

**Arlington Neighborhood Advisory Committee (ArNAC)**  
(Formerly the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee)

June 9, 2022

**DRAFT - Meeting Notes**

Meeting location: Virtual through MS Teams

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This was a FUNDING SESSION MEETING, so there was no Roll Call, Staff reports or approval of previous meeting notes. (May 2022 meeting notes will be approved at the next meeting.)

A quorum of the membership was present.

1. Kathy Reeder, ArNAC Chair, welcomed the Committee and staff to the meeting and provided information about the virtual meeting format.

Kathy made a few brief comments about the upcoming 2-year CIP, noting the County Manager proposed \$4 million, which is \$2 million less than the NCAC has requested. The Executive Committee has been meeting with County Board Member Takis, who is supportive of the \$6 million in the CIP. She encourages Civic Associations to continue writing letters to the County Board in support of the program.

2. Discussion / Action Item:

**Park Renaming of the 11th Street North and North Danville Street park in the Clarendon Courthouse neighborhood**

Presented by Diane Probus with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The park area is being renovated as a project funded through the Arlington Neighborhoods Program (formerly NC Program), scheduled to begin this summer.

Possible new names for the park were proposed and ranked through a community engagement process. The highest ranked name was "11<sup>th</sup> Street Park" and the second highest ranked name was "Danville Park".

The Park and Recreation Commission will provide a recommendation to the County Board for approval of the highest ranked name, "11<sup>th</sup> Street Park".

Questions/Comments:

- Bernie Berne – suggested adding "North" to the name to indicate which part of the County the park is located in. Bernie also stated that Danville St. is more recognizable as a location than 11<sup>th</sup> St. for the park, because 11<sup>th</sup> St. extends across many areas of the County.

- A motion was made by Gretchen Carter to support the renaming of the park to 11<sup>th</sup> Street Park. This was seconded by Jerry Paull.  
Vote on the motion: 19 in favor / 2 opposed / 0 abstentions

**3. Spring 2022 Funding Round on 2 ANP Projects:**

Rock Spring Civic Association - Street Light Project at 35<sup>th</sup> St. N (Little Falls Rd. to Williamsburg Blvd.) Presented by Jerry Paul

Columbia Forest Civic Association – Park Improvement Project at Bailey’s Branch Park  
Presented by John Kirkpatrick

- The NCAC Points Committee met to review these 2 qualified projects in May. They voted to support and recommend the projects to the NCAC for their approval and submission to the County Board for funding.
- Steve Bekele, Management & Budget Analyst for the ANP, informed the Committee that the current available bond balance is \$2,658,850.60, and total requested in this funding round is \$1,018,710, leaving a remaining balance of \$1,640,140.60.
- Questions/Comments:
  - Bernie expressed support for planting of pollinators, especially common milkweed to support the Monarch butterfly population.
  - Bill Braswell raised concern about the current required street width of 40’ in the County fire code. Bill asked if the County Manager made a decision on how to address it.  
  
Tim let him know that a decision has not been received from the Co. Mgr.’s office yet.
- A motion was made by Sarah McKinley to approve and recommend the 2 projects for funding by the County Board. This was seconded by John Wilson.
  - Vote on the motion: 20 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstentions

**4. Additional Discussion / Action Item:**

**Vote on Renaming of the NCAC**

Kathy presented the proposed new name for the advisory committee and the process of selection leading up to the final selection: “Arlington Neighborhoods Advisory Committee”, with the acronym, “ArNAC”.

- Bernie commented that the word “conservation” is one of the important reasons and chief functions of the program, as it speaks to conserving neighborhoods, and not rezone or be redeveloped by developers.
- Ed Hilz asked why a small “r” in the acronym
  - David Litman responded that it’s part of a design logo, sounds better than “ANAC”, and helps distinguish the committee from DC’s ANC (Advisory Neighborhood Commission)

- c. Audrey Clement agreed with Bernie on the word “conservation” and feels changing it caters to the politics of symbolism.
  - d. Sarah McKinley noted there is often confusion to people in neighborhoods about what “conservation” of the neighborhood is. She feels the program enhances neighborhoods, many are mixed neighborhoods with multi-family housing as well as single family, and this is an appropriate change.
  - e. Bill feels the work “Arlington” in the name is repeating itself.
  - f. Kathy stated that everyone had the opportunity to submit different names before this meeting, and at this time they are voting to either adopt a new name or keep the existing one.
  - g. Kathy asked for a vote:
    - All those in favor of the new name, “Arlington Neighborhood Advisory Committee” (ArNAC)
      - 14 in favor
    - All those in favor of keeping the existing name, “Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee” (NCAC)
      - 2 in favor
- Tim announced the committee’s new name has been approved and shall now be known as the “Arlington Neighborhood Advisory Committee” (ArNAC)
5. Move to adjourn the meeting – motion by Bill Braswell, seconded by John Kirkpatrick.

Meeting was adjourned.