

February 2012 LPCS Mo. Meeting

- I. Arlington Police Update
 - a. Crime Stats Analyst and initial comments were that Lyon Park is quiet but there have been some burglaries around Sycamore and I66 - forced entry at the rear of homes that don't have alarms (one had a dog) – make sure lights are on timers, look out for neighbors – Nissan Rogue - suspicious car we should keep an eye out for – break ins occur between 10 am-3 pm when no one is at home – take a photo of everything of value and keep them outside of home – serial numbers, receipts are helpful for the police – anything of value being stolen like jewelry, computers, electronics, etc.
- II. Ken Bell – Building Committee Update
 - a. Use Permit –
 - i. filed for a use permit to start renovation and involves keeping zoning at lot 6
 - ii. board has approved the request to advertise the action and March 10th is the approval hearing and if approved, we can file the drawings for approval to the County – if they have any concerns like water management, tree cover, etc. this meeting will be the spot for such questions – 12 -16 weeks to get through this process – Activities of the CC did a data analysis on the use and the plan use shows that there won't be much change and the assertion is that it won't change – also agreeing to limit the max capacity to 160 people – adding a little sq footage only – copy of the document and the plans on file at the County in the Zoning Dept. if anyone is interested in reviewing – come May we could hope to have everything at the permit stage – use of this building is a nonconforming use as is the parking situation but County Staff isn't requiring additional parking – Ken plans to testify at the Board Meeting – the architect presenting the plans to the historic preservation group – a lot of positive communication about the project
- III. Events Update
 - a. IBIS Concert at 7:30 on 2/10 and proceeds will go to the Renovation Fund
 - b. Valentine Swing Dance 2/11 7-10 pm
 - c. Bingo 2/24 at 6:30-9:00 pm
- IV. Tree Update with Bill Anhut
 - a. 11 Trees given by the Tree Canopy Fund and we have a few available for those that want one – contact Bill if interested (one is a Sycamore)
- V. Treasurers Report –
 - a. Newsletter has been raking it in - \$1,500 net profit,
 - b. \$5K in dues
 - c. \$6,500 net income for the year and our treasury is at \$70K with \$50K earmarked for the renovation

- VI. Development Update – Clarendon Circle Transportation Study
- a. Difficulty that folks have with this intersection
 - b. Planning concepts and designs have been underway to improve the intersection
 - c. Goal of improving pedestrian safety and normalize the intersection before waiting for development to do it
 - d. Make it a smaller intersection, improve signage – how to shorten the crossing distances is a big concern
 - e. Trolley cars use to go through here and it was smaller
 - f. Surveyed the existing conditions – it is a monster of an intersection
 - g. Sector plan was taken and they studied it hard and plan is to move it to a civil engineering project
 - h. Attempt to squeeze it down – new concepts around the site where the Silver Diner is a possibility
 - i. Existing Traffic Conditions measured by traffic delays based on A, B, C ratings
 - j. 3 concepts for lane configurations – a) Existing lanes – keep existing lane configuration on Wash Blvd and existing westbound left turn lane; b) 4 lanes on Wash Blvd and remove westbound left turn lane; c) Five lanes on Wash Blvd. and add turn lane
 - k. 3 alternatives to improve Wilson Blvd Alignment – a) push towards diner property; b) shift within intersection and reduce footprint; c) push towards memorial
 - l. Concepts Comparison Matrix created and analyzed and the one that met the most goals was 2B – larger sidewalk on Sam’s Deli site, sharper sidewalk at old PetCo site, new sidewalk by NorthSide Social, green park space by N. Irving, bike lanes extended and additional markings
 - m. These improvements will be less costly and can be done in a short amount of time
 - n. Future Build-out opportunities – potential wider medians, added parking, widened sidewalks and bike lanes
 - o. 10th St. and Wilson Blvd. Intersection Improvements also slated and looking at making the left onto Wilson from 10th St. easier for motorists
 - p. Changes to 10th St. & Wash. Blvd intersection – being looked at to cut down on the 9th St. cut through over to Highland St.
 - q. Google “Clarendon Circle Improvements” and it will take you to the website where you can review the plans
 - r. Next Steps : Presenting conceptual designs to County Board members and communities; launch project web page; schedule public forums; propose 50% engineering plans, goal to begin construction in 2014 or sooner