

Minutes of the North Old Town Citizen's Association
February 13, 2017
7:30 p.m.
Portner's Landing Meeting Room

Present: Tom Soapes, Howard Middleton, Agnes Artemel, Clarence Tong, Christa Watters, Roger Waud, Anne White-Olson, and Frances Zorn.

Excused: Matt Hennesey

Guest: Sgt. Sean Casey, Alexandria Police Dept.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30.

Sgt. Casey, liaison to NOTICe from Alexandria Police, made his report: Crime is low; mentions purse snatching from Harris-Teeter as an occasional problem. He responded to previous month's questions on lights at the Eden's development block, and tour buses idling in the neighborhood, and reminded us that the non-emergency number, 703-746-4444, can be used to call in additional incidents. He directed us to the Police website for further information on their policies on handling immigrant interactions.

The **minutes** were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's & Membership Report: As of 1.31.17 the Association's bank balance was \$9638.51; membership stands at 122 households representing 187 individuals.

The **Winter Party** occurring in the current week was discussed. Board assignments were reviewed in advance of the party.

Newsletter Distribution was discussed. Christa had just come from the printer so they were handed out to Board members at the end of the meeting as well as flyers for the Winter Party.

The agenda for the May Meeting was discussed, and because there is a contested primary for delegate, we will invite all candidates for a debate. When Matt returns, he will need to check whether the Old Colony will be available on the May 18 date planned for the meeting or whether we need to find another site, such as the Crowne Plaza Hotel or Holiday Inn.

The board discussed the upcoming open seat on the North Old Town **UDAC** (Urban Design Advisory Committee). Tom thinks that it is the resident seat on the committee that is open and that the current member cannot be re-appointed due to term limits. We should consider whether to suggest or recruit someone for the position. The business seat may also be open soon.

Old/New Business

There is a Small Area Plan Advisory Group meeting on Wednesday the 22nd at 7 PM at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The full report should be available in April for comment.

Website: We need to contact Brian Lam to see if he has decided to be our Webmaster. Tom or Ann will talk to him.

NRG Power plant site: We have heard that NRG has decided to sell itself and is looking for a buyout. If that is the case, nothing will happen to the Power Plant site until that situation resolves itself.

Park Service and Daingerfield Island: A group of Marina Towers residents is concerned because they have heard that the City Planning calendar includes a project to install a train on Daingerfield Island in the 2017-18 fiscal year. They reached out to NOTICe through an e-mail from Jan Macidull. Christa met Jan and another resident and viewed some wildlife photos they are amassing. Their concern is that any projects in the Daingerfield Island area would damage wetlands and wildlife. Christa will inquire of staff at the SAP meeting to see what this involves.

Oronoco Bay Combined Sewer Outfall: The House of Delegates Legislation has crossed over to the Senate. In accordance with a motion from Fran, the board voted to support speeding up remediation on this outfall, and would like to support State financial assistance for the effort as has happened with other communities in the state who have addressed combined sewer outfall issues. Clarence will draft a letter to send to our Virginia legislative delegation and City officials to that effect.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45: PM