**Monthly Board Meeting**

**Seminary Hill Association, Inc.**

**9 June 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President, Nancy Jennings, at Immanuel Church On-The-Hill. President Jennings made the following announcements:

1. There is a list of meetings and other “flyer” announcements available
2. VDOT was holding a meeting on June 14th concerning a Bus Rrapid Transit (BRT) project, “Envision Route 7”, that would run from Tyson’s corner to Beauregard Street, connecting with the West end Transitway. See flyer for details.
3. City Planning and Zoning (P&Z) staff was unable to attend SHA’s June 9th meeting to discuss Administrative Special Use Permits, since the staff was at a Planning Commission hearing to present staff’s proposal on this topic to the Commission.
4. Please sign in so we can have a good record of attendees

**Police Report**: APD continued enforcement of the new 25 MPH speed limit on Seminary Road and Quaker Lane. Between April 11 and June 8, APD wrote 459 citations for speeding on N. Quaker Lane and 281 citations for speeding on Seminary Road. Sgt. Lemuel Houston listed 31 other police reports, all were minor, the largest number were larceny (12)

**Minutes**: May Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Treasurer Joanne Lepanto reported that there was $31,286.84 in the SHA account as of 1 June, reflecting the expenditure of $200 to Immanuel Church on the Hill as approved by the SHA Board in May. The Board voted unanimously to approve a payment of $110 for the web master’s monthly fee.

**Area Reports**: Lillian Paterson reported that School Board Chair Karen Graf planned to walk their neighborhood. Carter Flemming, Area 2, reported that School Administration had set a date of June 27th for a Community meeting. Dick Hobson, Area 3, reported that local residents are making efforts to drive 25 mph on N. Quaker Lane. Jack Sullivan, Area 5, commended Ivanhoe Place resident, John Griglione, for taking action to investigate and report a comatose women behind the wheel of a stopped car in the roadway. EMS responded and revived the woman. Good reminder to call APD and/or EMS if you see a situation needing attention. Frank Putzu, Area 8, reported that Washington Gas had done good restoration work where their project to clean gas lines had disturbed residents’ property. Gas line cleaning in our area was expected to be completed within two months. Mike Barbour reported that after a petition, a Seminary Ridge Civic Association (SRCA) survey, and a meeting between a few residents and Mayor Silberberg, no new paint was planned for Fort Williams Parkway, i.e. no bike lanes and no new crosswalks. A resident reported that the roadway in Fort Ward Park had been nicely repaved. The project included speed humps, but included space for people to walk and push strollers.

**Program:** Radhika Mohan, Principal Planning, Department of Planning and Zoning, City of Alexandria provided an overview of the City’s FY2017-2022 Strategic Plan project.

The current Alexandria City Council Strategic Plan was adopted in September 2004 and updated in January 2006 and June 2010. The 2010 updated City Strategic Plan was intended to be in effect until 2015.

The FY 2017-FY 2022 City Strategic Plan (the “Plan”) is an opportunity for the newly installed City Council to work with members of the community to update the City’s strategic direction and priorities for the coming six years, with a goal of a new plan every six years, and updates in the intervening three years, after City Council elections.

The project has conducted Vision and goal setting community sessions in spring of 2016. Next steps include five Community workshops in July 2016. Ms. Mohan requested that SHA residents inform others about the workshops and encourage people to provide inputs in person or on-line.

Ms. Mohan explained the framework for the plan which included themes, and associated goals. Staff proposes that each theme have measurable goal(s) so that progress can be measured.

SHA Board member and residents comments included the following:

1. Single or two-word themes were not readily understood. Phrases with one short sentence of explanation would stand alone better.
2. All neighborhoods are unique, not just old and historic neighborhoods; the unique character of all neighborhoods should be preserved.
3. The Plan should include baseline measurements to serve as a basis for measuring progress.

**Old Business:**

***Traffic Management.*** On May 21st, Nan Jennings distributed a draft CCPCA-TRCA-SHA letter to the Mayor and City Council requesting establishment of a citizen task force for a holistic traffic survey to the Board for comment. City staff had subsequently requested SHA name two representatives as member of the Task Force. Discussion of the letter was put on hold pending informing residents about the proposed traffic study. The SHA Board decided that plans now under discussion to do a traffic study encompassing Seminary Hill—including the draft letter from three civic groups—will be advertised to our membership with a call for volunteers to serve on a taskforce to pursue the matter.

***Patrick Henry Expansion.*** Jack Sullivan provided an update. At the May 19th School Board meeting, six members voted for Option A.1, an option that includes bus access via Latham Street. Jack and other residents subsequently meet with Karl Moritz, Director, Planning and Zoning and members of his staff to review the plan and associated processes.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Jim Durham, Recorder

**Board Members present**: President Nan Jennings, Vice President Carter Flemming, Lillian Patterson, Dick Hobson, Richard Hunt, Jack Sullivan, Gladys Pettiford, Mike Barbour, Joanne Lepanto, Joe Fischer, Jim Durham, and Heather Zdancewicz.

**Others in attendance:** Sgt. Lemuel Houston, Caroline Griglione, Marianne Coates, J. Jacob, G. Frank, J. Cooper, Radhika Mohan (City Staff), Harriett McCune, J. Pfister, and Michael Wayne