Membership Meeting Minutes
Aurora Highlands Civic Association
September 9, 2026, at Aurora Hills Center and via Zoom

Opening of Meeting

Vice President Alex Chakrin opened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. with a welcome to the membership and an overview of the agenda. Alex also made a few announcements:

- Congratulations to the winner of the art contest, the theme was bugs and bees.
- Volunteers are needed for many roles in the Civic Association, including the Presidency when Stacy's term is up. Please let one of the officers know if you are interested in running.
- The VHC urgent care on 23rd St is converting to a primary care practice effective Sept 10.

Minutes' Approval

The draft minutes for the July 2026 regular meeting were approved.

National Landing Business Improvement District (BID)

Rob Mandle, Deputy Executive Director of the BID introduced Matt Jones, whose portfolio will now include engagement in addition to his role in transportation and mobility. Rob talked about some of the things going on at the BID and some factoids available on the web at http://www.NationalLanding.org:

- Since October 2023, more than seventy-five new retailers have opened
- Currently the district has a 23% office vacancy rate
- The BID has an annual budget of $5.2 million (special tax district) and serves as storyteller and place makers
- National Innovation Quarter is a new 501 (c) 6 that will support private sector efforts at growth, they recently received a grant of $4 million from the state
- Lots of activities, more than 100 events with 35k participants – look at the website for details on NaLa Noches concerts on Thursdays, the Lodge on 12/5, and garage racing on 2/20/2027

EcoAction Arlington

Neighbor Kim Fredrich hosted an interactive game aimed at identifying easy ways to be eco friendly every day. Climate change threats are creating more code purple days. The average family wastes $1,600/year in food, one way to reduce footprint is to have meatless days. There are also resources available from the Arlington Home Energy Hub (link) to make our homes more energy efficient.

Discussion Items

- **Melwood** – No news.
- **EHO Update –** 801 23rd St and 800 22nd Street houses demolished to be replaced by two triplexes.
- **2721 South Grant Street -** Current home has been demolished, application to divide the lot into two to permit two dwellings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m., following unanimous consent on motion to adjourn.

Nicholas J. Giacobbe, Jr.
Recording Secretary