

Aurora Highlands Civic Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2018

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Attendees: 14 people signed in; 6 indicated that they were AHCA members.

Proceedings:

--President Natasha Atkins called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. in the Aurora Hills Senior Center.

--The slate of officers for 2019 that will be voted on at our November meeting include: Miriam Genari, president; Scott Miles, 1st vice president; Natasha Atkins, 2nd vice president; Heather Spence, corresponding secretary; and Ben Davis, treasurer. There is no nominee for recording secretary.

--The minutes for the October meeting were approved.

Proposed Development Behind Oakridge School

Andrea Hoffman, ARCA member, discussed a proposed new development behind Oakridge school and Forest Hills. The proposal for 12 town houses will require a zoning change and an extension of Queen Street. Three to five single houses could be built on the land by right. However, there is more than a 15-percent grade on these 2 acres of land, which is expansion clay, so it wouldn't be realistic. Pulling out existing trees could cause run-off and flooding in Forest Hills and jeopardize the Oakridge lot and other areas. There are also Chesapeake Bay requirements and an arborist would need to approve tree removal. Arlington has no policy on this type of land. Concerns include potential flooding, the stability of the slope, and loss of trees including the last hickory/oak forest in the county. Nothing has been submitted to the County yet by the developer. **A motion was passed for AHCA to send a letter to the County to support the effort to prevent this development. It would stress the effects on our neighborhood and other parts of Arlington.**

Dog Park

ARCA member Bob Hyde gave an update on a proposed dog park in 22202. The County has rejected two sites proposed by ARCA and has suggested using part of Eads Park south of the paved path. The soccer fields and playground would not be affected. Issues of concern are parking, tree removal and neighborhood impact. The County is working on a feasibility study.

Ride-Share Lot Update

The County, airport, and VDOT are working on signals on Rt. 1 and working to get the Rt. 1 gate to the lot opened. The light poles on Eads St. now are temporary. We may get lights that are synchronized with the 27th St. light. The County has allocated \$250,000 for this project. The question came up of why the

County is paying when the airport leased the lot for use by Uber and other ride-share drivers waiting to pick people up at National Airport during the lengthy construction there.

Kimco Parking Lot

Kimco Realty, which is building a “residential tower” near Costco wants to lower the number of parking spots per unit. The issue is still in flux but there are concerns that the number will be too low. According to the County the number can go down to two spaces for every 10 units. However, the County has not done an analysis of this site to determine if that number would be adequate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Maureen Quinn

Recording Secretary