

Aurora Highlands Civic Association

Minutes from Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 8 February 2017

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Attendees: 19 members signed in.

Proceedings:

President Natasha Atkins called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Aurora Hills Library.

Community Updates

--The River House project appears to be on hold indefinitely at the request of the property owner. The proposal that was put forward about two years ago included 930 units on the current surface parking lot. It would have required a County zoning change. There have been recent changes in ownership and they may have gotten a sense of non-approval by the county.

--Late today, the County responded to our Association's questions and concerns about the 31st Street site across from the ART bus terminal. Basically, the County is going ahead with its plans, which were discussed at our January meeting. The full response will be posted on our website.

--The County is looking for input on a new park that will be located just South of the Harris Teeter complex at Glebe Road and Route 1. There will be a County visioning meeting on February 22 for South Park, which will tie in with the Four Mile Run restoration project.

--Capital Bikeshare is looking for AHCA support for its proposal to move the station that is near Route 1 on 12th Street closer to the Whole Foods store on Eads Street. **A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to support the Bikeshare station move.**

Arlington Initiative to Rethink Energy (AIRE)

Adam Segel-Moss with the Arlington Department of Environmental Services filled us in on key components of the Initiative and passed out LED light bulbs and a guide to LED lighting. Beginning this week, large boxes with samples of several types of LED bulbs and information about them can be checked out of the library for a week. You can try the bulbs in your fixtures to see what each type looks like in your home. This should help to figure out which type of bulb you need without several trips back and forth to the store. Thermal cameras that show areas of heat loss and intensity also can be checked out in the library and County residents can apply for up to \$575 for adding insulation or air sealing or replacing water heaters or heat/air conditioning efficiency and a Storm Water Wise Program works to reduce storm water impact by getting rid of impervious surfaces. The program can provide 40 matching grants up to \$2,000 each year. In addition to these programs, AIRE staff can advise County residents on energy-saving efforts. Information on these programs is available at www.ArlingtonEnergy.us or

www.facebook.com/ArlingtonAIRE. There was discussion of solar cooperative projects in the county and of the need to save large trees and to encourage tree planting.

Pentagon Row

Kari Glinski from Federal Realty, the owner of Pentagon Row, discussed the company's efforts to attract new businesses. She said a new junior anchor would be coming soon, but couldn't say which one. Federal Realty is trying to "up the experience" of coming to Pentagon Row by such things as outdoor amenities. She hopes everyone is happy about the new TJMAXX store. There was a discussion of the types of restaurants, stores and businesses that members would like to see in Pentagon Row.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Maureen Quinn

Recording Secretary