**Seminary Hill Association, Inc.**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

**14 April 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM by President Nancy Jennings at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. President Jennings made several announcements:

* A spring clean-up was planned for Fort Williams Park.
* Fort Ward had scheduled a walking tour.
* Alexandria Historical Society lecture about the US capitol and the freedom dome.
* Earth Day activities.
* Agenda Alexandria schedule
* T C Williams feasibility study on tennis courts.
* Review of the report from the sub-committee on Quaker Lane improvements

**The Board of Directors** approved the minutes of the March meeting but deferred on the amendment to the By-Laws to allow voting by email. The Board then heard and approved the Treasurer’s Report stating that the SHA account now totaled $ 40,120.69. The Treasurer reported that he was still receiving dues from the Spring Membership drive which was a big success and resulted in $1,970 in receipts. The Treasurer reported that he sent a check for $125.00 to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The Board accepted the Treasurer’s report.

**Area Reports**: Tom Fulton, Area 6, reported that Fort Ward still has a water management issue and that the City has not yet approved funds for research on the 30+ graves that have been discovered. The city has hired a consultant to develop a plan for the Park. The contract expires on March 1, 2014. Frank Putzu, Area 8, reported that water costs have gone up, sewer connections, storm water issues, and a resultant increase in taxes. Suggestion was made that the sanitation authority be invited to a future meeting to answer some of these questions. Ann Henshaw, Area 9, reported that two cars were broken into in her area. Heather Zdancewicz, VTS, discussed the upcoming Christian Rock concert at the Seminary and invited SHA members to come and enjoy the experience. She hoped they had plans to manage the crowd of potentiall 1700 adequately.

**Guest Speaker: Dana Wedeles** an urban planner from the Recreation & Parks Department spoke about plans for Chinquapin Park and the Citywide Parks and Improvement Plan. Tom Mulcahy from the Alexandria City Public Schools reviewed the “Large Park Improvement Plans” document and explained next steps. Chinquapin Park results were reviewed. Some in attendance complimented them on the process they had followed.

**Guest Speaker: Monika Szczepaniec** from the Alexandria City Public Schools Educational Facilities Office shared plans to add tennis courts to the T. C. Williams High School campus**.** Consultants Kevin Van Hise and Jacqui Johnson of Kimley-Horn presented plans in a slide show. Two sites( A&B) are under consideration. Several members asked questions about the configuration and whether Minnie Howard campus was considered. Placing six tennis courts north of the T.C. Williams parking lot along King Street will allow for the proper north-south configuration and enough space for competitions. The report will be reviewed by the City staff and then in the Fall/Winter time frame, it will go to the Planning Commission and then City Council. The Oakland Baptist Church had several questions and members thought that the City should survey the tenants in the contiguous apartment complex. The cost of the courts is unknown; $492K was allocated and another $400K was requested. This additional funding has yet to be identified. Tom Fulton complimented the City on their planning process and stated that this should ensure that problems and issues are considered.

**Old Business**

**BRAC**. Members continued to express concern about displaced people. Seminary Garden residents—the first project underway involving 800 residents--are getting annoyed. City Council will vote on the plan of the Beauregard Rezoning Advisory Group (BRAG) next Saturday.

**Waterfront.** No decision yet from the Courts on the Waterfront cases.

**Quaker Lane improvements**. Dick Hobson will prepare a letter to the City that SHA residents do not support the proposal to change the lane configuration of Seminary Road at Quaker lane as presented, but would like to continue to pursue improvements on Quaker Lane and Seminary Road. Traffic issues for Quaker and Seminary will be put on the agenda for SHA’s May meeting.

**New Business**

**Landmark Mall** redevelopment plans were mentioned. Another public meeting is planned before it is on the docket of the Planning Commission in June.

**HOT Lanes.** Residents near Landmark are protesting the ramp for the HOT Lanes that will impact their neighborhood.

Having no further regular business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

**Joseph Fischer, Recorder**

**Board Members present**: President Jennings, Carter Flemming, Jack Sullivan, Lillian Patterson, Dick Hobson, Richard Hunt, Tom Fulton, Frank Putzu, Ann Henshaw, Joe Fischer, Joanne Lepanto, and Heather Zdancewicz.

**Others in attendance included**: James Durham, John Smucker, Kevin Durkin, Carolyn Griglione, Bill Dickinson, and at least 20 others including the Executive Associate Principal for Athletics and Student Activities at T. C. Williams High School, Steve Colantuoni.