

Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association October 2007 Meeting Minutes

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Lee Center

Attendees: Ted Stump, Bill Braswell, Pauletter Cross, Cindy Shea, Cindy Almand, Bridget Collins, Dave Shepherd and 3 citizens (heard about the meeting by email)

Opening: Ted introduced the guest speaker, Jan Guastaferrero, Marketing Specialist from Arlington's Department of Environmental Services who works on the Fresh AIRE program. Ted stated Paul Ferguson's focus of reducing greenhouse emissions from County government operations by 10% by 2012.

Topics of Discussion

Jan Guastaferrero's Presentation Highlights

Jan presented Arlington County's initiatives to combat emission reductions and provided information on other efforts to improve the environment. She brought handouts with details of these programs.

- Arlington's **Fresh AIRE (Arlington Initiative to Reduce Emissions)** program includes the following: Commercial Building, Green Home Choice, Recycling and Water Conservation. The goal for Arlington County is to reduce emissions of all government facilities by 10% by 2012 using 2000 as the baseline.
- Strategies for Reduction (see website for full list)
 - Solar Energy
 - Commuter Programs (carpools, bike trails)
 - Recycling
 - ACE Green Living Challenge (handout provided) – a challenge for both individuals and neighborhoods.
- ACE Green Living Challenge (examples)
 1. Change lightbulbs to CFLs – can find many more options online including color choices and dimmables
 2. Recycle to save energy and reduce emissions
 3. Insulate pipes
 4. Purchase "Energy Star" products
 5. Caulk leaks
 6. Wrap a blanket around water heater
 7. Bag leaves for the mulch program (don't waste them on the landfill)

Wind Power credits are also available for purchase (see website for more details.)

Go to www.arlington.va.climate for more information.

Old Business

- Yorktown petition was approved
- Walter Reed – deconstruction to begin soon
- Commerce Bank – a use permit has been filed for the bank to take over the “Pure” gas station located behind CVS and Block Buster. According to Bill, Commerce Bank is very motivated to meet the concerns of the neighborhood and has agreed to the following:
 - Plant trees behind the bank to help insulate noise and address light concerns.
 - Fund the construction of a missing sidewalk further down Illinois St. that has been slated for the “Missing Link” program including a driveway of a neighbor in the same section of the street.
 - Build a traffic circle at Illinois and 23rd Street.
 - Design a safe entrance and exit.
- AT&T
Building and trees are down; preserving some of the vegetation
- NC Project at 15th and Inglewood
Funding meeting is in December. According to Bill, half of the NC funds from bond will most likely go toward this project.
- Future Project for June Funding Round:
 - Walnut Park; draft design preparation for the June meeting (Carol Davidson?)
- Treasurer’s Report (Paulette)
 - 116 members; we should strive for the 200 mark
 - Current budget \$400.89

We discussed the pricing of ads in the newsletter currently set at \$100 for business card size and \$200 for ad size. We need to review the current pricing structure and consider making some adjustments based on competitive research.

New Business

- Tree Programs in Arlington County (Cindy Shea)
 - Arlington’s Champion Trees – free presentation on Oct. 23 from 7-8:30 at the Central Library to learn about this new tree program.
 - Project Acorn Tree Request – free Cherry bark Oak Tree saplings by request (deadline Oct. 25th) to the neighborhood coordinator (Cindy S.); only one per household. Pick up on Nov. 2nd.
- THLCA Website
There is concern that the information on the website is not current. Cindy Shea offered to help manage the website if necessary.
- Arlington Civic Federation
It was suggested that TLHCA take advantage of the opportunity to address issues and present programs that are significant to our needs. The Federation can act as an influential lobbying group for the neighborhood associations but is currently not utilized to it’s full potential.