

Arlington Ridge Civic Association (ARCA)
Minutes of the Membership Meeting, January 19, 2017

Recorded by Don Schlichtmann

ARCA President Arthur Fox opened the meeting at 7:07 pm. The meeting was held in the library of Oakridge Elementary School, as the regular meeting site at Aurora Hills Community Center is unavailable due to its ongoing renovation.

Parking Lot on 31st St. -- Arthur introduced June Locker, Bureau Chief of Facilities Design & Construction, Arl.Co. DES. Ms. Locker discussed the history and plans for the site, which is west of Eads St. and is intended for personal vehicle parking for ART bus drivers. Planned site improvements include lighting, invasive species remediation, and support for improvements to the waste water treatment plant, as well as site prep for vehicle parking.

A Q&A session followed the presentation. Concern was expressed about the steep nature of the edge of the site and potential runoff problems with removal of foliage. Ms. Locker indicated that a consultant's recommendations will be brought before the public before plans are finalized.

Christian Dorsey, Arl.Co. Board member -- Arthur introduced Mr. Dorsey to discuss high-density development in the 22202 Zip area and the future of METRO. Mr. Dorsey began by discussing his roles on the Arl.Co. Board and his interest in those roles. He is involved with several projects concerning development in Crystal City, and he is the Arl.Co. representative on the METRO Board. He indicated that METRO's financial picture, as well as Arl. Public Schools capacity and desired County infrastructure improvements are putting significant pressure on the Arl.Co. budget.

He indicated that County priorities for infrastructure development include the Four-Mile Run corridor and the Lee Highway corridor. He also indicated a need to 'marry' past planning for areas within Zip 22202 with current realities, such as changing work patterns (flex time, work from home) and transportation patterns (biking, walking, ride-sharing, Uber/Lyft). He said that the FY2017 METRO budget projects a \$290 million deficit.

Mr. Dorsey then conducted a wide-ranging Q&A session, with questions covering METRO, density concerns, traffic, and County staff non-responsiveness to citizen inquiries or complaints. Mr. Dorsey was applauded at the conclusion of his remarks.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.