

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee
December 9, 2021

Meeting Notes

Meeting location: Virtual through MS Teams

As this was a FUNDING SESSION MEETING, there were no Neighborhood Reports, Liaison Reports, or approval of minutes. (November minutes will be approved at the next meeting.) A quorum of the membership was present.

1. Kathy Reeder, NCAC Vice-Chair, welcomed the Committee and staff to the meeting and provided information about the virtual meeting format.
2. Officers and Staff Report
 - Rob Swennes and Kathy Reeder made general announcements regarding the upcoming County CIP 2-year budget and expressed concern regarding the low funding of the NC and other neighborhood programs in the last 2-year CIP budget
 - Tim McIntosh informed the Committee that Bluemont Civic Association has written a resolution letter in support of the County funding the NC Program at levels equal to or greater than current levels. A copy of the letter has been sent to the NCAC by Bluemont's NCAC Representative Nick Pastore.
3. Fall, 2021 Funding Round – 2 qualified projects:
 - a. Claremont Civic Association, Streetlight project (1300 blk of S. Buchanan St., from George Mason Dr. to the dead end at a cul-de-sac) presented by volunteer Block Representative Veronica Bradley
 - b. Glencarlyn Civic Association, Beautification and street improvement project (wooded area at 2nd St. S where it dead ends at S Manchester St.) presented by NCAC Representative Kathy Reeder and volunteer Block Representative Ryan Donlon
 - c. The NCAC Points Committee met to review these 2 qualified projects on November 17th. They voted unanimous to recommend the projects for approval by the NCAC in support for their submission to the County Board for approval.
 - d. The current bond balance and available funding for new projects was presented by Steve Bekele, Management & Budget Specialist for the NC Program
 - e. Questions & Comments:
 - David Litman – requested that staff keep the NCAC informed when projects are being studied as NC “Feasibility Studies”.

- Bernie noted he is pleased to see the pollinator garden in the Glencarlyn CA and offered suggestions to ensure the appropriate plants are selected for butterflies and other pollinator insects thrive.
 - Brent Buress asked for confirmation that it is less expensive for projects to be built using an on-call contractor vs. projects that go out for bid. Tim confirmed that this is correct, and explained that Virginia State law limits construction procurement through an on-call contract to a maximum of \$500,000. Brent suggested the County Board advocate for a higher limit with the State of Virginia.
- f. A motion was made by Bill Braswell to support the 2 projects for funding by the County Board, and was seconded by Phil Klingelhofer.
Vote on the motion: 28 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstentions

4. Meeting was adjourned.