

Membership Meeting Minutes
Aurora Highlands Civic Association
September 10, 2025, at Aurora Hills Center and via Zoom

Opening of Meeting

President Rachel Hicks opened the meeting at 7:09 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an overview of the agenda.

Minutes Approval

The draft minutes for the July 2025 regular meeting were approved.

President's Updates and Discussion from the Membership

- **Fall Activity** – Will be held on Saturday, October 25. Lexi will represent AHCA at the block party on 17th Street.
- **Melwood** – No real updates, waiting to hear about historic designation late in the year.
- **AHCA Officer Nominations** – We will soon need to develop a slate and may have an opening for the presidency.
- **County Auditor** – Auditor is looking at the community benefits of 8 projects across the County, to include 3 projects in 22202 - Amazon HQ2, the Altaire, and Hazel at National Landing. The auditor is arranging interviews with civic associations, and we are looking to see who was our SPRC rep on the projects.

Aurora Hills Acting Branch Librarian Shahana Parvis

Shahana gave an overview of the programs that are carried out by the 4 staffers at the AH branch, noting that she had a staff of 15 at Westover. The theme of the talk was “we’re not just books anymore” as she went through the variety of activities that include a book club, movies, yoga and breathing classes, resume and job search help, technical support, and traditional story hours. Some of the suggestions included better advertising of the programs, longer hours, and more programming for teens.

EYA Highlands Row Project

EYA Vice Presidents Angelina Fuller and Lorin Randall briefed on the 42 infill town houses EYA will be building at the corner of Fern and 18th Streets (Crystal House 7/8). Building permits are expected momentarily and work will begin slowly with initial utility relocations. Once work starts, EYA will hold monthly progress meetings. The first string of townhouses should deliver in November 2026 and the remainder of the work is scheduled to conclude in May of 2027. An onsite sales office will be in a trailer at the corner of Fern and 22nd Streets. EYA is also the lead on Crystal House 4, which must begin construction by September 2028. The Highlands Row Community Liaison is Tim Barry, tbarry@eya.com, 240-673-8620. EYA will also post to the CrystalHouseProgress.com web site that covers the entire Crystal House site.

Crystal and Pentagon Cities Council

The new chair of the Council, Ben D'Avanzo, gave an overview of the history and structure of the Council and some of the things he intends to undertake as the new chair. He is still waiting for a new County liaison to the Council, they are hiring a new staffer to take on the role since Matt Mattauszek's departure for Falls Church. In the interim there may be some delays in getting things like letters posted to the web site, although they are always available from Ben. The Council's meetings are open to the public and the next meeting is on September 30. For more on the Council, visit this [link](#).

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Nicholas J. Giacobbe, Jr.
Recording Secretary