

**Arlington Neighborhood Advisory Committee (ArNAC)**  
(Formerly the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee)

September 15, 2022

**Meeting Notes**

Meeting location:     Arlington County Board Room  
                              2100 Clarendon Blvd.

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**1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Reports**

- a. Kathy Reeder, ArNAC Chair, welcomed the Committee and staff to the meeting.
- b. Sarah McKinley, Columbia Heights CA – notified the group that construction is progressing well on their neighborhood school bus and intersection improvement project

**2. Officer and Staff Reports**

- a. Tim McIntosh, ANP Section Supervisor – reported on the recent neighborhood walk with the County Manager and other staff in Arlington View CA.
- b. Kathy - reported that the Executive Committee is looking at how to allocate the additional one million CIP dollars with a focus on and incorporating equity objectives into the project approval process. The Executive Committee also recently met with ArNAC’s County Board Liaison, Takis Karantonis – he gave good suggestions for keeping the program visibility high. They also had a discussion on the ANP Implementation Framework for making changes and improvements to the program, noting this is important as part of the results from the program review that was completed over a 2-year timeframe.
- c. John Kirkpatrick, ArNAC Vice Chair - the ArNAC Gaggle Group has been established, and the email address is: [arnac@gaggle.email](mailto:arnac@gaggle.email)
- d. David Litman, ArNAC Deputy Vice Chair – continuing to ask for volunteers who may be interested in working on the ArNAC Focus Group, as part of the ANP Implementation Framework.

**3. Approval of July 2022 Minutes**

- a. minor correction edits noted
- b. Motion to approve with the aforementioned edits – Sarah McKinley / 2nd, Jerry Paull, Rock Spring CA

Vote: 26 in favor / 0 objections / 0 abstentions

4. **Discussion / Action Item:**

a. **Park Renaming of Beaver Pond Park**

Presented by Max Ewart with the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Park location: adjacent to I-66 and Fairfax Dr.

The new name proposed is “**Ballston Wetland Park**”.

Questions/Comments:

- Bernie Berne – suggested removing the word “Park” because a wetland is an area the public cannot enter.
- Sarah asked what was wrong with “Beaver Pond”  
Max explained the change is more consistent with the current habitat and potential animals that may go there.
- Bridget Obikoya suggested adding interpretive signage for residents to read about the wetland area.
- Rob Swennes asked how the stormwater is cleaned of trash prior to entering the wetlands.

Max explained that trash is removed before it reaches the wetland, with regular maintenance being done by the County.

- A motion was made by Jerry Paull to support the renaming of the park to “Ballston Wetland Park”. This was seconded by Bridget.  
Vote: 24 in favor / 1 opposed / 1 abstention

b. **Adoption of an Electronic Meetings Policy**

The new policy document and supporting information was sent by Kathy Reeder to the committee membership for review prior to this meeting.

- Darcey Cuffman asked why a reason needs to be provided for why not attending a meeting.  
Kathy explained that this is a Virginia State legislation requirement, and only applies if one plans to attend virtually.
- Jerry asked what constitutes a quorum for ArNAC  
Tim replied that 1/3 of the **active** membership is required to establish a quorum.
- A motion was made by Sarah to adopt the policy, and seconded by Eileen Janas.  
Vote: 25 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstentions

5. Meeting was adjourned.