

CCA General Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2013, 7:30pm, CVFD (2nd Floor)

In attendance:

President Maureen Ross
Secretary Meg Miller Rydzewski
Treasurer Katherine Christensen
Neighbor count: 12 neighbors (a quorum)
Presenter count: 4

Agenda

1. 2 minutes: Kinhaven Preschool - Mary Edmondson
2. 1 minute: Reminder by Maureen Ross: Join us for the next CCA-organized Potluck -- this time it's 'Share-Your-Talent Night!' Saturday, Oct 19, 6-8:30pm at the CVFD (2nd floor). RSVP (and find out what to bring) via our Evite at:
<http://www.evite.com/event/006EHE5J5POX4MYZIEPDD5ARZKNMLQ>
3. 20 minutes: Storm Sewer Capacity / Stormwater Retrofits - Allan Rowley, Planner, Stormwater Infrastructure, Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services
4. 15 minutes: Update on Restoration Church - Pastor David Hanke
5. 20 minutes: Dominion Heights Bus Stop Change (and VOTE) Oleg Kotov, Bus Stop Program Manager at Arlington County
6. 60 minutes: Site Plan Amendment Dominion Heights VOTE - Maureen Ross & Bill Novak

Notes:

1. Mary Edmondson: president of board of Kinhaven Preschool.
 - Space that they lease from, Central Methodist Church, will redevelop so they need to go somewhere in the meantime. They are looking for space. They have 80 families with kids in the school, all live in the neighborhood.
 - In the 2015/16 school year, they have to be in a transitional space. So they need proper temporary space. If you hear of any spaces that open up that might suit, please let her know.
 - She has contacted many churches in the area, but they are open to many other ideas. They are currently in about 9,000 square feet, but operationally they could probably use a smaller space. Contact her at:

2. Maureen Ross: October 19 Cherrydale Pot Luck.

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3. Allen Rowley: Stormwater Capacity Study.

- Here to discuss aggregate issues, not localized drainage problems. The systemic capacity issues with the system are the main thrust here. Showed charts of stream network (50+ miles of natural streams) and storm drainage network (332 miles of storm drain pipes, 38 miles of streams). Showed a map from the 6/25/06 storm. there were 350+ calls that came in regarding storm and sanitary sewer issues. June 2006 experienced a storm intensity of 4.8 inches per hour. June 2006 storm volume was 5.4 inches.
- Every property has a small but real chance of flooding. While they work to enhance the public system, property owners need to also manage risk.
- The main goals are to prevent threat to public health, property, and lives. To develop system models that can provide a roadmap for upgrades to the system. The ability to prioritize proposed storm sewer upgrades. They used a modeling approach that includes 36" diameter pipes and larger, none of which carry waste - just stormwater. They surveyed stream cross sections, utilized existing plan for pipe diameters, length, inverts. The pilot study modeled 11 storm distributions. Analyzed model 2 storms (June 2006 storm from Donaldson Run gage, 10yr-24hr SCS Type 2 storm.
- When they did the capacity study, they studied 7 basins. They modeled 36% of the land area, modeled 45% of pipes 36" diameter and larger, the majority of June 2006 valls were from these areas.
- Spout Run was first. It includes 1,070 acres, 50% impervious. 41,500 LF Pipe & 3,500 LF Stream. 25% of the storm sewer system. 28 potential projects were identified for upsizing. Will probably stay in the street, not cut through property. The projects in this basin require a lot of engineering.
- June 2006 was a point of record for 50 years of systematic record keeping in Donaldson Run. At that location, it was a 100 year event. On that Sunday night at 10:30pm, the heavens opened. Residential locations couldn't take more rain. Percent impervious has more impact on the smaller events, not the larger ones.
- Capacity Analysis Results - the planning level cost estimate for the total number of projects they've identified is in the neighborhood of \$17.9mm for Spout Run (\$51mm in total in the county). There are 111 potential projects. The 8 high priority projects are already identified in the CIP, none of them are in Cherrydale. So nothing imminent for this neighborhood.

- Potential Storm Sewer Upsizing: N. 18th & N Upton St - it's a mess (a repeated problem). It will take awhile to figure out how to build something that won't carry a problem. It's the bottom of a bowl. They can add capacity, there are things they can do, but they can't completely fix it - homeowners have to do some things, too.
- Next steps: homeowners should be proactive -- read more about problem areas and what to do about them here (specific sites in Cherrydale where there are concerns can be seen via a map posted at the link above (see Spout Run): www.arlingtonva.us/departments/environmentalservices/sustainability/page89756.aspx

4. Reverend David Hanke: Update on Restoration Church.

- Street should be repaved by the end of next week. Footers go in next week.
- They are meeting now at Little Falls Presbyterian Church for now. Should open doors mid-June. Possibly end of April. Everyone has been very patient so far. Overall, it's gone great. County has passed all inspections so far. Digging should be over in about a week.
- 450-500 people worship on the weekend there. Three services on Sundays. Lots of activities during the week, but mainly the crowds are on Sunday.
- The sidewalk will probably be torn up at times during the process but there should be alternative space to walk.

5. Oleg Kotov: Dominion Heights Bus Stop Change.

- The stop used to be at the near side of Lee and Monroe, but when the new Dominion Heights building was underway, it was relocated to the near side of Lincoln St. Since then, there have been several complaints from residents in Maywood Mews (they complain that passengers are shortcutting through their parking lot to get to the bus stop. These condo/apt residences want it move back to Dominion Heights. Right now, there are parking spaces slated to go there. One issue is that metro does not want the bus stop to be near parked cars, but that's how it was for 40 years. But at this point, every new or relocated stop must be AD accessible, which it would not be if we kept the parking along the street.
- Oleg proposed three options. 1. Keep the stop at N Lincoln. It's AD accessible, though Maywood Mews residents don't like it. 2. Put the stop in front of the car dealership, though the owner doesn't want it there. 3. Put it back where it was before and remove the parking spaces. Dominion Heights occupants don't want the parking removed, and in fact, this third option is really no longer available.
- Maureen Ross offered to survey bus riders to find out what they would like to see happen.
- Dominion Power approved a new bus shelter at Monroe and Lee. It's going to be

custom made, no backwall as it'll be right against the wall. See illustrations in the September Sweet & Sour News. Easement was approved Sept 21, so concrete pad should go in and shelter will follow. Should be up in a few months.

- VOTE: Postponed until bus drivers and passengers are polled. Remaining options are only 1. Keep the stop at N. Lincoln, or 2. Put the stop in front of the car dealership.

6. Maureen Ross & Bill Novak: Site Plan Amendment for Dominion Heights.

- Parking - Bill Novak. What is the standard for other dentist offices? Bill polled a few. There was a real mix of responses. No clear averages. He met with Dr. Reardon (the pediatric dentist) and her attorney. It seems that pediatric dentistry is a bit quieter than adult dentistry. Also, families often come in with multiple children, so fewer cars parked.
- There are 2 levels of parking at Dominion Heights. The bottom one is mainly residential. The main one (on street level) has 43 spaces, but 10 were marked for residential (though only 2 should be for residents). Out on the street, there are 3 spaces in front (1 is handicapped) on Lee. On Monroe there are 6 spaces on the east side, 4 on the west side. After 6pm is free. Sundays are free. 2 hour parking.
- The County is favorably inclined toward permitting Dr. Reardon. Vote is not necessary given the County already met to discuss.
- John Sadik, Dominion Heights Board of Directors: residents are working with the developer to encourage restaurants and other retailers to occupy the ground floor space. Glad to join the group here. Want to have the bus stop moved to the car dealership as it will benefit the residents at Dominion Heights. The building is fully sold out. Young professionals - everyone seems to take the metro or ride bikes. The residential parking lot is full during the day.