

Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.
General Meeting Minutes, Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, September 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Pete Benavage, co-chair, at 7:05 p.m. and a quorum was present by roll call.

I. Presentations

A. The Alexandria Mobility Plan - Vicki Cadullo, Transportation & Environmental Services

Ms. Cadullo noted that the T&ES department has spent 1.5 years on the revisions to the Mobility Plan. Current code review included legislation that may impact the city, but, at present, will not impact the State Code. A copy of her presentation was made available during the meeting and will be sent to association members. Data regarding traffic complaints is available on a month by month basis. Numerous questions were asked about the content and procedures outlined in the plan.

B. 2021 Sanitary Sewer Plan Update - Erin Bevis-Carver, Planning & Zoning

Some of the new master plan objectives in this update focused on wet weather mitigation options. Additional information about the Stakeholders Advisory Group is on the P&Z website. Ongoing plans will focus on growth forecasts for small area plans and those with 20-30 year plans for growth.

Currently there is approximately four billion gallons per day of waste water from the City. In some areas of the city the developers will be building all of the sewers, as in the West End. A copy of this presentation, "2021 Sanitary Sewer Mast Plan Update", will be made available to the AFCA members. This Sanitary Sewer Plan will be going forward to the Planning Commission soon and then to the City Council.

II. Business Meeting

A. Minutes

The previous minutes for the General Meeting were revised and, moved by Carter Flemming, seconded, and approved by the membership.

B. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report notes two new memberships and no expenses. The report was accepted by the membership.

C. Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

There were no questions on the proposed Bylaw changes that were presented at the last General Meeting. There was a motion to adopt the changes, seconded, and passed by a voice vote.

D. Report on the City Manager Search

On September 22, 2021 the City Council held a Town Hall meeting regarding the selection of a new City Manager. It was noted that there was a poor turnout – audience at the City Hall and via zoom – as well

as the survey response. The City Council will form another committee on this topic in November after the elections. Pete Benavage asked Kay Stimson to draft another letter to the City Council on the topic of the selection of the City Manager with the request that the letter be developed quickly. A motion to develop the letter was made by Roy Byrd , seconded, and approved by a voice vote.

E. Member Issues

Carter Flemming, Seminary Hill CA - Phase II of the noise ordinance is being developed by the City and she suggests that we complete the feedback form.

Arthur Impastato, Cameron Station CA – Noted that the Transportation Master Plan is going to the Planning Commission on October 5th and to the City Council on October 16th. Any comments the AFCA or citizens provide would be important feedback to these groups.

F. Candidate Questionnaire

Pete Benavage stated that he would turn the meeting over to Carter Flemming and not participate in the discussion of this topic due to a conflict of interest. 9:02 p.m.

Ms. Flemming noted that planning for a City Council candidates' forum required too much technical work to reach the entire city in such a short period of time. If a committee were formed, they would develop a questionnaire for the candidates to complete. Concerns included a time line for the development of the questionnaire and how to disseminate the results. The purpose of this questionnaire is to promote the AFCA as a notable presence in the city. R. Byrd suggested that the draft questionnaire be developed by 10/02/21, reviewed by midweek, finalized by 10/07/21, and sent to candidates for responses before end of October. The questionnaire will focus on "big ticket" issues.

III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Judy Cooper

Attendees:

Sean Casey, Evan Deichart, Judy Cooper, BSVCA; Arthur Impastato, Cameron Station CA; Roy Byrd, Tom Walczykowski, James Byrnes, Clover-College Park CA; Jeff Lipsky, Founders Park Community Assn.; John Fehrenbach, Kay Stimson, North Ridge Citizens' Assn.; Steve Milone, Old Town CA; Bob Gronenberg, Parkfairfax Condo UOA; Carter Flemming, Seminary Hill Assn.; Jeanne Jacob, Seminary Ridge CA; Pete Benavage, Seminary West CA; Fran Vogel, Strawberry Hill CA; Erin Winograd, Wakefield Tarleton CA; Vicki, Cadullo, Erin Bevis-Carver, City.