

CHCA Meeting, Monday, Nov 11th Veterans Day 2019, 6 pm – 8 pm

New Location: 2701 12th St S. Arlington VA 22204

CHCA Board Members Present:

Ron Haddox, Sarah McKinley, Takis Karantonis, Meredith Gade, Marian Gooderham

Others: Reggie

6:00 PM President's Update and the goals for tonight (need to add a new delegate for CivFed - Eric Brescia is leaving the country) – Ron Haddox

- Ron discussed move of group listserv from "Yahoo" to ".io" as Yahoo is disbanding service and lack of member transfers thus far (emails have been sent re need to sign up with new listserv); Marian has posted info to the Facebook group; Ron will send final email before December deadline.
- Ron mentioned Eric Brescia has already left the country and a new delegate for CivFed is needed, no volunteers as of yet.

6:05 PM Approval of the Meetings tonight agenda and the Oct 14th meeting minutes. (Marian and Ron)

- Tonight's agenda and last month's meeting minutes were unanimously approved; Marian to email final copy of last month's meeting minutes to the Board.

6:15 PM Career Center BLPC/PFRC update (Takis and Marian)

- Takis provided a handout (see attached) summarizing last BLPC meeting's discussion of building needs: approximate capacity consideration is 1900 students (top capacity is 2194), breakdown of classroom types and community/group spaces to be included onsite; projected total of 370,000 sqft compared to today's existing 158,000 sqft.
- Takis to request explanation re cost comparison of demolishing existing site vs building it out as planned; Takis also to inquire about library remaining operational during its proposed first floor consolidation/redesign (giving second floor to Arl Tech for classrooms).
- First true schematics by architects to be presented at next BLPC meeting on Nov. 20th in compliance with current Charge to include the underground parking and practice field.

6:45 PM CHCA Schools Committee (Sarah)

- Sarah led brief discussion re creating a Schools Committee within CHCA for discussions related to the schools that serve our neighborhood; some questions were raised by Meredith and Marian as to scope of the committee and whomever might possibly volunteer for it bc our neighborhood has so many schools...bump topic to another meeting with more attendees.

7:00 PM Arlington Arts / Transit Station Art update (Juliet)

- Juliet out sick, Ron passed around a copy of her email summary that she sent to the listserv re status and goals of the committee/project.

7:15 PM Future meeting with the County's Foresters. (Marian, All)

- Meredith will reach out to County Arborist, Vincent, re possible presentation at one of our meetings related to County's tree policies and best practices, etc.

7:20 PM Status Update on the current state of the Lee Highway planning and a proposed re-development of Arlington (Ben)

- Ben out sick, bump topic to future meeting.

7:35 PM Parks and Rec about Walter Reed playground Action items Update (Marian and Eleanor)

- (Eleanor not in attendance) Marian read proposed follow up email to County reps who attended our last meeting (drafted by Eleanor) requesting updates on their noted action items and clarification as to their written policies on updates vs reconstruction of parks.
- Ron requested our Board review the draft for further input; Marian will circulate the draft accordingly.

7:45 PM CHCA Meeting at Pupatella - December 9th (Ron, All)

- Ron met owners and sent an email mentioning our desire to host a holiday meeting at the restaurant if available on December 9th, if not we will default to Walter Reed (Sarah to reserve)

7:50 PM Old Business –Letter to CPRO (The current state of the Columbia Heights Farmers Market and Vendor concerns.) (Takis)

- Takis presented a handout (see attached) noting items of concern with the Rite Aid property and will draft a letter to property owner BM Smith (responsible for keeping the square and enforcing tenant/County needs to inspect and establish standards), CPRO and County.
- Handout also provides list of suggestions for other possible upgrades to intersection of S Edgewood and Columbia Pike; Sarah and Marian disagreed with proposition to not allow left turn onto S Edgewood from west-bound Columbia Pike, most other items were not objected to by the group.
- Traffic concerns: Sarah mentioned she's reported a couple drivers to Police re running stop signs at 12th St. S and S Edgewood St. She's concerned drivers aren't seeing the stop sign when headed east bc of tree on private property to the right, just before the sign; she believes adding a white paint stop bar would help visibility. She and Meredith to follow up on drafting a response to County Board member Dorsey's email response to Sarah re pending street improvement/traffic calming projects in our neighborhood.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm