**Seminary Hill Association, Inc.**

***Monthly Board of Director’s Meeting***

**Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

**Parish House, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**

**3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA**

**Announcements:** President Jennings asked everyone to sign in and noted members can give their opinions to the Parks and Recreation Department on survey and at a meeting on 31 January at 7 PM at the Patrick Henry Recreation Center. The Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Advisory Group will meet at the Beatley Library at 7 pm on 12 February and 14 May.

**Police Report:** Sgt. Houston was not available because of continuing health problems.

**Sheriff’s Report:** Chief Joe Pankey gave an update on issues within the Sheriff’s Department and described the Project LifeSafe program, which involves a wrist band to help locate someone “lost”. He added there will be a community meeting on the opioid crisis at Minnie Howard School on 28 February.

**Minutes:** The Minutes for the December meeting were approved with a minor name change.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Joanne Lepanto reported that there was $30,633.82 in the SHA account.

**Area Reports**: Area 1, Carol Johnson, said she was working with the TCW Principal on various issues; Dick Hobson, Area 3, reported that the City made a rapid response to his report of a missing traffic sign at the intersection of Princeton Boulevard and Dartmouth Road; Jack Sullivan, Area 5, introduced Amy Jackson who is running for election to City Council. She spoke about her background and said she wants to see more change and to bring a different perspective on City issues. At Large, Joe Fischer, said a new home was being built on Trinity Drive; and Area 9 Paul Judge, said the Seminary Ridge Civic Association was going to hold a meeting to discuss whether to support various issues affecting SHA.

**Old Business:**

* **TCW Stadium** – Bill Goff gave an update. There will be future meetings with the nearby residents to discuss the project.
* **Affordable Housing at Fairlington Presbyterian Church** – the Church will have a meeting on 21 January concerning issues related to the proposal.
* **Central Alexandria Traffic Study** – some new data has been released and Task Force members will discuss it at a meeting in late January.

**SHA Position on Karig Estates Plan.**

Jack Sullivan proposed a new resolution supporting the appeal by the Beth El Congregation and other interested neighbors to City Council. He discussed the environmental issues that will affect the building of the four proposed houses and thinks Planning and Zoning should take another look at the proposal. The number of houses to be built is not the issue but rather the location of one house in the ravine area, which would be dangerous because of the marine clay issue as well as the requirement to have a sewer line that would run under a protected location. This resulted in lots of discussion. Jeremy Flacks, the lawyer from Beth El Temple, gave a good overview as to why this house should be moved from the ravine slope area with unstable soil to the flat plain area of the site. Bud Hart, a lawyer representing the Karig Estates Plan, countered some of Jeremy’s concerns. After considerable discussion, the motion by Jack Sullivan, seconded by Dick Hobson, to support the appeal of Beth El and other interested neighbors was approved by the SHA Board with Area 7, Jim Rowley and At Large, Jim Durham voting negative. The VTS and Episcopal High School Representatives abstained.

**New Business:**

**A West End Candidates Forum is being planned.**  The City Primary is scheduled for 12 June. The Forum will likely be held in the September timeframe. SHA will probably be asked for a donation to support the Forum.

**Other West End Coalition News:**

* **Carpenter Shelter** is moving to Macy’s for about 2 years until its current space is renovated.
* **Norfolk Southern’s** preference for the multi-modal bridge is more expensive than the City’s proposal.
* **The new school in the $1.9M office building** can only have students on floors 1 to 4 per the Fire Marshall. Not sure what the 5th and 6th floors will be used for.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

**Richard J. Hayes, Recorder.**

**Attendees:** President Jennings, Carter Fleming, Joanne Lepanto, Dick Hayes, Carol Johnson, Bill Goff, Dick Hobson, Richard Hunt, Jack Sullivan, Tom Fulton, Jim Rowley, Frank Putzu, Paul Judge, Joe Fischer, Jim Durham, Frances Terrell, David Gortner and Christina Holt.

**Others in Attendance:** Mayor Allison Silberberg, Chief Pankey, Pat Tokraz, Loren Needles, Jeremy Flachs, Julienne Branesco, Alan Cohn, Walt Lohmann, Phyllis Burks, Refoe Hobsell (?), Carolyn Griglione, Bill Dickinson, Gant Redmon, Bud Hart, Harriett McCune, and Andrew Macdonald.