

Minutes for October 12, 2011 AHCA Meeting

1. Call to order by President Mike Dowell.
2. Meeting Participants - 75
3. Program - Joint Candidates Night with Arlington Ridge Civic Association

AHCA Vice President Nicholas Giacobbe moderated the program. The first part of the evening was a question and answer session with the three candidates for the Arlington County Board, Audrey Clement (G), Mary Hynes (D), and J. Walter Tejada (D). Questions focused on a wide range of issues facing the neighborhood and the county at large, including citizen input into County decision-making, the future of the Aurora Hills Community Center, the various developments being planned such as increases at Crystal City, PenPlace and Monument View, sustainability, and the county's social safety net.

The informal straw poll resulted in the following:

Audrey Clement - 17 votes
Mary Hynes - 8 votes
Walter Tejada - 3 votes

After the break, we had a discussion with Abigail Raphael, the sole candidate for the Arlington School Board. Ms. Raphael talked about some of the issues facing the school system, including the 7% increase in enrollment since the last academic year and the projected need for an additional 3,400 seats for the 2016 academic year, the challenges of maintaining high academic standards, and the staffing issues faced by the school system.

4. Business Session.
 - a. A motion was made and approved authorizing newsletter editor Cory Giacobbe to make arrangements with Linden Resources to once again print and stuff membership dues envelopes in the November newsletter
 - b. A motion was made and approved authorizing President Mike Dowell to expend up to \$500 in association funds for the Boo Ha Ha on October 21.
 - c. Nominating Committee Chair Bruce Cameron presented the slate of officers for the coming year. The slate will be advertised in the November newsletter and voted on at the November 9 meeting.

President Jim Oliver
Vice President Nicholas Giacobbe
Second Vice President William Gillen
Business Secretary Jenny Lawhorn
Corresponding Secretary Vacant
Treasurer Mark Ruckh

5. Motion to Adjourn at 9:15 p.m.