**\*Cherrydale Citizens Association\***

**\*Wednesday, November 16, 2011\***

**Minutes**

**Note 22 citizens or more in attendance**

**\*Announcements\***

**Maureen Ross updated the attendees on several items:**

**· Koon’s Use Permit - (2) Maureen met with Jeff Fones from Koons**

**about the landscaping at the Tire Repair shop across from Toyota and at the**

**used car lot by Lee and Kenmore. Koons has been asked to make improvements**

**to the landscaping on their property, specifically the dead trees.**

**· The accident involving a pedestrian who was hit by a car**

**following the recent Candidates debate. The victim was a nursing home**

**resident crossing Lee Hwy in a mobile wheelchair in the rain from N Oakland**

**(east side corner from the hardware store) south to the nursing home. The**

**county found him to be at fault because he did not cross at a cross walk. . If**

**you look at this map, you can see that he used a handicap ramp at N**

**Oakland, Safeway Side of Oakland to cross, heading to the handicap ramp**

**nursing home side, to get back to the home. If County does NOT want people**

**to use that crossway, there should NOT be a handicap ramp there. The**

**victim did not have major injuries but his chair was totalled. There is a**

**confusing wheelchair ramp at the corner, so it looks like a crosswalk w/o**

**the pavement markings. We will pursue this safety issue.**

**· There is a clean-up scheduled for Cherry Valley Park on Saturday,**

**November 19 at 9 a.m., as long as it is not raining. The most important**

**part of the clean-up will be invasive vine removal. “Hidden” Pond will**

**likely need to be renamed in the near future.**

**· The arts project that will be sponsored by Christopher Companies**

**in the amount of $12,000 to $15,000 is part of an agreement with the County**

**that allowed Christopher to obtain a bigger than by-right building permit.**

**It should be noted that CCA successfully fought to keep the funds for this**

**project local, and not sent to the County general fund. The art project**

**will be in the median on Lee Highway in between the new property and Dunkin**

**Donuts. One option for next step is to send A Request For Proposal (RFP) to**

**Northern Virginia artists, the top 5 submissions then sent to Virginia**

**Department of Transportation (VDOT) for compliance/ acceptability, then the**

**3 citizen associations will pick the final winner. A winner could be**

**picked in March 2012, and the project must be completed by September 2012.**

**We meet at CVFD 7:30 11/30/11 to discuss. All welcome.**

**· A map was passed out to show progress and plans for the**

**undergrounding of utilities along Lee Highway. The poles come back up 1**

**block west from Quincy on 20th and they get a new sidewalk for that block**

**to Lee Hwy. Most telephone poles are not expected to come down until**

**sometime in 2013, with the conclusion of the project.**

**· The idea of not having a meeting in January was discussed. It was**

**noted that the arts project could be approved at the March meeting. There**

**were no objections to not holding a January meeting, so as of now there is**

**no January meeting scheduled.**

**· County Proposes to make Sidewalk signs legal in the County.**

**There is talk of the County allowing “temporary” signs in medians beginning**

**in the spring. Attendees were urged to seriously consider what this would**

**mean, because for example the median on Arlington Boulevard to Fairfax is**

**full of them and many think it looks terrible. Attendees were urged to**

**write to the County Board if you object to this proposal, and to also take**

**pictures of other locations with signs in medians and send them to the**

**County Board. Also note that “temporary” has not been defined.**

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**\*Nominations\***

**Former President Howard Seamen made nominations for the following positions:**

**· Secretary: Joe Sculley**

**· Treasurer: Katherine Christensen**

**· Vice President: Andy Claster**

**· President: Maureen Ross**

**Howard moved to approve the nominations, which were approved by the**

**attendees with none opposed.**

**\*Dream Team\***

**A handout was passed out describing how Bill Novak, Ron Kampeas, and Eric**

**Meyers are leading the Dream Team. The Dream Team is working to document**

**sidewalk problems, due to utility obstructions, holes, any infrastructure**

**problem, etc. They are also working to preserve and add more street trees,**

**specifically along Lee Highway and Quincy Street. The team is working to**

**get more businesses to agree to adopt trees which Laurel has already**

**started so well.**

**\*Neighborhood Conservation (NC)\***

**Harry Spector presented a handout and spoke to attendees about NC. To get a**

**NC project started, neighbors should pick a desired project and then get**

**signatures on a petition. The petition needs signatures of 70% of all**

**property owners on the block. A potential NC project needs a “block**

**captain.” The block captain must own property on the block where the**

**proposed work is to be done. An application along with the petition should**

**be submitted to Harry Spector by March 5 for consideration.**

**Applications will be considered and voted on at the March CCA meeting, and**

**the winner will be submitted to NC as Cherrydale’s priority project for the**

**fall 2012 funding round.**

**An attendee noted that Cherrydale’s presence (Harry Spector attended) at a**

**NC meetings preserved Cherrydale’s opportunity for funding.**

**\*5-Point Intersection\***

**Maureen noted that Ann Beckman is running the committee assigned to work on**

**the problems at the intersection, and a productive meeting was held with**

**Betty Diggs in Traffic Engineering for Arlington Division of**

**Transportation. Members agreed that pretty much every change imposed by**

**county over the past 2 years has made the intersection more difficult to**

**navigate.**

**The short green light on Old Lee Highway approaching the intersection is**

**expected to be fixed fairly quickly. Other improvements will take time.**

**Maureen asked attendees to email their concerns as they relate to**

**pedestrians, bicyclists, and cars at the intersection to her and Ann**

**Beckman.**

**\*Introductions\***

**All attendees introduced themselves to the group. Following this, the**

**meeting was adjourned**