

**Columbia Heights Civic Association
December 12, 2006 General Meeting
Minutes**

Present:

John Antonelli
Geoff Gerhardt
Ron Haddox, Board Member
Peter Jones
Sarah McKinley, Secretary
Ed Miltenberger, President
June O'Connell
Dana Schlichtmann

Ed Miltenberger opened the meeting at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Treasurer's Report

Linda Palmer, CHCA Treasurer, was not present but submitted a report indicating that the group had \$215.58 in the bank, with no outstanding bills and 34 paid members.

Civic Federation Update

Resolutions. The Arlington Civic Federation met on Tuesday, December 5, 2006. John Antonelli had handouts to give members. Discussions included school board issue. Another issue was a resolution about buildings in Rosslyn being too high, according to FAA. The Civic Federation voted not to support the resolution until the FAA issue was resolved.

Metro Line Proposal. The Metro blue line was discussed, which is a proposal to split the blue line and have some trains go over the yellow line bridge. John Antonelli drafted a resolution opposing the plan. The transportation subcommittee will address John's resolution at its December 15 meeting. CHCA members discussed what we expected to do in terms of voting at the Civic Federation meetings. The question dealt with a perceived lack of procedures within CHCA for guiding CHCA representatives in their votes at the Civic Federation meetings.

Bulletin Board. The group proposed helping to educate neighborhood citizens about this issue by posting information on our bulletin board and web site. John Antonelli will send any blue line related e-mails to Ron Haddox 24 hours before sending e-mails to the list serve for this purpose.

Form Based Code Changes. The County has decided to table a proposal that would deal with form-based codes for multi-family dwellings because the issue created too much discord in the community.

Walter Reed Center

Peter Jones advocated providing the County with a five-year plan regarding landscaping for the Walter Reed Recreational Center. Joan Rineberg and Peter Jones expressed interest in serving as CHCA's landscaping liaison to the Center, both of which were approved by a vote of the CHCA members present. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 12, 2006. Ed Miltenberger will contact Joan Rineberg to let her know about her role and the meeting.

Towing at Westmont Shopping Center

Ron Haddox discussed predatory towing at Westmont Shopping Center. Sarah McKinley has contacted Arlington Heights Civic Association, but has not heard back from them. She will continue to try to make contact.

Tutoring Program at Walter Reed Center

The Center now has a program to teach kids how to make videos. They also have a speaker coming in to discuss the culture of Afghanistan. The center would like to start a computer center at Walter Reed with the help of donations of "older" computers.

Arlington Community Hospital Closing

Arlington Community Hospital, located on Carlin Springs Drive between Columbia Pike and Rt. 50, is closing. The facility has been purchased by Arlington Hospital, which is turning it into an urgent care facility. At the same time, the current urgent care facility in Pentagon City is closing.

Approval of Minutes

The group approved minutes of the September annual meeting, presented by Sarah McKinley.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Minute notes taken by Dana Schlichtmann, Vice President, and prepared by Sarah McKinley, Secretary.