

LPCA April 2012 Meeting

- I. Tulips
 - a. Planting of the bulbs throughout the neighborhood in 2010 and we have contacted Nat'l Park Service and have more coming
 - b. 30,000 bulbs and need some volunteers for spring planting - pick up will be mid April and concentrating on highly visible areas like medians on Wash Blvd. and around Community Center
- II. Screen on the Lyon Park Green – Friday, April 27th – Movie TBD
- III. Spring May Fair – May 19th
- IV. Villas and Vistas – May 20th
- V. Mad Rose Restaurant – outdoor entertainment permit pending – if you have comments/issues, submit them
- VI. Rt. 50 & Irving Intersection Presentation with Plans –
 - a. 25% submission at this point
 - b. Jeremy Watson with the County
 - c. One of 3 intersections on Rt. 50 that VDOT has identified needing pedestrian safety upgrades at these intersections – special grant money they provided
 - d. 12 crashes a year (1/mo.) but highlights the need for more pedestrian spaces
 - e. Current problems are the lack of sidewalks at the intersection, crosswalks are faded, disability access difficult
 - f. Signal is suspended on a wire currently and want to upgrade them with signal poles
 - g. Ditch section also is a safety hazard
 - h. ADA compliant ramps, reconstruct crosswalks
 - i. Desire to provide pedestrian access and improve ped. Safety
 - j. No cost projection as of yet and VDOT has reviewed this preliminary design
 - k. Requesting “no left turn” signage is of interest to the neighborhood and would have to be addressed with VDOT – doubt they would pursue unless there are strong metrics to support it
 - l. Timing of the light to give pedestrians ample time to cross is of concern
 - m. Transportation Operating Bureau would need to address our request for a median – we currently are the only stretch of Rt. 50 that doesn't have a median and this adds to the left hand turns onto our streets, causing backups & accidents
 - n. Don't expect significant changes to the traffic patterns
 - o. Neighborhood would prefer a median rather than these improvements as it could really put pedestrians in danger as the light is short and the intersection is big
 - p. Additional comments, please submit to Elliott and he will pass onto the County
- VII. Patrick Hope – VA State Delegate – 703/486-1010 – HopeforVirginia.org
 - a. Rep. 47th District – 2nd term as our delegate
 - b. Ballston is the bulls eye of his district

- c. VA doesn't have a budget yet for the year and you need 21 votes to pass a budget in the Senate and they only have 20 votes thus far
- d. Highlights of the bills that passed
 - i. Constitutional amendment of taking or damaging of private property; public use
 - ii. Castle doctrine – A Criminal Justice bill - stand your ground issue allowing you to use deadly force in your home if threatened – Carried over and will be taken up next year
- e. Challenging year and a lot of bills that were held back such as when to define life, at conception or birth, for example
- f. Concerned about the public schools as the state is funding them below 2009 levels but Arlington is in good shape
- g. Transportation – nothing was done and the governor refuses to put additional revenue on the table for transportation needs – we are about \$1B short on where we need to be and a lot of the Reps. are in favor of improvements, especially in NOVA

VIII. Parking Issues

- a. Commercial, out of state and unregistered cars all along N. Barton & 3rd
- b. Large cars/SVUs parked at the end of an intersection obstructing views
- c. Commercial vehicles parking around the Community Center
- d. Construction vehicles parking around the neighborhood
- e. Commuters parking in our neighborhood and walking to the metro
- f. Rental homes and the number of cars they create per household
- g. Wash. & Lee Apts. - Provides free parking to its residents and you have to have a county sticker and registration
 - i. Issue is with those that are living there but aren't tenants are parking all over Barton - enforcement issue and County needs to keep track of the cars that are parked there over 60 days and should be ticketing and towing
 - ii. Andy Bell wants to be the representative/deputy or have an official rep. from the LPCA track the cars, make the calls to the County to track the vehicles and meet weekly with the beat officer
 - iii. A letter from LPCA to the police and the apt. complex manager would be the best approach to addressing the issue
 - iv. This is an enforcement of the County and they should look into Lyon Park collectively, not just a block here and there as vigilantism

IX. Trees

- a. Tulip Poplar in the park needs to come down
- b. Developers not considering the trees in their site development – we live in a community that prides itself on its greenness
- c. Concern about the clear cutting on the lots
- d. County rules regarding safeguarding our trees