**Seminary Hill Association, Inc.**

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

**Thursday, February 13, 2019 at 7:30 PM**

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

**3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA**

**Police Report**: Officer Patrick Lennon said there were 55 calls for service in January – most were for speeding. There were 47 traffic stops on Seminary Road and 95 on Quaker Lane – once again, most were for speeding. There were also 7 assault & battery’s, 1 bad check, 1 DUI, 5 fraud, 10 larceny, 1 indecent exposure, and 19 other miscellaneous minor police service issues.

**Sheriff’s Report**: Captain Oliver said the Alexandria Sheriff’s Office Community Academy will be held on 4 Saturday mornings starting 7 March. The purpose is to explore the role of the Sheriff’s Office. Flyers were made available. She also said that there was a scam going around asking for gift cards using the Sheriff’s Office as a reason.

**Program: Update on the Taylor Run and Strawberry Run Stream Management Projects.**

Jesse Maines, Division Chief, T&ES Storm Water Management presented an overview of the Program. Basically, water doesn’t always go into the ground, it goes into drains. There are four major watersheds in Alexandria. Eventually, the water from the drains goes into the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Redevelopment must improve the storm water runoff. Urban stream restoration projects revolve around natural channel design, reducing bank erosion, creating habitats for planting, reducing pollution, and addressing long term health. The Strawberry Run Restoration Project will start in the Spring of 2020 and end in 2022. The Taylor Run Restoration Project is still in the Planning Phase. Jesse provided several charts describing what was planned for Strawberry Run. Following this, Jesse answered many questions from the audience. The presentation was well received by the audience.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the January meeting were approved.

**Treasurer’s Report**: Nancy Jennings, Treasurer, reported there was $26,179.73 in the account on 1 January with one check written for the SHA FOIA request and a $20 contribution so the end balance was $25,689.73

**Area Reports:** Frances Terrell, Area 1, reported that VTS wants to recognize the historic black community that resided on VTS land before the Seminary was built; Bill Rossello, Area 3, reported that the MacArthur School Forest design was approved; Babette Smith, Area 6, reported that there are now new speed bumps on North Early Street. There might be a problem with doubles sized buses on the street so there is a possibility that no parking on one side of the street might be necessary; Tom Fulton, VP, said the Fairlington Presbyterian Church project will probably start in the summer and he also said he addressed the Fairlington Town Homes Association on what SHA has to offer to their community; Jim Rowley, Area 7, said ‘folks’ living in his area were wondering if we could someday have a SHA social gathering; Paul Judge, Area 9 said that Seminary Ridge would help with the next FOIA request; Dick Hobson, At-Large, said Episcopal High has a new entrance on Braddock Road; and Ross Kane, VTS, said

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they were looking at a reparations fund for descendants of the enslaved people who worked at the Seminary and those employed there during the Jim Crow era.

**Old Business:**

**MacArthur School Rebuild Project** – Bill Pfister said the Forest site plan was approved by the School Board and City Council will approve the final design in September 2020. Bill also discussed the re-location plan for students to go to Patrick Henry during the new school build. Bill said there will be athletic fields at the new school but the question of lights has not been addressed yet.

**Seminary Road Update on the City Council Meeting on 2/11/2020**. President Flemming said there were multiple questions to the City Council and most were concerning the ‘process’. It looks like the Seminary Road Diet will remain in place and a project review will take place in about 18 months.

**New Business:**

Alexandria Housing Summit – President Flemming gave a brief update. George Mason Affordable Housing – President Flemming attended the meeting. There will be no adult housing at the MacArthur School site. The ACPS was not aware of any such plan and the Board will work with the City to decide what is appropriate on school grounds. Proposed Changes to Small Business Zoning – looks like the approval process will go from 75 days to 21 days. Alexandria Mobility Plan – Bill Rossello said it’s really a transportation project plan and is just getting started. King-Callahan-Russell Intersection Improvement Project is being re-activated.

Michael Moss discussed the Holmes Run Trail Project. Apparently, T&ES staff preferred the Seminary Road sidewalk project and was able to get funding. City Council was upset that they were not made aware of the priority conflict and the City Manager said he would work to find funds in the City Budget to fix the Holmes Run Trail.

**Upcoming Meetings:** President Flemming said there were 3 important meetings coming up in February. Macarthur Community Meeting on School Rebuild on 19 February; Alexandria Mobility Planning Advisory Committee on 26 February, and Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations on 26 February.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:47 PM.

Richard J. Hayes, Recorder

**Attendees:** Carter Flemming, Tom Fulton, Nancy Jennings, Dick Hayes, Frances Terrell, Bill Goff, Bill Rossello, Richard Hunt, Jack Sullivan, Babette Smith, Jim Rowley, Frank Putzu, Paul Judge Joanne Lepanto, Dick Hobson, Christina Holt, and Ross Kane.

**Others in Attendance:** Officer Patrick Lennon, Captain Oliver, Jesse Maines, Mike Curry, Phylius Burks, Carolyn Griglione, Calvin Terrell, Bill Wannusky, Bill Pfister, Mike Brookbank, Barbara Mayjow, Larry Krov, Russ Bailey, and several others who did not sign in.