

**Columbia Heights Civic Association
September 28, 2006 Annual Meeting
Minutes**

Prepared by Sarah McKinley

Present:

Delores Greene
Sara J. Collins
Linda Palmer
Ruth Levin
Dan Levin
Alan Kennedy
Joan Amarsie
Susan Langston
Joan Rineberg
Charlotte Cleary
Geoff Gerhardt
Dana Schlichtmann
Jerry Cowden
Ron Haddox
Sarah McKinley
June O'Connell
Marilyn J. Arnold
Jacquelyn Jackson
A. O'Donoghue
John Antonelli
Alan Muchnick

President's Report

Ed Miltenberger gave a brief summary of CHCA activities over the past year:

- This past year CHCA held monthly meetings using the newly-approved bylaws of the association.
- CHCA's participation in CPRO's Saturday breakfasts for the leadership of the neighboring civic associations.
- CHCA's participation in the Towers Dog Park, which installed night lights in August 2006 with funds from an Arlington County Park Enhancement Grant (PEG) as well as neighborhood fundraising.

- CHCA’s participation in meetings about the new proposed bridge on Washington Boulevard over Columbia Pike (south of our civic association area).
- CHCA member participation in Arlington County meetings about the future prospects of a trolley system on Columbia Pike.
- CHCA’s participation, and sponsorship, of meetings regarding the Giant supermarket and commercial complex on Columbia Pike. This included representation before a subcommittee of the Arlington County Planning Commission. These efforts resulted in three key achievements: reducing the size of the proposed Giant grocery store by 6,000 sq. ft. with more space for other retail stores, maintaining adequate parking for residents and shippers, and assuring that the pharmacy would continue to operate in the neighborhood during construction.
- Street planning representation relating to the possible construction of 11th Street between South Edgewood St. and Walter Reed Drive (behind Eckert Drug Store).
- CHCA participation in the Arlington Civic Federation.
- CHCA representation before the County Planning Commission regarding reconstruction at the Safeway site on Columbia Pike.

Announcements

There were two general announcements made at the meeting. Dan Levin announced that a crab fest would be held October 28 to raise money for hospitals. Members were told to e-mail Dan at rudan@verizon.net if they were interested. Ron Haddox announced that there would be a “Front Porch Fest” at Arlington United Methodist church on September 30 to October 1 from 5:00 -8:00 p.m. at the corner of Glebe and S. 8th Street.

Treasurer’s Report

Linda Palmer reported that there were 45 paid members of CHCA for the fiscal year October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006. We currently have \$290.85 in the BB&T Bank (\$280.25 as of the August, 2005 statement plus \$10 deposited on September 9, 2006).

The following is a breakdown of income and expenses over the past fiscal year:

Opening Balance	\$727.31
Income in this fiscal year:	
Credit of bank fees	\$117.79
Membership dues	<u>\$450.00</u>
TOTAL	\$567.79
Expenses for the year:	
From last fiscal year:	
Expenses for large mailing before '05 Annual Meeting:	\$527.84
PO Box	<u>\$ 44.40</u>
TOTAL	-\$572.24
From this fiscal year:	
Arlington Cnty Civ. Fed. Dues	\$ 50.00
Website fees	\$239.40
Post cards	\$ 16.99
PO Box	\$ 76.00
Stamp for Checks/Deposit Slips	<u>\$ 49.62</u>
TOTAL	-\$432.01
Closing Balance	\$290.85
Bills from this year to pay next year:	
Postage for small mailing	\$ 17.40
Mailing Expenses '06 Ann. Mtg.	\$ 38.47
Bills to pay in next year:	
Website fees (2/26 – 1/07)	\$239.40
ACCF Dues '06-'07 (by 12/1)	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
TOTAL	\$345.27

Annual Election

Each of the candidates offering a brief statement about why they were running. This year we had eight candidates for seven slots. After a paper ballot was taken of members, the following Board Members were elected:

Ron Haddox
Sarah McKinley
Ed Miltenberger
Linh Ong
Linda Palmer
Joan Rineberg
Dana Schlichtmann

Civic Federation Representatives

John Antonelli pointed out that under our current bylaws we must also elect CHCA members and alternates to the Arlington Civic Federation at the annual meeting. Linda Palmer suggested that we move forward to identify possible candidates. The group voted unanimously on the following slate:

Civic Federation Members (CHCA):

John Antonelli
Charlotte Cleary
Ron Haddox
Linda Palmer

Civic Federation Alternates:

Geoff Gerhardt
Joan Rineberg
Dana Schlichtmann

NCAC Representative

Our bylaws require CHCA to identify an NCAC representative. Sarah McKinley had been the NCAC rep the previous year and agreed to continue in that position. She presented a brief report of activities in that group over the previous year. Her position as NCAC representative was approved by unanimous acclamation.

Establishing Dates for Meetings

The group discussed various standard times for CHCA meetings, with most discussion focusing on either the second or third Monday of each month. Dan Levin suggested that the new board meet and make a decision about what dates would work best for them.

Grounds Committee for Walter Reed

New business included a suggestion that CHCA launch a grounds committee for the Walter Reed Community Center. Peter Jones, a member not present at this discussion, was mentioned as a possibility for such a committee because of his long-standing interest in the landscaping of the park. It was decided that we would send a message through the list serve.

Complaint About Idling Buses

Marilyn Arnold and Jacquelyn Jackson complained about buses idling on 16th Street next to the Walter Reed Community Center. They also have problems with lights not having shields to prevent glare for neighboring properties. One solution is to ask the County to make 16th Street a “no idle” zone. Dan Levin pointed out that there’s no way for handicapped folks in wheelchairs to open one of the outer doors. Ed Miltenberger suggested that CHCA send a letter to Ike Snead first, then to the County, to address the problems. Reggie Nixon will be the CHCA liaison with the Walter Reed Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned.