

Aurora Highlands Civic Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2018

Attendees: 17 people signed in, including 9 AHCA members, 4 non-members, and 4 who were uncertain.

Proceedings:

--Vice-President Scott Miles called the meeting to order at 7:08 in the Aurora Hills Senior Center.

--The minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Update on the Oakridge Elementary School Walk Zone Study

Nancy Duncan, AHCA's walk zone review representative, said that the Oakridge walk zone is not being changed, but bus riders could be moved to other schools. AHCA students could be split among three schools—Hoffman Boston, Oakridge and Drew, which will no longer be a Montessori option school. The Montessori option will be at Patrick Henry.

The School Board is receptive to people wanting to stay at Oakridge, but county-wide students must move because of the space squeeze. Crystal City will probably be split off to another school. The option schools have a minimum foot print for walkers. New boundaries for South Arlington should be announced by November, then Central Arlington, then North Arlington.

People should talk to School Board members to express their concerns. They have office hours every Monday. There is a need to convince them with logic and facts and to look at the Board's criteria for boundary changes and speak specifically to those criteria.

In 2015, the County said it would look at a feasibility study for a new school in our area for 2026. That date has been bumped to 2029. There had been discussions in the past about using the Community Center building for a new school. The feasibility study must look at other possibilities as well.

Les Garrison pointed out that ultimately this is a political situation and people should remember that when they vote on Nov. 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Maureen Quinn

Recording Secretary