

Arlington Ridge Civic Association (ARCA)

Minutes of the Membership Meeting, July 20, 2017

Recorded by Don Schlichtmann

ExBoard member Mike Pickford opened the meeting at 7:05 pm in the absence of ARCA President Arthur Fox. The meeting was held in the revamped Aurora Hills Community Center.

ARCA Board Election. Mike reviewed the slate of candidates for the Executive Board of ARCA that had been presented at the May 18 Membership meeting. The candidates were as follows:

Position:	Current Positions	Proposed slate of Positions
President	Arthur Fox	Arthur Fox
Vice-President	Meredith Dodge	Meredith Dodge
Vice-President	Matthew Galan	Mike Pickford*
Vice-President	Charlie Hughes	Charlie Hughes
Vice-President	Vacant	Natasha Pinol*
Secretary	Don Schlichtmann	Don Schlichtmann
Treasurer	Bob Hyde	Bob Hyde
Communications Director	Maggie Gaffen	Maggie Gaffen
Up to 4 additional positions		
Transportation	Mike Pickford	Matthew Galan*
Transportation	Sandi Amendola	Sandi Amendola
TBD	Vacant	Kerry Spinks*
Possible 4 th position	Vacant	No recommendation

* Note: The four asterisked names indicate a change from the current Executive Board.

Mike noted that since the May meeting two proposed candidates, Natasha Pinol and Kerry Spinks, had written to say that, due to personal circumstances, they could no longer commit to being on the ARCA Board. Mike then asked for a vote on the remaining candidates. All were approved unanimously by the Members present at the meeting.

Announcements. Mike made three announcements.

- The first dealt with action by the Arl.Co.Board the previous Saturday on ARCA’s (and AHCA’s and CCCA’s) request to improve the process known as “TIA” (Traffic Impact Analysis) when assessing the impact of proposed new development. The Arl.Co.Bd. determined that the ‘holistic’ analysis requested by the Civic Associations was beyond the scope of a TIA (which is conducted by the developer) and was a matter for the County. The Board agreed to study the requirements of a ‘holistic’ analysis further before giving direction to County staff.
- The second dealt with meetings that the Co. is conducting regarding land use issues, including land ‘swaps’ and school (APS) needs.
- The third dealt with the expected announcement in the next few weeks of school boundary changes for the 2018 school year.

Arl.Co. Police. Mike then introduced Capt. Wayne Vincent, commander of the 2nd Dist. of the Arl.Co. Police Dept., who in turn introduced two sergeants and a SRO (School Resource Officer) supervisor. Capt. Vincent gave a short talk and then took questions, which he and the sergeants answered. One question which arose dealt with credit card ‘skimming’ at ATM machines and gas pumps, which leads to

identity theft and credit card fraud. The Commander suggested that he could have someone from the Fraud Division address this topic in more detail at a future Membership meeting, upon ARCA's request. This matter may be of further interest to the Membership. The SRO supervisor gave a brief talk about his program.

Capt. Vincent concluded by noting two upcoming events for Arl.Co. Fire & Police Depts. The first is an Aug. 26 event at Kenmore Middle School from 8 am to 4 pm with free food, fire trucks, and helicopters. The second is the "911 Race" which will be held on Sept. 9. The entire presentation was very well received, and the officers stayed to talk privately until the end of the meeting.

State Legislators. State Representatives Alfonso Lopez (49th Dist.) and Mark Levine (45th Dist.) gave a presentation on the achievements, failures, and process of the Virginia General Assembly in the recent legislative session. Rep. Lopez handed out a document titled, "2017 Session Highlights". Both Reps. spoke to a number of issues, including Medicaid expansion, safe drinking water, the DREAM Act, affordable housing, and transportation funding. Both responded to questions from the Membership. At the end they briefly discussed goals for the next legislative session.

The two Representatives presented well and were well received by the Membership. Both discussed voting patterns in 'off-year' elections and encouraged people to vote at the November election. Both Delegates left their contact information and indicated that they could often help ARCA in breaking through bureaucratic logjams by contacting their offices.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.