

Aurora Highlands Civic Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2018

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Attendees: 12 members and 3 non-members signed in.

Proceedings:

—President Natasha Atkins called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the Aurora Hills Senior Center.

--The meeting minutes for October were approved.

--A motion was approved to reimburse Natasha for the money provided to the Ridge Association to help with the Halloween parade.

Election of Officers

The following slate of officers was unanimously approved: Miriam Gennari, president; Scott Miles, first vice president; Natasha Atkins, second vice president; Ben Davis, treasurer; Heather Spence, corresponding secretary. There was no nominee for recording secretary.

Senior Center Update

David Litman, chairman of the Center's advisory committee introduced the new center director Lela Paig. She has been with the County's youth and family programs for 8 years. She would like to work on more intergenerational programs, such as story time and tree decorating; more intellectual activities, such as book clubs; programs with the library; and volunteer efforts. Members of the community are welcome to give presentations and we all need to advocate for more days and more hours at the center. David noted that the advisory committee meets the first Monday of each month at 11:30 in the Senior Center. Meetings are open to all 55+ members.

Melwood/Linden Resources

Melwood and Linden Resources have merged to help provide job opportunities for people with differing abilities and injured veterans. Melwood has 1,600 employees in DC, MD, and VA. They do landscaping, custodial, hospitality, and construction work. They are partnering with CVS and have 6 people working in CVS stores. They also sponsor camps for kids and veterans. They will continue the tradition of the tree lighting and holiday festivities that Linden has been sponsoring for many years.

A motion was passed unanimously to give \$500 to Melwood/Linden to support their programs and community outreach in the Aurora Hills neighborhood.

There was discussion of the need to look more broadly at funding requests from organizations within the context of figuring out the overall association budget as we go into the new year.

School Boundaries Update

Nancy Duncan updated us on the outcome of the County's school boundaries process. Oakridge is the most over-crowded elementary school in the County. Some students in our area will be going to Drew. Students in Crystal City north of 18th St. will go to Hoffman-Boston and Crystal City south of 18th St. will go to Oakridge. Patrick Henry will become a Montessori school. Drew and Hoffman-Boston will still be under-capacity. Condos are being shifted out of Oakridge. We need to strategize with ARCA and CCCA about prioritizing schools, especially with HQ2 arriving.

A motion to pay Nancy's expenses for presentation materials was passed unanimously.

Other Business

The County is taking a look at residential zoned parking and will have a citizen listening session here on 11/29/18.

At our January 9 meeting, we will have a presentation on scooters, electric-assisted bikes, and dockless bikes by the County office that deals with shared mobile devices.

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

Maureen Quinn

Recording Secretary

