

SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.
Monthly Meeting
12 April 07

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Lepanto at 7:35 p.m. A quorum was present, including Dick Hayes, Nancy Jennings, David Cavanaugh, Jack Sullivan, Lillian Patterson, Joe Fischer, Pat Lidy, Laura Vetter, Dick Hobson, Don Fullerton, Tom Kerester, and Bruce McCarthy, Recording Secretary. Also present were City Council Members Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg, as well as SHA members Susan Ross-O'Brien and Sharon Annear.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer Jack Sullivan reported \$23, 532.50 in the bank.

APD Captain Hassan Aden reported seven traffic accidents in the area during the past 30 days and also said that the Safeway purse-snatcher was still at large but hopefully will not be for long.

Dave Cavanaugh reported that the Seminary Ridge Civic Association Directory is close to completion and distribution.

Ms. Joanna Frizzell of the law firm McGuire Woods provided a detailed power point report on the Polk Avenue project on behalf of the developer. It is a by-right project to consist of 15 townhouse condos and 50 parking spaces. Ms. Frizzell provided answers to questions about the project which is on a property with considerable slope. Dwight Dunton of Bonaventure, the developer, also participated.

Next, Drs. Erwin Bondareff and Tom Sullivan of Inova Alexandria Hospital talked about the possible reduction or elimination of the pediatrics unit at the hospital. (Mr. Kozloff, business manager of the hospital, was invited to the meeting but did not appear.) Messrs. Bondareff and Sullivan, while noting that the pediatric unit is not a money maker for the hospital, convincingly argued for the preservation of the pediatric unit as a needed community facility. Council Member Del Pepper expressed support for continuation of the unit, while Council Member Paul Smedberg said the whole matter is on hold for at least a year and a half. Ultimately, the fate of the pediatric unit is up to the Inova Alexandria Board.

Dick Hobson proposed a motion, which was unanimously approved by the board, to express continued support for, and interest in, the maintenance of a pediatric unit at the Inova Alexandria Hospital. Sharon Annear talked about working through the liaison committee with the hospital to maintain community support for preservation of the unit. Joanne Lepanto noted that the closer the better for such a facility for the health and care of local children.

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Nancy ~~Frizzell~~ reported on her work in picking up the reins of the West End Historical project. The remaining \$1400 for the project will revert to the city if not utilized by June, she has

learned.

Jack Sullivan spoke of the SWAAT group that are supporting c-----s between Eisenhower Avenue and Duke street under the euphemism "Grid System." He was joined by Del Pepper in discussing the Braddock Road Plan and concerns about density.

Joe Fischer said that brick is the favored building material for the proposed house to be built at 508 Quaker Lane, and Dick Hobson said that the Board of Architectural Review has purview over the project.

Pat Lidy said that the both the APD and AFD will use the white house on Ivor Land for training. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Bruce E. McCarthy, Recording Secretary