

**MINUTES**  
**NOTICE BOARD MEETING**  
**April 11, 2016**  
7:30 P.M.  
Portner's Landing Community Room

**Present:** Ernie Lehmann, Howard Middleton, Tom Soapes, Christa Watters, Roger Waud, Fran Zorn

**Excused:** Clarence Tong, Matt Hennesy

**Guest:** Erin Beavis Carver, P.E., Civil Engineer IV, Sanitary Structure – Department of Transportation and Environmental Sciences, City of Alexandria

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

The order of the agenda was suspended so that Ms. Bevis-Carver of the Alexandria T&ES Department could brief the Board on the Combined Sewer System Permit and Long Term Control Plan Update. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality requires stepped reductions in the bacterial contaminant load being discharged into Hooff's Run and Hunting Creek through the Combined Sewer outlets (two on Hooff's Run and 1 into Hunting Creek). There is a fourth outfall in our part of town which discharges into the Potomac River at the foot of Pendleton Street; this outlet is not part of the DEQ's purview, as the Potomac falls under the jurisdiction of Maryland and DC. Bringing the City into compliance with the DEQ regulations by 2035 will take a huge and expensive effort to provide store and treat facilities (the primary strategy) backed up by green infrastructure to alleviate storm runoff, targeted sewer separations related to new development, and perhaps other potential opportunities for reduction in the future. Ms. Bevis Carver provided information through a printed PowerPoint presentation on the alternatives considered for storage tanks vs tunnels, and alternate potential sites and alignments for these facilities near the Hooffs Run and Royal Street (Hunting Creek) outfalls. She provided information on pros and cons, costs, and how those costs might be covered over time. The first storage tunnel is expected to be implemented in the 2019–2025 timeframe. A tank is to be implemented in the 2027–2032 timeframe. Green infrastructure and targeted sewer separations will be implemented throughout the period between 2016 and 2035. The City hopes to address the Pendleton Street outfall into the Potomac River as a separate issue at a later date. The City will always own the storage facilities but the Alexandria Renew enterprise to which residents pay sewer fees could bond for the linking infrastructure. More information on the Combined Sewer Control Plan is available at [www.alexandriava.gov/sewers](http://www.alexandriava.gov/sewers). Residents may offer feedback at AlexEngage on the city's web site.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the March 14 board meeting were unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report/Membership:** Knowing he would be unable to attend the meeting, Treasurer Clarence Tong provided his report via e-mail prior to the meeting: the bank balance is \$9632.32, plus he is holding \$90.00 in checks to be deposited. Membership stands at 145 households, 210 individuals.

**May Member Meeting:** Senior Planner Nancy Williams has confirmed that the SAP Advisory Group will hold its May Community Meeting on May 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Since the progress and status of the SAP would be the topic of our May Member Meeting in any case, we will be publicizing this meeting as replacing our usual spring gathering. The Department of Planning and Zoning will handle all arrangements; we will announce in our newsletter and by flyers, both delivered door to door and online.

**Strategy re Old Colony Best Western Motel Development:** Tom will speak at the Planning Commission reiterating the general points he has previously made that the majority of the residents most immediately affected by the proposed development object to the four-story height, the number of rooms, and the proposed addition of a restaurant, along with concerns regarding traffic increases and the request for a parking reduction.

**Governance of public portions of the waterfront:** Christa, who represents North Old Town on the Waterfront Commission, also serves on the Commission's Governance Subcommittee, which is looking into alternate forms of governance for the public portions – parks, the continuous waterfront walkway, the proposed Fitzgerald Square, activation and maintenance of public spaces, etc. The subcommittee met for 6 months hearing from practitioners of the various forms throughout the Washington Metropolitan region, and came down to considering primarily a Business of Community Improvement District vs. leaving the management of those functions to the City, largely under the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Activities. They have not yet made a formal recommendation to Council, though leaning toward a BID. Under both systems, police and fire functions and capital improvements would remain the city's primary responsibility. The City asked for the study as it is not prepared to set aside funds from the increased tax revenues generated by the new commercial developments solely for waterfront use; rather the City will put these revenues into the general funds to be reallocated by the budget process each year. If we are to have a world-class waterfront, it needs to be consistently maintained to higher standards than the City is currently applying to its parks; parks are usually among the first items cut in tight budget times. Hence the consideration of alternatives. This is a subject of some controversy, and residents may wish to stay informed and express opinions to the Council. The board members unanimously expressed the opinion that if the City approved the Waterfront Plan and wants a world class waterfront, it should be prepared to pay for it from tax revenues, not consider an additional surtax on a BID or CID.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9 in the Portner's Landing Community Room.

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

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christa Watters, Secretary