

AFCA Meeting Minutes
February 21, 2018

Announcements by Allison Kennett, President:

- In May, County will plant a Scarlett Oak in the traffic circle at the shopping center to replace the holly tree that had been there for decades. There is a desire to have a ceremony for the tree planting, so Allison asked for some dates that could be passed on to the County arborist. A plaque honoring Joe Cockrell, who maintained the holly for decades, will be installed by AFCA next to the new tree.

- Neighborhood issues:
 - Northside:* Lots of construction ongoing at circle in front of the shopping center.
 - Greenbrier:* Carlin Springs Bridge under construction and is progressing. Looks like there will be pedestrian markings on Carlin Springs at Edison. There has been a group working to improve pedestrian safety along Carlin Springs and some progress has been made by County.
 - South Side:* None

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Disucssion about – Neighborhood Conservation (NC) Plan Process

- Been planner with Arlington since 1985.
- Arlington Forest last submitted a NC plan in 1991 and it needs to be updated.
- NC provides access to County capital budget funds if plan document is completed.
- Program established in 1964. It is unique throughout the country and volunteer driven.
- Eligible projects include sidewalk, curb and gutter, streetlights, traffic management, pedestrian safety improvements and other things.
- Plan approval can take two or more years.
- Steps:
 - organize steering committee;
 - preparation for plan development;
 - information gathering/survey development;
 - writing the plan;
 - civic association review and approval vote;
 - staff plan review plan finalization;
 - planning commission review;
 - County Board acceptance.

- Henry provides technical assistance and is cheerleader through the process.
- County Board members do rely on NC plans in their decision-making about new projects or efforts.
- Process helps build community.
- Plans address issues in the neighborhood; goals, land use, street conditions, parks, services, emergency management and many other topics.
- Many ways to get involved in the process: survey development, field work, plan chapter writing, research, information gathering, outreach, etc.
- Questions?
 - Status of Edison Park? New requirements are affecting the design of the park, so cost has gone up. No projects were funded in 2017, but hoping that additional funds will be allocated in 2018.
 - How extensive do updates need to be? Demographics will be different. Look at old plan and update sections. May need to add new chapters and that could take longer.

Luke Reynolds and Rupa C?? Volunteers With Field to Table Farmer's Market Status of Market Proposed for Barrett School Parking Lot

- Field to Table is non-profit that operates three farmers markets in Arlington
- Luke lives in Buckingham
- Seeking approval of civic association to host farmers market from May to November; Saturday mornings; 8 a.m. to noon
- Will include 10-12 farmers from within 125 miles of Arlington and non-amplified entertainment
- Strengthen community collaboration and connections
- Lots of people in walking distance of market
- Help new farmers be successful, get kids interested in healthy eating, fresher food
- Plan to have portable restroom installed. Will be there full time May to November.
- Agreement has to be negotiated with Schools and County Board will have to approve.
- No dogs are allowed in the market. Not sure how this is enforced.
- Still looking for volunteers.
- Field to Table provides a lot of support and funding.
- Allison has created a Google group listing all the jobs available and seeking volunteers.
- A website will be created and everyone can vote on the logo.
- Are there any commitments from vendors? Discussions are ongoing and there is interest. Can't offer slots yet until market is approved. More farmers than slots available at markets, so we will be able to pick who we want.
- Are any of the farmers organic? One at Westover is and many use integrated pest management techniques. People working on vendor selection can look at this. Selection committee can determine producers/farmers – if we want only locally produced/grown, the local market committee can decide.

- Allison read proposed letter in support of the farmers market. The letter was approved by all present except one. About 30 residents were present at the meeting.
- Meeting adjourned.