

**SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, 8 March 2007, 7:30 p.m.  
Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Parish House  
Alexandria, VA

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joanne Lepanto, President  
Don Fullerton, Vice President and Area 8  
Jack Sullivan, Treasurer  
Bruce McCarthy, Secretary  
Margaret Goodman, Communications Officer  
Tom Kerester, Area 2  
Dick Hobson, Area 3  
Richard Hayes, Area 5  
Nancy Jennings, Area 6  
Dave Cavanaugh, Area 9  
Joe Fischer, At Large and Area 4  
Carter Flemming, At Large

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- President Joanne Lepanto called the meeting to order at 7:35 P. M. There was a quorum present, roster attached.
- Treasurer Jack Sullivan reported three new members and a balance of \$23,732.50 in the bank.
- Captain Hassan Aden, police liaison, reported a continuing problem with purse snatching. He said there were 31 traffic accidents in 2005 in the Seminary Hill area and 71 in 2006. There followed a general discussion of speeding in the area and specifically on Seminary Road. A recent collision at Seminary and St. Stephen's involved a panel truck and a Honda, with the truck driver charged with not giving full time and attention. "Smart Trailers" and radar guns were discussed.
- Jack Sullivan reported on a recent meeting of the Landmark/Van Dorn redevelopment committee which he attended. A set of "Seminary Hill Principles" relative to the redevelopment effort will be drafted and brought back to the next meeting. Jack, Dick Hobson, Dave Cavanaugh, and Margaret Goodman volunteered to work the project.
- Richard Bywater appeared with a presentation for a large new home at 508 Quaker Lane - the Goodman Property - along with architect Edward Lee. A committee headed by Joe Fischer will consider the application.
- Ms. Christine G. Michaelis of 3976 Seminary Road read out a letter she had drafted to President Lepanto concerning speeding on Seminary Road which included a number of constructive suggestions including reducing the speed limit to 25 mph and increasing police presence among other ideas. Ms. Lepanto noted that it might be a better use of city funds to hire new police officers rather than spend thousands for a new police building. A letter will be drafted to City Council requesting a 30 mph speed limit from Burke Library to Quaker Lane, increased enforcement, and a rotating camera at St. Stephen's and Seminary.
- The Polk Street development was discussed; it will be monitored.
- Mr. Hobson reported that the owner has withdrawn the Quaker View site, corner of Quaker and Duke, from consideration as a "pocket park." However, owner may be persuaded to change his mind.
- A four-way stop at Pickett/Pegram was discussed. Neighborhood input is needed.
- City Council member Dell Pepper noted that the organization known by the acronym "SWAAT" has been busy garnering support for a "grid" (euphemism for "connector") between Eisenhower Avenue and Duke Street. Several recent speakers before West End business forums have stressed the importance of such a "grid." Ms. Pepper noted that there are five votes on Council in favor of looking into a study of connectors. Her information was received with great seriousness by the Board.
- Ms. Lepanto noted that the issue of discontinuing the pediatric ward at Inova Alexandria Hospital is not as urgent as some had feared. That unit will be evaluated along with other hospital departments on a recurring basis.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:00. (Bruce E. McCarthy, Recording Secretary.)