

**Aurora Highlands Civic Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 8, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 South 18th Street**

Meeting opened at 7:15 p.m.

January Minutes approved by membership.

Officer Reports

- Fern Street – Neighborhood Conservation - Chris Mann reports that the project which adds sidewalks on both sides of street from 19th-22nd has been approved by County Board.
- Ives Street NC
- Joyce Street Calming – is supposed to start in February.

Discussion and questions followed inquiring about street light selection, trees and reviewing plans.

- PenPlace moving to SPRC
- 3rd Monday – Naked Pizza purchases those days support Gunston Middle School
- 2nd Mondays with the County Board at Gunston, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- Walkabout being led by Andrea Walker (ARCA). Responding to county plan on walking routes.

New Business

Tree Motion – motion to amend tree canopy was made, seconded, voted on and passed. The following changes will be made to the motion.

- Allow carryover of any unexpected funds to following years without expiration for the express purpose of restoring tree canopy as described elsewhere in the motion.
- --allow the civic association to purchase trees singularly at a cost not to exceed \$125 per tree and plant those trees on properties subject to the other conditions in this memo if sufficient matching opportunities have not been found by Sept 1 of each calendar year subject to the same max expenditure noted above.

Ice Rink at Pentagon Row: discussion ensued about the proposed redesign.

Motion made that AHCA with ARCA present results of survey to County on level of community support in letter. Amendment proposed: to show results of survey and how information was gathered. Amendment proposed to include survey output

from Survey Monkey.

Motion passed unanimously.

Budget. President James Oliver presented budget for 2011. Ideas to think about for future investment and support include Civic Association Award for kid for community service, and doing something for Wakefield graduates.

Other:

Airport noise and pollution -- CAAN.org. Mike Dowell has a calibrated noise meter and is interested in measuring noise levels.

Recapitalization of Community Center facility. It is time to submit a letter of interest to County saying we want to be considered.

Announcement by Bill Gillen-- Library will be getting paint, other cosmetic improvements in the next month or two.

Motion made to draft letter to County Board upgrading building making it energy efficient, improving environment, Amendment: Send letter thanking County for improvements and stating our desire for further improvements (details included at Presidents' discretion). Amendment accepted. Motion with amendment passed unanimously.

Announcement: Nancy Swain from Arlington Ridge announced that Joyce Street cul de sac extension is not on the Arlington County master plan therefore developer can't extend it. As a result, the developer doesn't qualify for unified neighborhood district. So-called pit park will maintain gravel path.

Old Business

Discussion

Pike Transit Initiative Presentation.

Trying to qualify for Federal funding. There is a very disciplined process. Presentation in the What's New section.

Linden Resources. Kelly Ferris. Linden has been in neighborhood for 33 years, formerly known as SOC Enterprises. They are planning to mount branded signs on the front of the building and Ms. Ferris presented an artists rendering of the specs.

Motion suggested writing a letter to County Board expressing our support of Linden Resources, stating that we are not opposed to their signage proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

Libraries – Shelley Wade urged neighbors to support restoring library hours.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.