

# ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOODS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ArNAC)

## July 14, 2022 Final Meeting Notes

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- **Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report**
  - Alcovia Heights, Gretchen Carter: The survey crew came out on June 15th to survey the 7th St Sidewalk completion and the Block Captain Kelly Reed, said her neighbors are very excited.
  - Columbia Heights, Sarah McKinley: Our neighborhood project is moving forward, and we have a community meeting scheduled in early August.
  - Glencarlyn: Kathy Reeder. The neighborhood had block party to celebrate completion of the 4th St project a couple of weeks ago and appreciate attendance by some of the county staff as well as the good group of neighbors. So happy to have celebrated completion of that project.
  - Green Valley, Bridget Obikoya: The neighborhood is currently working on our neighborhood plan update.
  - Yorktown, David Haring: Happy to report that we've gotten our neighborhood surveys out for our plan update and have about 160 to 170 back so far.
  
- **Approval of May and June 2022 Minutes**
  - May and June meeting minutes approved
  
- **Officers and Staff Report**
  - John Kirkpatrick, shared about the Gaggle listserve as a new communication tool. An invitation was sent out last week. If you have not received the invitation, please let John know.
  - Kathy Reeder, shared about the CIP and some of the activities the Executive Committee has been up to. They met with Takis Karantonis, Board Member and also ArNAC liaison to encourage the County board to consider allocating additional funds to the CIP for the ANP. They also spoke at a CIP public hearing, attended an open-door Monday meeting with Katie Cristol and met with Libby Garvey, Matt de Ferranti, and Christian Dorsey on separate occasions.
  - Tim McIntosh shared that there were four changes to the CIP and one of them was ours. The proposal included an additional \$1,000,000 in FY24.
  
- **Discussion / Action Items**
  - Park Naming Options for Pen Place and Met Park
    - JGB staff presented background information about how the two proposed names for the parks came to be. Then opened it up for questions and comments. The best way to provide feedback about the park name selection is to complete the online survey. No vote was taken on a preferred name.
    - See link to recording to watch the full presentation:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aXyuYNdRIEc>
  
  - Adoption of Electronic Meetings Policy

- On August 15<sup>th</sup>, the County manager will be rescinding the emergency declaration that Arlington VA has been under the last 2 years which means that the ArNAC meetings will now have to move from virtual to hybrid (In person and virtual) and we will be required to have a quorum. This is changing because of a bill that was passed in the Virginia State legislature regarding the electronic meetings policy as it relates to FOIA.
  - In order to have an official meeting according to our bylaws, 1/3 of our membership (17 members out of approx. 51) would need to attend a meeting in person. At this time, potential meeting locations include Arlington Mill Community Center or the Walter Reed Community Center.
  - With this new policy, 25% of our meetings can still happen virtually, which for us means 3 virtual meetings per year. Note, they cannot be in consecutive months.
  - Regarding attendance, neither staff, presenters, nor the executive committee need to be in person. One staff person from ANP will have to be there and occasionally, so will some the ANP staff team.
  - If an ArNAC member cannot attend a meeting in person, they will need to provide Tim a reason and this reason must be captured in the minutes (i.e. illness, travel, etc.)
  - Subcommittees will be able to still meet virtually.
  - This policy will begin in September.
- Presentation on ArNAC Component of Implementation Framework
    - David Litman shared that the work plan for ArNAC would begin in September with a small working group of 3-5 members
    - The ArNAC working group would develop a set of recommendations for the larger ArNAC over the next few months
    - The ArNAC working group would help develop as set of goals and objectives for the following: making improvements to how the committee functions, Incorporating county priorities into our work, putting a structure in place to enable the committee and program to stay abreast of county priorities, strengthening our role and tying into the neighborhoods, looking at the project approval process and selection process, looking at the need for subcommittees or organizational changes and how to interact with Civic Association membership.
    - Please let David know by the end of the month if you would like to be involved.
    - See link to recording to watch the full presentation

Meeting Adjourned