

**Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes, Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 27, 2021**

The meeting was called to order by Bryan Kirkes, co-chair, at 7:02 p.m. and a quorum was present.

**I. Guest Speakers**

A. Bill Browning, Arlington Regional Master Naturalist

In his position as a Regional Master Naturalist in Arlington, Mr. Bowling, is directed to protect and preserve habitats, to educate, provide outreach, and encourage citizens' input. He expressed concern about the number of deer and methods to control them in Arlington.

B. Rob Kerns, Planning and Zoning, Developmental Division

Mr. Kerns reviewed items that will come before the Planning Commission in February and they include: Heritage development in Old Town; St. Stephens School expansion; Newport subdivision; and the Park Center fitness center. Issues in March: Upland Park townhouses; Winchester townhouses at the Victory Center; and Hensley Park renovation – Eisenhower West. In April: St. Mary's campus; Blocks 4 and 5 on Eisenhower Ave. Mr. Kerns responded to questions about the upcoming developments.

C. Bill Rossello, Representative to AMPAC

Mr. Rossello reviewed some of the items discussed at their last meeting. Items included: the Transportation Master Plan had increased support for bicycles; transit changes to decrease car traffic; alternative modes of transportation rather than cars; and the decline of bus ridership. Mr. Rossello responded to questions from those present. Questions related to car traffic; need for busses; moving traffic more efficiently; and communicating effectively about members' concerns. It was suggested that members' concerns regarding traffic issues would be more effectively received - if more associations expressed concerns rather than just the AFCA, as one organization.

**II. Treasurer's Report**

The monthly report for January 2021 was approved unanimously by the members present.

**III. Minutes**

The minutes for the General Meeting of December 30, 2020 and the Called Special Meeting of January 20, 2021 (revised minutes) were approved by unanimous vote of the membership.

**IV. Association Member Hot Topics**

Bryan Kirkes, co-chair, suggested that member associations send letters to the City Council on issues of concern, as soon as possible. Some issues mentioned by members included: stormwater issues; colocations at schools; Seminary Rd. traffic at Inova Hospital; Taylor Run restoration; road congestions from Rte. 395 to Skyline; speed limits on Seminary Rd.; and costs of replanting trees.

#### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Judy Cooper

#### **Attendees:**

Judy Guse-Noritake, Braddock Metro Citizen's Coal.; Sean Casey, Judy Cooper, Brookville-Seminary Valley CA; Arthur Impastato, Cameron Station CA; Roy Byrd, James Byrnes, Clover-College Park CA; Annie Ebbers, Del Ray Citizens Assoc.; Melanie Alvord, Fairlington Citizens Assn.; Jeff Lipsky, Founders Park Community Assn.; Penny Laporta, NOTICE; Charles Kent, North Ridge Citizens' Assn.; Dave Olinger, Steve Milone, Bryan Kirkes, T. Van Fleet, Old Town CA; Bob Gronenberg, Parkfairfax Condo UOA; Joanne Bump, Potomac Yard CA; Carter Flemming, Bill Rossello, Seminary Hill Assn.; Jeanne Jacob, Seminary Ridge CA; Pete Benavage, Seminary West CA; Fran Vogel, Strawberry Hill CA; Erin Winograd, Wakefield Tarleton CA; Dino Drudi, West Old Town Citizens Assn.; Bill Bowling, Colt Gregory, Marion Jordan, Guests.