

# **ARLINGTON NEIGHBORHOODS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ArNAC)**

November 14, 2024  
7 PM  
Bozman Government Center

## **ArNAC representatives in attendance:**

- Gretchen Carter (Alcova Heights)
- Karen Sullivan (Arlington-East Falls Church)
- Eileen Janas (Arlington Heights)
- Lauren Bailey (Arlington Ridge)
- Carter Echols (Arlington View)
- Don Bennett (Barcroft)
- Claudia Fetter (Bellvue Forest)
- Chris George (Bluemont)
- Erin Scialpi (Cherrydale)
- Sarah McKinley (Columbia Heights)
- John Kirkpatrick (Columbia Forest / Chair, ArNAC)
- Kristen Gilley (Dominion Hills)
- Josue Bastidas (Douglas Park)
- Ed Hilz (Fairlington) (Virtual)
- Lisa McAvoy (Foxcroft Heights)
- Kathy Reeder (Glencarlyn)
- Darlene Robinson (Green Valley)
- Tom Sitzler (John M. Langston – formerly “High View Park”)
- Tabitha Ricketts (Lyon Park)
- Sheldon Snook (Lyon Village)
- Jonathan Walsh (Madison Manor)
- Joanne Thornton (Maywood)
- Darcey Cuffman (Penrose)
- Jolie Bain Pillsbury (North Highlands)
- Darcey Cuffman (Penrose)
- Ginny Farris (Shirlington) (Virtual)
- Bill Braswell (Tara-Leeway Heights)
- Alex Luchenitser (Waverly Hills)
- Audrey Clement (Westover Village)
- David Haring (Yorktown)
- Bernie Berne (Buckingham) (Virtual)

## **Staff in attendance:**

- Anika Chowdhury (CPHD – NSD, Arlington Neighborhoods Program)
- Naudy Martinez (CPHD – NSD, Arlington Neighborhoods Program)
- Hannah Nicely (CPHD – NSD, Arlington Neighborhoods Program)

- Prudence Sheffield (CPHD – NSD, Arlington Neighborhoods Program)
- Chikwe Njoku (CPHD – NSD)
- Jeanette Ankoma-Sey (DPR – Park Planning and Development)

## **November ArNAC Meeting**

### **1. Brief Neighborhood Report**

- Alcova Heights- Gretchen Carter shared that the 7<sup>th</sup> St sidewalk project is progressing well.
- Tara-Leeway Heights-Bill Braswell shared that the 15<sup>th</sup> St sidewalk is progressing well and a great example of an ANP project. Encouraged the committee to visit it once complete.

### **2. Public Comment**

- No comments submitted.

### **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Approve the October 2024 minutes- Motion, Tom Sitzler (John M. Langston), second, Joanne Thornton (Maywood)
  - i. Approved unanimously, no comments.

### **4. Officers and Staff Report**

Officers Report:

- ArNAC's Project Review Team (PRT) met and discussed the proposed projects that are being presented at the November ArNAC meeting.
- Next month after the December funding round meeting there will be celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Arlington Neighborhoods Program.

### **5. Staff Report:**

- Welcome New ANP Staff: Prudence Sheffield, ANP's new Principal Planner.
- ANP 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary- The County Board will be acknowledging the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the program at the December 17<sup>th</sup> County Board Recessed meeting. There will be several speakers including members of the ArNAC Executive Committee.
- Board Funding Approval- The Board approved funding request for the Spring 2024 funding round projects which included the Neighborhood Signs Program package, Shirlington CA's Shirlington Park pedestrian safety improvement project and Barcroft School & Civic League (BSCL)'s South Pershing Drive park improvement (also known as "Grandma's Creek").
- Budget Update- There are no changes to the budget. The program currently has \$4.9M for projects with \$1M set aside for equity projects. A new 2-year CIP bond

for \$14M has been approved through passage of the bond referendum on November 5th.

## 6. Discussion/Action Items

- **Presentations on the Fall 2024 Funding Round Qualified Projects**

- i. John M. Langston CA - Slater Park (N. Culpeper Street) project presented by Tom Sitzler (JMLCA ArNAC Representative)
- ii. Arlington Heights CA - 1<sup>st</sup> Road S – S. Glebe Road to Old Glebe Road project presented by Eileen Janas (AHCA ArNAC Representative)

Staff announced that the ArNAC PRT will meet again to review the two (2) qualified projects and compile a report to go with the Fall 2024 Funding Round Booklet. The ArNAC will vote on these projects at the December 12<sup>th</sup> ArNAC Meeting, prior to County Board consideration.

- **ArNAC Equity Subcommittee Update**

- i. Kathy Reeder (Chair, ArNAC Equity Subcommittee) presented the findings of the Equity Subcommittee, which included a newly-generated Equity Emphasis Areas Map). It is important to note that what the committee intends to do is a pilot. This pilot may last 1-2 years, and the goal is to get some data to understand how to work on equity projects with feedback from the committee.

- **Remarks from County Board Member Takis Karantonis**

- i. Board Member Karantonis emphasized continued support for the program and commended staff for their continued work. It was shared that he will no longer serve as liaison to the program in the new year, due his anticipated new role as Arlington County Board Chair in 2025.

Motion to adjourn the meeting, Eileen Janas (Arlington Heights), second, Bill Braswell (Tara-Leeway Heights).

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 p.m.**