

**MINUTES**  
**NOTICE BOARD MEETING**  
**March 14, 2016**  
7:30 P.M.  
Portner's Landing Community Room

**Present:** Matt Hennesy, Howard Middleton, Tom Soapes, Clarence Tong, Christa Watters, Roger Waud, Fran Zorn

**Absent:** Ernie Lehmann

**Guests:** Sgt. Sean Casey and Officer Stephanie Frank of the Alexandria Police Dept.

President Tom Soapes called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The order of the agenda was suspended so our Police liaison officers could make their presentation and then leave. Sgt. Casey has replaced our former liaison, Sgt. Jim Craige, who retired from APD at the end of last year. Sgt. Casey oversees both Old Town and North Old Town as part of his job, and Officer Frank is the patrol officer in our part of town. Both work 12 hour night shifts. Sgt. Casey said 151 incidents were reported to police between Jan. 1 and March 14 this year; the majority were centered on businesses such as Harris Teeter, the hotels, and the Giant site. Very few affected residents. A few were related to the Mental Health Center, a few were nuisance crimes like drinking on the waterfront. Ten vehicle larcenies were reported near businesses, 6 of which involved cars left unlocked. No violent crimes or crimes against persons were reported during this period. Crime overall is down. In response to a question, Sgt. Casey said crime is usually down in the cold months. He said residents can reach him at 703-380-619 or e-mail him at [sean.casey@alexandriava.gov](mailto:sean.casey@alexandriava.gov) to discuss policing issues. The best time to reach him is late afternoon. Officer Frank is at [stephanie.frank@alexandriava.gov](mailto:stephanie.frank@alexandriava.gov)

**Minutes:** The minutes of the February 8 board meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Membership:** Clarence Tong reported that the bank balance is \$9632.32. Membership stands at 140 households, and over 200 individuals. Tom noted that this is an all-time high. Christa passed on an envelope with updated gift certificates from Potomac Riverboat Company to Clarence to hold in case questions came up. [Christa has since checked with Charlotte Hall as to why these were sent. Apparently her receptionist sent them in error. The ones we issued are valid. (Clarence, please hold the new ones just in case.)]

**Assessment of Winter Party:** Clarence reported that revenue was \$1973 from entry fees and auction proceeds, with expenses of \$817.18 (room rental: \$225; food: \$412.85; flyers: \$179.33), for a net profit of \$1,155.12. These results were considerably better than last year. Attendance was over 70; new members resulting from the party were also more than usual. Notes: We should buy a bigger folding table to use for check-in next year and assign at least 4 people for the incoming rush, as it was a bit much for two to handle and at times people had to wait in line to check in. Planning Director Karl Moritz spoke briefly; he and Senior Planner Nancy Williams were introduced. Mayor Allison Silberberg also spoke very briefly. Councilwoman Del Pepper attended. There was a very brief Q&A.

**Status of Giant/ABC site:** Tom reported that City Council has approved the development proposal, which will now proceed through the final process with a few more refinements in traffic and architectural details to be worked out during that process. The developer has agreed to contribute \$50,000 toward an improved traffic light timing device at the intersection of First and Washington Streets that should ease congestion at that corner during rush hour. District 9 parking stickers will not be issued to residents of the new apartments slated for the development.

**SAP Process:** The process is continuing, with subcommittee meetings in the four areas of:

1. Planning, Land Use and Design & Housing
2. Open Space, Recreation and Cultural Activities & Historic Preservation
3. Infrastructure and Environmental Sustainability & Transportation
4. Economic Development

The next general SAP Advisory Group meeting is slated for March 24, 7-9 p.m. at City Hall. Tom and Christa will send out information on all meeting dates. More information is available on the City's Web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/86032](http://www.alexandriava.gov/86032)

Tom suggested we make the May SAP Community Meeting serve as our May membership meeting. He will discuss this with Nancy Williams, who heads the SAP process for P&Z and get back to us. Updating our membership on the progress of the plan would be our logical topic for that meeting in any case, and this format would provide the most accurate and timely way to deliver it.

**April/May Newsletter:** Tom will write up where we stand on the Edens Development and provide an SAP update based on the March 24 meeting. Christa will write briefly about the Old Colony. We will include a save the date notice for the May meeting, a brief on the new police liaison officer, a brief on the Alexandria Walk for Animals, to be sponsored by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on May 1, and any other event news that comes to our attention. The goal is to have the content complete by April 4.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 11 in the Portner's Landing Community Room. Tom will ask Ernie to reserve the room.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christa Watters, Secretary