

## **Minutes of November 2011 Aurora Highlands Civic Association Meeting**

1. Call to order.
2. Members present - 39.
  - a. Pass around sign up sheet
3. Approve meeting minutes
  - a. Motion to approve the posted meeting minutes
4. Officer's reports.
  - a. Treasurer's Report (Brent) – Bank Balance, Block Party reimbursements
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> VP (Nick) – LRPC Pen Place,
  - c. 2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Cory) – Newsletter
  - d. Secretary (Jenny) – Web page status
5. Committee reports.
  - a. NC / Sidewalks (Bruce, Chris): Fern St, next priorities for projects
  - b. CCBID (Cheryl): any reports
  - c. Library / Community Center: Boo Ha-Ha Wrap Up, MOU renewed, Activities going forward.
  - d. Seniors / Day care: any reports
  - e. C3RC: Next meeting on Nov 16th
6. Special orders -- Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting.
  - a. Pentagon Row SP 105 plan review, Federal Realty, Richard Caffarra, Tim Sampson (6:45 – 7:15). They presented art boards of a proposed redesign of the plaza at Pentagon Row, the main features of which are a larger ice skating rink in the winter, and a more welcoming summer design that includes a path and artificial turf and landscaping improvements, with space for outdoor retail kiosks.

Discussion followed. AHCA will draft letter thanking the developers for working with us and asking for real turf (maintaining the quantity of real turf currently on the plaza), a reduction in the size of the two proposed stand-alone retail structures, review the heat island effect of artificial turf or concrete, and an effort to maintain the current European piazza feel of the current plaza. The community also suggested that the developer consider using the excess ground floor open space leading up to the second floor retailers. There was also a discussion about the need for a review of the pedestrian sidewalks and crosswalks throughout the entire Pentagon Row site.
  - b. 2010 Census Review, Robert Ruiz, Arlington County. (7:30 – 8:00).

Mr. Ruiz presented data comparing how Aurora Highlands, 22202 zip code, the greater Washington area and the greater US have changed from 2000 to 2010. Since 2000, AH grew 29.9 % with the 22202 area code growing even more. Largest growth among 18-64 year-olds. Largest percentage change is people under 5 years old.

The growth of under-17 age people above outpaces the rest of the US as well as the Metropolitan Washington area.  
Our neighborhood and the greater 22202 area code has seen a large increase in one-person households. 4 person households had the greatest percentage change.  
Demographics – biggest numerical change in 22202 is non-Hispanic/ white alone population which increased, as did non-Hispanic households of more than one race.

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c. 2012 AHCA Officer Elections. Officers were elected as follows:

President: Jim Oliver  
Vice President: Nicholas Giacobbe  
Second Vice President: William Gillen  
Business Secretary: Jenny Lawhorn  
Corresponding Secretary: Brent Spence  
Treasurer/Membership: Mark Ruckh

7. Unfinished business.

a. None.

8. New business.

a. Five year day care permit renewals, Busy Bee (30-40 children on 23<sup>rd</sup> Street South) and Luisa Cottle (home day care with 4-5 children on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street South). On a motion, the Association agreed not to oppose either renewal.

b. On a motion, the Association agreed not to oppose a request for a variance for a garage in the 800 block of 18<sup>th</sup> Street South.

c. On a motion, the Association agreed to start the process of preparing a proposal for Nelly Custis Park to be submitted as part of the next round of Neighborhood Conservation projects.

d. On a motion, the Association agreed to authorize the expenditure of up to \$100 for purchase of frames for use in the lobby of the Aurora Hills Community Center.

9. Calendar - See the newsletter

10. Announcements

a. None.

11. Motion to Adjourn.