

**General Meeting Minutes
Alexandria City Hall, Room 2000
May 29, 2019**

Jeff Lipsky opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., welcoming guests Michelle Cook (Taylor Run) and Fran Terrell (Strawberry Hill). A quorum of membership was in attendance.

1. Business Meeting:

- **Treasurer Report:** AFCA maintains 17 members and no change in the checking account. Annual dues for July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020 membership period forthcoming.
- **Prior Minutes Approval:** April 24, 2019 minutes were approved.
- **AFCA Committee Reports:**
 - BOD Nominating Committee:
 - Jeff Lipsky presented the committee’s slate. He highlighted that the Committee looked for a wide swath of interested representatives from across the City, asking them if they could commit to attending. A 12-person slate was presented. Upon call for floor nominees Roy Byrd nominated Art Impastato, who accepted. Membership approved the 13 person slate:
 - ❖ Tom Walczykowski (Co-Chair)
 - ❖ Bryan Kirkes (Co-Chair)
 - ❖ Pete Benavage (Vice Chair)
 - ❖ Judy Cooper (Treasurer)
 - ❖ Anne White-Olson (Secretary)
 - ❖ Roy Byrd (Director)
 - ❖ Bob Gronenberg (Director)
 - ❖ Art Impastato (Director)
 - ❖ Joanne Lepanto (Director)
 - ❖ David Olinger (Director)
 - ❖ Townsend Van Fleet (Director)
 - ❖ Heidi Ford (Past Co-Chair)
 - ❖ Jeff Lipsky (Past Co-Chair)
 - Engagement Committee:
 - Boards/Commissions/Committees review: awaiting response from Councilman’s Aguirre and Chapman on City starting review and required Federation’s support. Federation sent letter asking for review in Feb 2019.
 - DSUP Policy Memo: Met with Karl Moritz and Yon Lambert over past few months. Awaiting feedback from City Attorney and meeting with Katye North before next steps.
 - 5G Small Cell Towers: responded to Councilman Seifeldein’s request for review. City appears to have little latitude on policy. Aesthetics of devices on poles under purview of BAR. We will continue to monitor.
 - Scooter Policy: Will review proposed position memo at end of this meeting.

- Communications Committee:
 - 11% increase in website visits.
 - No members reported issues receiving Federation emails via Google Groups.
- Membership Committee:
 - 30 associations in outreach pool, no contact information for 9 of the 30.
 - With Communications Committee's support, a membership/welcome letter was created.
 - Updated liaison list. City has names of 47 Civic Associations.
 - Membership will continue to identify and reach out to more associations.
 - Jeff Lipsky complimented the Communications and Membership Committees in their efforts of coordination to grow membership. He recommended the Membership Committee and Treasurer also discuss. Jeff suggested the Membership Committee is probably the most important Committee to write down procedures so actions are repeatable and understood.
- Governance Committee: Nothing significant to report.

City Committee Reports:

- Emergency Medical Services Council: Rebecca Hierholzer stated last EMS meeting was May 13. While there are increased EMS applicants, the ongoing issue remains recruits train in Alexandria and then go to other counties where pay and benefits are higher. The West End, Del Ray and Potomac Yards are underserved areas for EMS.

Member Association Hot Topics:

- Eisenhower West/Landmark Van Dorn Implementation Advisory Group – Art Impastato discussed May 22 Advisory Group meeting entailed several topics: Greenhill South CDD (including buyer of property), Landmark CDD and Virginia Paving.
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/planning/info/EWLVDAGMeetingPresFINALcombined052219.pdf>
- Alexandria Transit Vision Plan Working Group. Heidi Ford highlighted discussions occurred in April and May. Decisions by the Council will be made on June 10.
- Chief Advisory Task Group 21. Roy Byrd spoke about 21st Century Policing, reporting the Police Dept. is doing a lot of good work, to include analytics. At the meeting, they discussed scooters, traffic and issues related to Metro shutdown.
- Pete Benavage reported on the Seminary Road Complete Streets project, advocating changes to the infrastructure currently in place are not in the best interest of Alexandria. West End groups have appealed to City Council.

New Business: The Membership Committee's requested an amendment to the AFCA Bylaws. Membership & Governance Committee should review requirement and draft language before presenting to the BOD.

The next AFCA meeting is June 26th.

2. Guest Speaker: Presentation by Christopher Ziemann, Transportation Planning Division Chief, Dockless Mobility Pilot Program Update.

- Mr. Ziemann opened his presentation providing a brief history of the dockless share program which began in DC and Montgomery County in 2017. Last fall a pilot program began in Arlington, and the first operation in Alexandria began in January 2019.
- Alexandria is four months into a nine month pilot and there are six vendors (one permitted but not yet launched). There are 60-180 scooters from each company on an average day with over 9,000 users total. There have been 22,726 trips on scooters with 79% of them occurring in March. There has been one reported crash and two minor injuries. There's high use in Old Town and Del Ray
- Top issues the City is tackling are sidewalk riding, failure to yield the right of way to pedestrians, perceived and actual proper parking issues, perceived unsafe behavior of riders, underage riders and operator integration (responsiveness, staging properly, and timely data reports).
- The City is working on recommended changes dealing with 1) Safety: enforcement and education; 2) Parking management; and 3) Updating the Memorandum of Understanding.
- If a scooter is staged/parked inappropriately (on your property or somewhere that impedes access), citizens may move the scooter or reach out to the company directly.
- A copy of the presentation was provided under separate cover.
- Comments/questions to Mr. Ziemann included implementing corrals instead of individual parking on sidewalks; enforcing traffic rules; cost to City taxpayers for pilot program; post pilot program plan, and data collection/dissemination to the City.

3. Planning and Zoning Review: Rob Kerns and Tony LaColla

Rob Kerns presented information on what the Planning Commission will review in June 2019. They do not hold meetings in July and August.

- **The June 4 meeting will review:**
 - Green Building Policy Update – 2019 update to the Green Building Policy, originally enacted in 2009, proposes to further reduce the environmental impacts of new private and public (City-owned and managed buildings including schools) development projects.
 - EAP Phase II – Reviews Green Building and Land Use and Open Space chapters of environmental action plan (EAP). Phase 2 proposed actions are viewed as important contributions to ensuring the balance of social, economic and environmental factors in building a sustainable Alexandria.
 - Open Space Presentation 3 – Focus of this process is on open space in new development.
 - Guidepost Montessori at 3475 N Beauregard Street – academic private school and day care center at the Gateway development project site. 12K square foot facility for 154 preschoolers, 30 elementary and 24 staff.
 - Residential Garage Text Amendment - Allows flexibility and consistency for homeowners requesting residential garages. Proposed text amendment allows new

garages, whether part of an addition or a new house, to be consistent with the prevailing pattern in the neighborhood.

- **The June 25th meeting will review:**

- Chart House - Applied to have speakers on their deck for soft music (already installed, this just allows permission).
- Old Dominion Board Club Pier Expansion at 0 Prince Street.
- Food Hall at 200 Stovall Rd - upscale food hall for 290 people and under; 13,000 sq. featuring various vendors
- River Renew at 1500 Eisenhower – new sewer infrastructure and associated surface enhancements to remediate Alexandria’s existing combined sewer system
- WMATA Office at 2395 Mill Road, right behind the Hoffman Garage - a new 14-story, approximately 408,767 square foot (net) office building with an above-ground structured parking and a surface parking lot (until a second building can be built in the future) on vacant land WMATA owns within Eisenhower East. The building would contain four levels of above-grade parking, which would be accessed via a driveway along the eastern property line off Mill Road.
- Greenhill Sound CDD – land-use requests for the creation of a phased CDD Concept Plan. The CDD Concept Plan would function as a framework plan for future redevelopment at the site over the next 25 years. The approximate six-acre project site would be divided into two new development blocks on which new buildings would be constructed in the future. The applicant is not currently seeking approval for the construction of buildings.

4. After the Planning and Zoning update from the City staff, Jeff Lipsky presented a draft AFCA letter for City Council submission. It expresses AFCA’s key concerns and recommendations regarding the dockless mobility devices (i.e. e-scooter) program. After discussion and some substantive changes, a memo was approved unanimously. Jeff Lipsky will send to Judy Cooper for administrative updates; Roy Byrd and Art Impastato will review the MOU for alignment and Jeff Lipsky will incorporate tonight’s edits and forward to the association for review.

The meeting ended at 9:20 p.m.

Attendees: Jeff Lipsky, FPCA; Townsend Van Fleet, OTCA; Bryan Kirkes, OTCA; Bob Gronenberg, Parkfairfax; Tom Walczykowski, CCPCA; Rebecca Hierholzer, SWCA; Pete Benavage, SWCA; Fran Terrell, SHCA; Dino Drudi, WOTCA; Roy Byrd, CCPCA; Judy Cooper, BSVCA; Joanne Bump, PYCA; Heidi Ford, WOTCA; David Olinger, OTCA; Erin Winograd, WTCA; Calvin Terrell, SCA; Art Impastato, CSCA; Michelle Cook, TRCA; Robert Ray, OTCA; Joanna Lepanto, SHA; Melanie Alvord, FCA; Anne White-Olson, NOTICe; Michelle Hogan, SCA; Carter Flemming, SHA; Margaret Townsend, OTNCP; Bill Dierinson, River Renew

Minutes submitted by Anne White-Olson.