

AFCA Meeting Minutes November 2017

- I. Introduction – Allison Kennett
- Had Halloween parade that went really well
 - New bollards on Carlin Springs Drive near pool at crosswalk
 - Road work going on there has undone some of the pedestrian safety improvements that were already installed. Need to ask County to replace them. Allison gave “shout out” to Foresters in Greenbrier who spearheaded these improvements with County.
 - Last holiday party at old Recreation Center will be held next month
- II. Officer Dave Giroux – police liaison in charge of first district team
- Four officers on team
 - Respond to crimes and dangerous situations, community events, long-term problems
 - Generally work evenings – noon to 10 pm
 - Has list serve that goes out to civic associations and are active on Next Door. Encourages everyone to sign up for alerts/info
 - Police have an active Facebook page and Twitter account to get information out
- Officer Chris Feltman –
- Both officers have been with the County for 20+ years with strong backgrounds in community policing
 - Arlington Forest statistics November 2016 to November 2017 –
 - 2 burglaries; one solved. Police approach in solving burglaries -- look around County and other jurisdictions to see if there are any similarities with burglaries elsewhere and none were found for unsolved crime.
 - Five narcotics violations, with four arrests.
 - Peeping Tom incident. Wasn't found.
 - Five hit and runs. (Vehicle on vehicle)
 - A lot of the burglaries this year are because doors, both house and car, are unlocked. Don't leave things in plain view in the car.
 - Question about non-emergency number – don't call 911 if there is not an emergency. Non-emergency number is: 703-558-2222.
 - Safety on WO&D Trail if bicycling alone? Exercise caution at night or when trail is not busy. Incidents on Trail have decreased.
 - Crossing route 50 in a.m. – people are making illegal right turns. Cause seems to be people are through the neighborhood. Where should we report this? Email first district. Special operations section can also do enforcement.

- Concerns about speeding on Carlin Springs and George Mason. Can there be more enforcement there? Took note of this and will try to do more enforcement through Captain Daly's special operations section.
- Is homelessness a problem in the County? County has built a homeless service center and police try to direct people there. Police are limited as to how much they can do unless there's a mental health issue. 50% of officers are trained in Crisis Intervention.
- Panhandling is legal on public property/in the median, unless obstructing traffic or creating a nuisance.

III. Peter Lusk and Mike Manos with County – update on Lubber Run Community Center (LRCC)

- Design is finished and construction at risk contract has been awarded.
- 60,000 square feet of green space and gymnasium, preschool.
- Traffic is working w/ Toole Design and still evaluating what is possible. Can request traffic counts again once Recreation Center is open.
- What is going on at Henderson and George Mason and 3rd with surveyors? Staff will try to find out and send information to Allison.
- Construction on LRCC will start in fall in 2018. Late spring/summer staff will move out. No summer camps next summer. Center will close late summer.
- Community input on interior space? Once designs are final, will bring this back to community. There are showers in the locker rooms. Fitness center will be 2,000 feet and bigger than Barcroft and Arlington Mill. Elevated track is included now – still not final.
- What is project at Route 50 and Park and will it impact traffic once the recreation center construction begins? Staff will send information.
- Will there be an archaeologist who will look for historical artifacts under the parking lot? Yes.
- Look for email after Thanksgiving about next community meeting.

IV. Wesley Housing Development Corporation

- Owns Whitfield Commons and former Red Cross site and are planning to redevelop. Location: off Route 50 between Thomas and Trenton streets.
- Proposing project that will consist of 19, market rate townhomes with underground parking equal to 2.2 spaces per unit plus four guest spaces that will be built by Madison Homes; and a multifamily, affordable housing apartment building with 117 units

and 110 underground parking spaces. Existing Whitfield Commons units will remain.

- Proposal includes installation of new playground; replacement of storm sewer; bike parking facilities; offer of bikeshare, carshare or alternate rideshare memberships.
- Apartments – 20% studios and 1 bedroom and remainder 2-3 bedrooms.
- This is not “public” housing – it’s income restricted. Applications can come from anyone. Will try to get County subsidy for about 10% of units and for those, the County would pay 30%.
- Number of school age children projected? Using most recent data from APS – expect 10 new students out of multifamily building. APS projection is not based on number of bedrooms/unit in building, so skepticism was expressed about the validity of APS’ methodology.
- Chatham and Arlington Oaks residents – what do they think? They have legitimate concerns, especially around traffic and the service drive.
- The project is in site plan review now and expected to go to the County Board in the spring.
- Pedestrian access to tunnel across from Foreign Service Training Academy will be maintained.
- Expect construction on townhouses to begin fall 2018. For apartments, begin mid-2019.
- There is work being done regionally to address affordable housing issues.
- What are the technical zoning changes being requested? Requesting strip along the service drive be changed from single-family residential; the rest is zoned low to moderate multi-family; townhome area rezoned to appropriate zoning. They will get bonus density for green building and rezoning.
- Developer will be using revenue from townhouse property sale to subsidize multifamily project. Mixed income is thought to be better design.
- St. Thomas More has been informed and they are concerned about truck traffic and other traffic. Bethel Church has been using the Red Cross site for parking. This is an issue for them. Have allowed parking for now, but this will change when multifamily building is under construction.

V. Review of resolution requesting Arlington to set goal of transitioning to 100% renewable electricity by 2035

- Barbara Swart – attended to answer questions
- Things are changing so rapidly, but proposal is to combine rooftop solar, Dominion energy changes and utility scale solar. Amazon,

Facebook and Microsoft are committing to buying solar from huge new solar farms. Dominion is working with Amazon.

- Barbara feels this is no longer a stretch goal because technology and commitments are changing so rapidly.
- Looking for citizens association to urge County to make commitment to transition to renewables. It's an aspirational goal.
- Northern VA Regional Commission has just put out Request for Qualifications for solar coop on a large scale, aggregating regional municipalities. Has a clause that MWCOG and Baltimore can join contract.
- Civic Federation legislative committee approved putting this resolution before the main committee.
- Arlington Forest vote results on resolution: 5 for and 4 against. Resolution passes.

Meeting adjourned.