

Aurora Highlands Civic Association
Membership Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
Aurora Hills Community Center, 735 South 18th Street

7:00 p.m. Meeting Opening

Motion to approve February Minutes - Passed

Officer/Representatives gave Reports on:

- Joyce Street Improvements Underway – finished to approximately 20th St.
- PenPlace had its first Site Plan Review Committee meeting – the issue of zoning and density is a complex situation including the existing zoning, the mid 1970's PDSP and the recently completed LRPC process.
- County Fiscal Year 2013 Budget Status – Library looks like it will get hours restored, there is a proposal for a tax increase to cover the budget. The County Board has asked for more than the County Manager requested because they can always go lower than the published amount, but never higher.

Motion to write to the County Board and thank them for restoring the Library Hours
– Passed

- 2nd Mondays with the County Board at Gunston – Some AHCA Streets are still dark, some new LED streetlights are harshly bright and residents are complaining.
- 4th of July at Long Bridge Park – Participate as a Group? – Little interest
- C3RC (Crystal City Citizens Review Committee) is working on a report that will be issued soon mostly dealing with traffic and air quality issues, data collection and how to monitor changes.
- Transitway – The Operations and Maintenance Facility “may” be within the AHCA boundary because of some history with the realignment of Eads Street at Army-Navy Drive. The plan is to incorporate the facility into a building that may have 4-6 stories of residential on top. We are engaged to see that the building and its use are in keeping with the neighborhood’s positive character.
- Crystal City Business Improvement District – Upcoming events, 5k Fridays, Community Sponsored Agriculture, Farmer’s Market returning.
- 14th Street Bridge Corridor Environmental Impact Statement – the bridge interchanges are terrible and everyone knows it. There is no money and no will to fix anything. Small changes may happen in the future like lane realignments and a dedicated bike bridge.
- April Meeting Topic - Bicycling

New Business

- Block Party Sponsorship Motion - Passed
- Budget - Deferred
- Update on the Bus Stop Relocation from North Side of South 23rd and East Side of Fern to West Side of Fern in front of homes – County reports that this element of the bus stop improvement project is “on hold” pending a county staff review. The County has committed to notifying neighbors and the civic association prior to any further action.

There was No Old Business

Discussion

- Neighborhood Day May 12 – pursuing a neighborhood parade down recently completed Joyce Street. Mike Dowell coordinating. Road Closure, a band
- Bus Stops Along S 23rd – Because so many issues were raised about bus stops along S 23rd in the County meeting about the stop relocation and shelter installation at S 23rd and Fern, AHCA did a comprehensive review of bus stops along S 23rd and made a series of recommendations to the County.
- Civic Federation’s Martha Moore presented on how Edges and Transitions could be handled between Higher Density and Lower Density Development. The presentation focused on zoning transitions that would largely be applicable to properties along 22nd and 24th that back up to commercial properties along 23rd. Many creative solutions and potential pitfalls were discussed.

Meeting adjourned.