

*Seminary Hill Association*

*Board of Director's Meeting*

*21 December 2004*

The SHA Board of Directors meeting was convened by Joe Gerard, President, at 7:30 PM. The following members were present:

President Joe Gerard  
Treasurer Jack Sullivan  
Communications Officer Cindy Gurne  
Immediate Past President Frank Putzu  
Area 1 Lilian Patterson  
Area 3 Dick Hobson  
Area 4 Damon Wright  
Area 5 Dick Hayes  
Area 9 Bob Coulter

A majority of ten members is required to conduct official business of the Board. There was not a quorum. The following reports were presented:

**Police Report** – Officer Jamie Bartlett said there was very little police activity in the SHA area since the last meeting. He then provided an update on gang activity – particularly in the apartment areas around Braddock Road and Quaker Lane. He closed by reminding everybody to be careful while shopping during this Christmas season – park close to where you're shopping, have your keys ready, keep your doors and windows locked, and be aware of your surroundings.

**Treasurers Report** – Jack Sullivan said that counting recent deposits, the SHA treasury now contained \$22,709. There are no outstanding bills but he expects one shortly for our SHA Web Site services.

**Mr. George Foote**, a member of SHA and a civilian representative to the City of Alexandria Transportation Task Force, provided an update on the progress of the Task Force. He said the City Planning Board members of the Task Force are working toward a new Transportation Master Plan whereas the civilian members are looking at solving problems today. He said there was a considerable amount of development ongoing as well as planned around the periphery of Alexandria. Major projects are either underway or planned in the Potomac Yard area, Eisenhower Valley, and Landmark sections of Alexandria. This, coupled with significant projected job growth in Alexandria proper will lead to immense traffic problems that must be addressed now. His personal opinion is that a series of traffic loops served by a trolley system might be an effective measure. Things such as making King Street a trolley only pathway from the Metro Station to the waterfront might be effective. He stressed that these solutions were his own personal opinions at this time.

Mr. Foote also discussed the terrible traffic situation at the intersection of Quaker Lane, Braddock Road and King Street. He said the possibility of reducing Quaker Lane from 4 lanes to 2 lanes with a divider might be a solution to cutting down the amount of through traffic on Quaker Lane. Of course this would probably mean more traffic on neighborhood streets or else a new North/South road would be needed. This led to more discussion from the members of the Board. The question was raised that with approval of a new Police Facility on Wheeler Road, there will probably be a push from "someone" to establish a Connector Road (or Gateway) from Eisenhower Valley to Quaker Lane. If a Police response for an incident in Eisenhower Valley were to take place, the Police car would then have to go to Telegraph Road or Van Dorn Street to enter Eisenhower Valley. This then becomes a public safety issue.

The American Red Cross is looking for nominations for the annual Burke award given to an Alexandria citizen who displays outstanding citizenship, The Board unanimously nominated Mr. Gene Toni for the award. Frank Putzu will prepare the nomination package for the President to sign.

The Board is planning a special Board Members only meeting on 30 January 2005 to discuss Strategic Planning for SHA. Details will be announced by the Communications Officer once logistical details are finalized.

The next meeting of the SHA Board of Directors has been tentatively planned for 18 January with a backup date of 19 January. Final meeting date will be promulgated on the SHA Web Site by the Communications Officer.

There being no further issues to discuss, the Board adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Dick Hayes