**Seminary Hill Association, Inc.**

**8 December 2016**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Nancy Jennings at Immanuel Church On-The-Hill.President Jennings asked everyone to sign in and noted a list of meetings and other “flyer” announcements available.

**Police Report** – Sgt. Houston reported that there were 37 offenses last month; mostly minor. He reminded us that it’s the holiday season so don’t let packages sit outside your door for too long. Ask a neighbor to take them in if you are not going to be home.

**Sheriff’s Report** – Captain Joe Pankey reminded people that they can visit the Alexandria Sheriff Office via its Facebook on the Internet for information and activities.

**Minutes** – The October minutes were approved. The November Annual Meeting minutes were reviewed and will be approved by the membership in November 2017.

**Treasurer’s Report** – Joanne Lepanto reported that the SHA treasury has $31,531.84. Payments for the patches for the Annual Meeting signs and the annual incorporation fee were approved.

**Area Reports** – Bill Goff, Area 2, said a review of the Resolution for the TCW Community Advisory Committee was ongoing and that redistricting options now put SHA students where they prefer; Dick Hobson, Area 3, said he favors the reduced speed f 25 mph and that the City needs to improve the lighting along Quaker Lane; Tom Fulton, Area 6, provided a good update on the Fort Ward Park Improvement Program including plans to plant 45 trees; Jim Durham, At Large, gave an update on the increase in the number of pedestrian injuries and fatalities in the City; and Heather Zdancewicz, VTS, said the new apartments are all occupied and some VTS buildings have been vandalized.

**Program** – A land-use attorney, Mary Catherine Gibbs, gave a presentation on a new plan that includes a new street and four homes to be built by Alliance Development on 2.3 acres west of Beth El Temple and east of St. Stephen’s Road. Maya Contreras is the City Planner working this project.

The new street would come off Seminary Road and run along the Temple’s property. The lot sizes are approximately 20,000 square feet each and the first house would have a 100-foot setback from Seminary Road. The project is not likely to be completed until 2018-19. The SHA Board and others in attendance asked a variety of questions about topics such as the preservation of trees—not likely—and concerns about the wetlands of Strawberry Run.

**Old Business**

Feedback from the ***SHA Annual Meeting*** was positive. A panel of three—Jesse Maines, Bill Dickinson, and Jack Sullivan—spoke about *Planning and Paying To Clean the City’s Water.*The presentation by Jesse Maines from the Department of Transportation & Environmental Services was excellent—clear and understandable—and he answered questions from the audience honestly. Two members of the Alexandria City Council were in attendance.

The SHA Board of Directors ***elected additional Board Members*** not voted on at the Annual Meeting in November: Jim Rowley is the SHA Area 7 representative and At-Large members are Joe Fischer, Jim Durham, and Lillian Patterson.

Updates:

* Jim Durham gave an update on the ***Central Alexandria Traffic Study*** – the study is moving slowly and right now they are concentrating on “origination and destination” statistics.
* ***Patrick Henry Expansion*** – will got to the Planning Commission and City Council in December. There are still concerns about the height of the building.
* ***ACPS Redistricting*** – no new options since #9 was proposed. SHA students are happy with both Options #8 and #9. The final decision will probably come on 26 January.
* ***Alexandria Hospital Expansion*** – Jack Sullivan, Area 5, recommended that a few SHA members meet with the Hospital Administrator and ascertain any future plans.
* ***Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Meeting*** – the project is in the beginning stages. There will be 23 acres of development comprising retail, housing and office space. There was lots of discussion about this plan.

**New Business**

Jack Sullivan, Area 5, introduced a Resolution on the Proposed Storm-Water Fee. After some discussion, the Resolution was tabled until the January SHA Meeting.

The ACPS is requesting two SHA representatives to the new TCW Community Advisory Committee. Action was deferred until the Board gets an update from Frank Putzu, Area 8.

St. Stephens & St. Agnes School (SSSAS) is requesting a minor SUP amendment to increase enrollment from 450 to 480. SSSAS Head Kirsten Adams answered questions. There were no objections, only a concern about additional traffic.

President Jennings solicited topics for the 14 December SHA meeting on School Board issues.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Richard Hayes, Recorder

**Board Members present**: Nan Jennings, Carter Flemming, Joanne Lepanto, Dick Hayes, Bill Goff, Dick Hobson, Richard Hunt, Jack Sullivan, Tom Fulton, Jim Rowley, Joe Fischer, Jim Durham, Lillian Patterson, and Heather Zdancewicz.

**Others in attendance:** Gant Redmon, Julienne Bramesco, Jeremy Flacks, Jen and Katie Walsh, Beth Chase, Marianne and Buck Contes, Lois Greisman, Carolyn Griglione, Frank and Debbie Homburger, Sue Goodhart, Pat Tokarz, William Wannisky, Kirsten Anams, Maya Contreas, Harriett McCune, Christine Michaelis, Captain Joe Pankey, and Sgt. Houston.