

**SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Monthly Board Meeting

4 March 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Nancy Jennings at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill. The 10 December 09 minutes were approved. Treasurer Jack Sullivan reported a total of \$29, 944 in the Association's coffers.

Various upcoming meetings were announced, including a Saturday, 10 April Beauregard Corridor meeting, location to be determined. Glenn Eugster reported a meeting with vice mayor Kerry Donley at which the historic restoration of Ft. Ward Park, as well as storm water runoff, was discussed. Pat Lidy said that the two lots are being developed at the Encore Apartments on Ivor Lane.

In his police report, deputy chief and SHA liaison Hassan Aden reported on the Pentagon shooting - officer OK, shooter dead - which had occurred within the hour. Larceny and thefts from cars continue to be a problem. Dick Hayes said cars have been broken into at Quaker Hill Court, and there is a suspect in the case of the missing woodpile at the Seminary!

Attorney Bud Hart appeared on behalf of owner Jack Luria who wants to build a 15 thousand s/f office building on the lot on the corner of Duke and 21 N. Quaker Lane. Parking would be half underground and half at ground level. What would be the impact of such a development on the adjacent Apostolic Church, it was asked? A salvo of concerns was launched by board members. Some of the comments were: "It's a killer;" "creates a traffic hazard" and "structure would be unattractive." The proposed building would be two-story brick facing North. Entrance to the lot would be right at the point where northbound vehicles would just be emerging from the "rapid right" lane from Duke to Quaker. A "pocket park" at the site clearly remains the preferred usage by the assembled board members and citizens.

President Jennings presented an update on Landmark development. Carolyn Griglione of N. Ivanhoe St. urged faster action on the Landmark issue. Joanne Lepanto said frustration is mounting re: BRAC. President Jennings and Carol explained the concept of "urban diamond interchanges." Joanne Lepanto observed that "a f1yover through the Winkler Preserve may have to be considered."

Glenn Eugster reported on the West End historical project, noting that there are a lot of materials in boxes available for use. Council Member Del Pepper stated that, at this time, Alexandria is not joining Arlington County in the suit to deter "hot lanes" on I-395.

In reference to the efforts by the City regarding the Beauregard Corridor Plan, Jack Sullivan said "If they don't stop it, we should stop them!" adding "this should be a city for the people who live here!" Joe Fischer added, relative to transportation concerns, that "Alexandria is the 9th most dense city in the United States" in reference to its population. He also labeled the plan to put an office building at the corner of Duke and N. Quaker lane "a silly project!" and emphasized "safety is the issue."

There was a general discussion of the stormwater problem in the city; Councilperson Pepper noted that the issue of funding for stormwater concerns in the budge was still being debated by Council.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Bruce E. McCarthy, Recording Secretary