

**CHCA Meeting, Monday, Dec 9th, 2019, 7 pm – 9 pm**

**Location: Walter Reed Community Center**

**Board Members Present: Ron Haddox, Sarah McKinley, Takis Karantonis, Meredith Gade, Marian Gooderham**

**Others: Reggie Nixon**

**Guests: Michael Dowell and Eric**

7:00 PM President's Update and the goals for tonight (need to add a new delegate for CivFed) – Ron Haddox

- Bumped topic of delegate to next meeting

7:05 PM Approval of the Meetings tonight agenda and the Nov 11th meeting minutes. (Marian and Ron)

- Bumped to next meeting

7:10 PM Livability 22202 Presentation (Michael Dowell)

- Guest Michael Dowell of the Aurora Highlands Civic Association and Eric from Crystal City Civic Association lead discussion on their combined efforts, along with Arlington Ridge Civic Association, to get ahead of the impending Amazon arrival and growing density surrounding those immediate areas.
- Focuses are on housing affordability for all (not solely certified affordable housing) and community integration of private and public spaces; traffic, parking, improvements to Route 1; adding a school and community recreation center. Copies of detailed plans were distributed for review.
- Lots of discussion on history of the area, development and what the vision is.
- CHCA will try to send representative(s) to some of their community workshops (housing, Route 1, open spaces, the Underground, etc.) that are planned to show overall support for the Livability 22202 plan.

7:30 PM Columbia Heights Civic Association/Livability 22202 discussion (ALL)

- See above

(Guests left)

8:45 PM (New topic) Metro expansion meeting update (Takis)

- Takis attended the meeting prior to our meeting tonight; update on Metro needs now and in the future.
- Goal: CHCA talk to County Board about making the Columbia Pike line proposal a priority for the County.
- Bump further discussion to next meeting.

9:00 PM Career Center BLPC/PFRC update (Takis and Marian)

- Discussion regarding the four proposals for parking that were discussed at the last BLPC/PFRC meeting; CHCA members in attendance determined by show of hands that they preferred option “A” which was build the maximum amount of parking spaces (500+/-) in an underground garage with the practice-size athletic field on top as recommended in the CCWG.
- Marian expressed concern that APS is trying to dictate a narrative that many of the staff at the CC bike or take other forms of transportation to the campus and that the alleged number of offsite parking spaces in the surrounding neighborhoods and parking garages are enough to warrant not building sufficient parking onsite ie the traffic management study presentation-there has been zero attempt by APS to negotiate with parking garage owners in the area and even if so, there is no guarantee of leasing any number of spaces in perpetuity for CC use; due to increasing density along the Columbia Pike corridor, there will be more parking demands on the surrounding neighborhoods in the near future....build the parking as recommended in the CCWG report!
- Library update: renovations will result in the Columbia Pike Library becoming one floor only, Takis did not think the proposed floor plan made logical sense so he will follow up with his input.

9:15 PM Arlington Arts / Transit Station Art update (Juliet)

- Bump, Juliet absent.

9:15 PM Update on Papatella – (Ron)

- Should be open by end of this month.

9:20 PM Adjourned.

Dues paid in person for 2020: Ron gave Sarah \$15 cash; Sarah wrote check for \$15 to CHCA and will deposit both.