline is April 1 for proposals. Send ideas to Chris Mann at chris@mrmann.com. Bruce is proposing improvements to the 9-11 memorial next to the fire station.

- c. CCBID (Cheryl): Joe from CCBID reported on Crystal Couture. 1K wine walk is Feb 26 extended to Sunday 27. FLASH a partnership with Photo DC will be taking place, curated photos 250 local photographers. 5K Fridays start in April. Power Purge April 27. Farmers Market will begin first week of May.
- d. Library / Community Center. It is a busy month in this space. Odyssey of the Mind readying for competition, Children's Science Program full, Family Fridays starting Feb 18.
- e. Seniors / Day care: any other reports.
- f. C3RC: planning meeting with CC and ARCA on 17 Feb. Rich Kelly is the ARCA Rep. Cory Giacobbe and Mike Dowell are AHCA reps.

New Post office will be on Fern St across from Costco. Old Post office location – Carrier family has engaged with us about how to use that real estate and make the space friendly with our neighborhood.

Al Burt. wants to volunteer to help solve problems for his neighbors. He wrote an article about this and the more unsolvable the problem the better! Contact Al by phone or email.

Miriam reminded everyone to look at the county web site and comment on adding environmental issues to the Arlington Public Schools strategic plan.

6. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.

- a. 2011 Program Planning Discussion - Mike
- b. Energy Efficient Homes Presentation – from AIRE (Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions). Adam Segel-Moss discussed the Fresh Air program, Arlington’s effort to conserve energy, help the environment and show people how to save money. An in-home energy audit is the best first step. There are incentives (i.e. funding) on the federal and state level to improve efficiency.

Scott Donelson from Home Energy Medics gave a presentation on energy efficiency and air quality. He is a BPI (Building Performance Institute) certified consultant. He has a day job at the Pentagon and is president of Home Energy Medics. He is a neighbor. He went over common misconceptions about making a home more efficient – some things are not the highest on the list like replacing windows, adding insulation, installing an attic fan or getting solar power. Scott advises starting with simpler things that will have a bigger impact. Air leakage, HVAC duct leakage, bathroom ventilation, combustion safety and moisture problems are the most common and easy to correct.

Scott is encouraging people who want to be “green” to do things that make a bigger impact, saving energy in the home. He said a home energy audit can identify 20% or greater savings on energy bills.

Don’t forget to change your furnace filter regularly, close your fireplace damper, and clean refrigerator coils every three months.

Typical cost for an audit is \$400.

7. Unfinished business.

- a. None

8. New business.

9. Calendar

- Children’s Science Program 13 Feb 2011, (4 Sundays)
- Family Fridays 18 Feb 2011 (7 Fridays)
- See the newsletter

10. Announcements

- a. None.

11. Motion to Adjourn.