



Aurora Highlands Civic Association

Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, 14 October 2015

7:00PM

MINUTES

1. Introductions
2. [Nelly Custis Park Improvements](#) – Presentation and final vote on the [revised scope](#)
 - a. To date county and AHCA hosted 3 public scoping meetings
02-Mar-2015 **16-Sep-2015** **30-Sep-2015**
 - b. After affirmative AHCA vote on initial scope and concept plan (following county presentation at 08-Apr-2015 AHCA meeting), county gathered additional feedback via online survey, which gathered feedback from individuals within and outside AHCA.
 - c. Based on updated feedback from community, county prepared revised scope and concept plan, presented at 14-Oct-2015 AHCA meeting.
 - d. A majority of members present voted in favor of the revised scope as presented
 - e. AHCA will draft a letter to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Council accordingly.
3. Invited Presentation by [Delegate Alfonso Lopez](#)
 - a. Del. Lopez provided a [summary of significant legislation](#) considered by the 2015 Virginia General Assembly, including
 - Campus sexual assault
 - Investments in solar Energy
 - Funding for public education
 - Gun violence prevention
 - Small business reform
 - Improvements to State budget
 - Expanding Medicaid coverage
 - Addressing housing affordability
 - b. You may contact Del. Lopez at
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4. Invited Presentation by Rami Natour, Project Manager for [ART Bus Facility](#)
 - a. Construction updates include
 - Ongoing removal of contaminated/unsuitable soils and lot grading
 - Installation of onsite storm drain (start Oct-2015)
 - Installation of foundations on the maintenance building (start Nov-2015)
 - Installation of dry utilities (start Dec-2015)
 - Targeted timeline to completion is 18 months (from Sep-2015 start date)
 - b. Community provided feedback regarding preference for off-duty buses to avoid 23rd St S, S Eads St, and S Fern St, with request for buses returning to ART facility to use Route 1 and S Glebe to access the facility.
5. Discussion of ARCA/AHCA/CCCA joint letter to county staff on new school site
 - a. South Arlington Working Group points to three prospects for construction of new (2016) elementary school, including their preferred site, collocated on Thomas Jefferson Middle School campus
 - b. Acknowledging growth in South Arlington, an additional school will likely be required in the near future.
 - c. Community Facilities Study Committee released recommendations for the new facility siting process, which will impact future (2024/2025) elementary school location for South Arlington
 - d. Expansion on Gunston Middle School campus and new River House complex are already on the table.
 - e. Before process gets too far down the road, 22202 Civic Associations (AHCA, ARCA, and CCRC) co-authored a joint letter asking County Board and School Board to consider centrally located Aurora Hills Library and Community Center as another possible location.
 - f. Draft letter presented to AHCA members present, who voted with a majority voting to sign the letter as drafted (copy available).



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6. Community Updates – *skipped to allow time to accept nominations*
 - a. Community Shred Day at Linden Resources, 17-Oct from 8am-2pm
 - b. Boo Ha Ha, 17-Oct from 3pm-6pm
 - c. Aurora Hills Candidate Night, 22-Oct at 7pm
 - d. AHCA December Potluck at ACFD Station Five, 05-Dec
7. Nominations for 2017 AHCA Officers (voting will take place 11-Nov)
 - a. Nominations received from the members present were as follows:
 - President (n=1 nominee) – Natasha Atkins
 - Vice-President (n=1 nominee) – Debby Eliezer
 - Second Vice-President (n=2 nominees) – Mary Humphries; Scott Miles
 - Business Secretary (n=1 nominee) – Rob Sidman
 - Corresponding Secretary (n=1 nominee) – Heather Spence
 - Treasurer (n=1 nominee) – Galo Valarezo
 - b. If you were unable to make the October meeting and/or have someone in mind that you would like to nominate prior to the November 2015 AHCA meeting, please e-mail the Name, AHCA Officer Position (Nominated), and E-mail Address for your nominee to AHCApresident@gmail.com.
 - c. Elections will be held in person at next AHCA meeting; there is currently no mechanism for absentee voting.
 - d. New term starts January 2016.
8. Open Forum – *tabled until next meeting at 7PM on Wednesday, 11 November 2015.*