

AFCA meeting 10/16/19

Joel Yudken led the meeting

Vote in favor of new corresponding secretary, Natalie Roisman - voted in by acclimation

September meeting was supposed to have members of the Parks in attendance, but there was a miscommunication about the date. Instead, Parks representatives will attend the November meeting to provide an update on repair efforts in Lubber Run Park, as well as Peter Rousselot, who will discuss infrastructure issues that may be contributing to flooding.

80th Anniversary Party hosted by AFCA. Diana Caputo is planning two celebrations and the complete information is available online at arlingtonforestva.org. Both parties will be held Sunday, Nov 3. and RSVP's are requested. The first will be a family-oriented birthday brunch at Bancroft Elementary School from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. followed by a happy hour from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Outback.

Children's Halloween Parade on Oct 26, 11 a.m. beginning at First and Park, and proceeding to Barrett School.

Tom Smialowicz had nothing to report about the Greenbrier section.

County to install flashing beacons for pedestrians crossing George Mason at new Community Center. A decision will be made later about whether a traffic light is needed at this intersection.

Arlington County and School Board will be redistricting. May be controversial. Question of how AFCA will take part in the discussion. This is needed to include new elementary schools in the County planning.

Oct 18 at 9 am, there will be new water valves installed, which will affect water at N Park and 2nd Road. Find out more online.

Liz Kauffman, head of Neighborhood Conservation Program, spoke. Looking to update conservation plan since 1991 draft. Question of what to cover, what to ask in survey. Would love to get more members involved.

Hutch Brown, writer and editor for US Forest Service, and editor of the new plan, spoke. Power point presentation showed topics to be included in the new plan. Need to write surveys on all topics (approx 20 topics). Samples of questions include open ended questions, yes/no questions, statements to agree/disagree with. Items include dog parks, invasive plants, painting of power poles, trails, historical markers, tree canopy. Opportunities in the survey can lead to recommendations. There are many topics that need ownership, including writing questions and drafting the survey. Question about where storm drains fit into the

survey topics; would fit in Street Conditions and Urban Forestry. Our impervious surfaces have increased since 1991. In MD, there was talk of a tax on impervious surfaces on properties. Flooding is becoming a bigger problem generally.

This is an important document and gets our community taken seriously by the County. We need to encourage neighbors to complete surveys. At least 15% response rate is needed.

Survey samples from other neighborhoods were shown.

Recruitment request should go into the next newsletter and listserve for people to draft surveys for remaining topics. Liz asked the group what we care about in the neighborhood: trees, storm damage, larger houses. AirBnB was discussed. Scooters litter sidewalks and are hazardous operating on sidewalks.