

LHA REVISED BOARD MEETING MINUTES – January 23, 2020

Voting Directors Present (13)

Peter Bota, Mike Cantwell, Sandi Chesrown, Michele H. Cornwell, Pamela Gillen, Edith Gravely, Ralph Johnson, Tom Korn, Jim Lantelme, Laura London, Scott Matties, Richard Price, Michelle Winters

Voting Director Absent (1)

Chris Sundlof

Non-Voting Directors

Tom Wolfe, Present (1)

Matt Weinstein, Absent (1)

Executive Director

Ginger Brown

Guest Present

Katie Cristol, Arlington County Board

Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Matties, President, at 5:30 pm. Jim Lantelme, Sandi Chesrown, Michele Horwitz Cornwell and Peter Bota were reappointed to new three year terms. Elaine Furlow, who has long been a very active participant of LHA and is a former County School Board member, was elected to join the Board for a three year term.

County Board Update

Katie Cristol gave an update on the kick-off of the Missing Middle study and noted that County Board members would be attending Civic Association meetings to discuss the Study. She also discussed her role as the new Chair of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) for 2020, and said there would be a focus on 1) Fare Free zones to enhance equity and 2) an Innovation Fund. She noted that the County's Budget and CIP process is under way and a major budget priority of the Board will be Stormwater Management. Sandi Chesrown requested that the County put the pedal to the metal and speed up the Plan Lee Highway process, and she encouraged Board members to attend the upcoming community meetings on January 31 and February 1. She also thanked Katie for her assistance with encouraging County staff to update their civic association maps to reflect the new boundaries for the North Highlands Civic Association, to include the Lyon Village Shopping Center, ending at the Maywood boundary.

President's Report

Scott Matties congratulated Matt Weinstein on his appointment to the Electoral Board.

Minutes LHA November 2019, Board Meeting

It was confirmed that the minutes had been circulated and approved by the Board via email prior to the January Board meeting.

Finance Committee

Michele H. Cornwell, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's report, the Statement of Accounts, and the Statement of Operations. LHA has a healthy balance of \$63,635.42 (as of 12/31/19).

(See attached.)

Transportation Committee

Richard Price reported on the Vision Zero Study, requested a letter in support of the I-66 Commuter Choice Program application (see attached), and the Bike to Work Pitstop that LHA is hosting at the Lyon Village Shopping Center on May 15th.

Housing Committee and Missing Middle

Michelle Winters gave an update on the Missing Middle Study and the grant application that AHS and LHA are planning to submit in March to the Virginia Housing & Development Authority (VHDA). Mike Cantwell suggested bringing proposals like this to the Board earlier in the process for the purpose of good governance.

Heritage Subcommittee

Edith Gravely reported on Rip Sullivan's bill to support maintenance of historic black cemeteries, including Calloway and Mt. Salvation in Halls Hill. It was agreed that the Board will send a letter of support to Rip.

Events Committee

Sandi Chesrown handed out copies and gave an overview of the updated Events Plan for 2020. She discussed the Earth Day events which will occur on April 24 and 25 and Broadview/Earth Day is Every Day on May 29. She mentioned a new Placemaking Salon series, which will replace LHA's educational forums. The first salon/happy hour will be presented on March 5, 5-7 pm, by Kris Krider, Arlington County, on excellence in urban design. The purpose of the salons is to bring the community closer to an appreciation for the importance of good design as part of Plan Lee Highway. Sandi also recommended that LHA pull out of MFM's Oktoberfest, due to insufficient volunteer effort.

Make No Small Plans at Dorothy Hamm Middle School (DHMS)

Ginger Brown provided an update on the program. On February 25, John Bachman, VP at AECOM, will present a lesson to the 7th graders on Smart Transportation. (AECOM is providing their expertise pro bono.) On March 24, Wilma Jones, President of John M. Langston CA and author of My Halls Hill Family, will lead the students and teachers on a walking tour to discuss the history of the neighborhood and civil rights. LHA will work with the teachers and Wilma to organize bus transport, the tour, and pizza at the school afterwards.

Shop Local, Shop Lee Campaign

Ginger Brown gave an overview of the program, which began in 2018 with local business participation in the Winter Festival, and expanded in 2019 to include a strong social media and outreach campaign. At her request, the Board took a pledge to always think about purchasing on Lee Highway – whether shopping, dining or buying services - before spending elsewhere.

Census Update

Ginger Brown reported on the upcoming Property Manager's breakfast that the County asked LHA to host for the purpose of increasing renter participation in the 2020 Census. LHA researched and contacted most of the multifamily building owners and property managers and invited them to the February 21st breakfast.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Tom Wolfe reported that the Chamber's Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee just discussed the importance of County Commissions and Advisory Boards.

Meeting Adjourned – 7:00 pm Scott thanked everyone for their participation.