

# BMCA General Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Monday, February 24, 2014 / 7:00-9:00 PM

**Location:** Church of the Brethren

**Attendance:** 31

**Minutes:** *(Note: not necessarily in chronological order as presented during the meeting)*

**1. Welcome and introductions (7:10 PM):** Ms. Claudia Maloney, Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) President, welcomed the members and guests in attendance.

**2. Approval of Minutes (Tony Ermovick):** Copies of the October 21, 2013 BMCA General Meeting minutes were posted on the BMCA website (<http://www.boulevardmanor.org>) in advance of the meeting and 20 copies were also made available to all meeting attendees. No comments or exceptions to the minutes as drafted were noted, and a motion to accept them as written was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

**3. Treasurer's Report (Rob Pilot):** The BMCA Treasurer (Rob Pilot) was not able to attend, but provided a written Treasurer's report (with copies available for all present, see Attachment (A) to these minutes). A motion to accept the report as written was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2014 .....	\$7,716.88
Balance as of February 17, 2014 .....	\$8,107.25

Rob also provided a copy of the BMCA "Report of 2013 Expenses / 2014 Budget and Expenses Y.T.D." as well (see Attachment (B)) for approval. After discussion, since there will not be a Ashlawn Fun Fair this year, a motion was made to allow for a donation to the Ashlawn new facility Brick initiative. Though considerable discussion was made as to whether this was allowable under the BMCA Bylaws, it was eventually determined to be acceptable. A motion was made to both approve this change and to accept the 2014 budget as presented.

## **4. Standing Committee Reports:**

- a. Communications (Lee Dioso). Not present / nothing to report. Claudia thanked Lee for the great job he again did in editing and publishing the February BMCA newsletter.
- b. Hospitality (Carlin Schwartz). Claudia, filling in for Carlin who was not able to attend the meeting, reported the following for this committee:
  - Claudia announced that the annual BMCA/Church of the Brethren Eater Egg Hunt was scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2014 from 10:30-11:30 at the Church of the Brethren. Note: the age limit has been increased to 12 years old so that all 5<sup>th</sup> graders could participate.
- c. Safety (Chuck Norton). Chuck provided an update on the following:
  - CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) and how someone can join. Please contact him if you are interested in finding out more info.

- More deer are being seen in the area. Drivers should be aware and careful to avoid
  - Car doors need to be locked, as there have been some reports on unlocked cars being broken into
- d. Conservation and Beautification (Josh Handler). Josh mentioned three initiatives that he is currently working on:
- Clean-up along Rt. 50/Arlington Blvd and the by-pass road: Working with VDOT. Must sign an agreement with VDOT, emphasizing safety and use of native species. Working on various ways that work can be designed and phased.
  - Working with the Upton Hill Park Manager on possible ways to address roadway overgrowth and soil erosion issues along Livingston Street and Wilson Blvd.
  - Various English Ivy Clean-up projects throughout BMCA. Specifically, investigating a possible Earth Day volunteer clean-up effort for the area behind the skateboard park.
- e. Parks (Phil Klingelhofer). Phil mentioned several items related to the parks, as follows:
- Park Rangers are currently working 10:00 AM-8:30PM. After daylight savings, these hours will change to 12:00 to 10:30 PM. The Ranger station phone number is (703) 535-0168.
  - Two upcoming events: April 26 annual Four Mile run stream clean-up (9:00-12:30) and May 17 Turtle Trot 5K (8:00 AM – noon).
  - Traffic/Parking: Big concern for nearby residents. Any issues (such as illegal parking) should be reported to the Arlington Non-emergency number (703) 558-2222. Park Rangers cannot issue parking tickets.
  - Noise/crowding: Any noise or crowding 30 minutes after sundown should be reported to the Park Rangers.
  - Bluemont Park tree replacement: Phil responded to one question concerning the need for tree replacements in Bluemont Park. He will investigate this and report back at the next General meeting.
  - Upton Hill Park:
    - Park officially opens March 15
    - Swim lesson registration begins March 15
    - Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for Thursday, April 17. Starts at 10:00 and costs \$10
    - Earth Day event on April 19. Volunteers needed.
    - Pool opens May 24
    - Emergency contact number is: (414) 429-4678. Park POC is Yahya Abdul-Qadir
  - Membership (Matt Smith): Matt provided the following committee update: 88 families have joined so far this year, with 50% paying by *PayPal*

## 6. Special Committees Reports:

- a. Neighborhood Conservation Plan (NCP) (Vacant). This Special Committee is currently without a Chair. If anyone is interested in serving as Chair of this committee, please contact Claudia.

- b. Reevesland (TBD / Joan Horwitt). The members of this Special Committee are still working with the County on possibly developing the property as a Learning Center. No specific update was provided as no Committee representatives were present at the meeting.
- c. Ashlawn Expansion (Josh Handler). Josh provided the following report:
  - Additional trees were cut down that were not in the use permit. New use permit is being developed/submitted. Schools committed to planting more trees than the number cut down.
  - New ramp being proposed at the Montegue Street entrance will result in several large trees being cut down. Alternatives being reviewed. Liaison required with DHRA (Dominion Hills Recreation Association). Issue to be discussed at the March 15 County Board meeting. Desire is to minimize impact to the area/trees.
  - Public Facilities Review Commission (PFRC): Josh has agreed to remain engaged on this committee.
- d. Nominating Committee: The following BMCA members were nominated and accepted to be on the BMCA Nominating Committee: Tony Ermovick, Chuck Norton, and Sandra Spear. The Committee will report out at the June General Meeting.

## **7. Unfinished Business:**

- a. Arlington Villages Project. Gail Kutner provided a brief update on this issue. See Attachment (C) for latest info. Ms. Kutner provided her contact number (703-524-8540) should anyone wish to contact her to discuss this initiative.
- b. Incorporation of BMCA. Not addressed at this meeting. Final actions still pending.
- c. Access to 8<sup>th</sup> Road From Wilson Blvd. Mr. William Roberts, Transportation Program Manager from Arlington County, was a guest speaker to discuss and present the plans to extend 8<sup>th</sup> Road N. to Wilson Blvd. Stated that County staff had met with representatives from DHRA to discuss their concerns. Issue to be discussed at the March 24 County Board meeting. After explaining the handouts, a question and answer session followed. Significant comments and concerns with this proposal were as follows:
  - Questions were raised and addressed on such areas as utilities relocation, current and future safety concerns, cost of work, possible future congestion on Wilson Blvd, and ADA compliance
  - Two options have specifically been investigated:
    - i. ADA accessible ramp only (cost ~\$100K)
    - ii. Full access road (cost ~\$1M)
  - Mr. Rich Engle, DHRA Board member, stated the following:
    - 1) Serious concern with the proposed road access project
    - 2) Long standing and positive relationship with Arlington Public Schools
    - 3) Numerous engineering, aesthetic, and DHRA property value concerns with the roadway option

After sight revisions to the proposed BMCA letter, motions were made and seconded with near unanimous approval (30 approve, 1 abstain votes) to submit the following statement to the County Board on a letter from the BMCA President:

*“The Boulevard Manor Civic Association (BMCA) is in favor of improving the pedestrian connection between Wilson Boulevard and 8<sup>th</sup> Road North, particularly to allow children to reach Ashlawn Elementary School. We oppose however, creating a new road connecting Wilson to upper 8<sup>th</sup> Road. The road is expensive and unnecessary to solving safety issues on 8<sup>th</sup> Road, and will create new hazards to pedestrians walking on the south side of Wilson Boulevard. The new roadway will also result in a loss of up to ten on-street parking spots that are helpful to people visiting Ashlawn.”*

Note: This letter was subsequently signed on February 24 and emailed to the Arlington County Board on March 4, 2014.

**8. New Business:**

- a. Bluemont Park Butterfly Garden: Ms. Maraea Harris, Arlington Master Gardener, provided some information on the proposed Butterfly Garden that is under development at the Bluemont park parking lot island area. Physical work will start this spring/summer, and more info will be published via the BMCA listserve.
- b. “Celebration of Life” Event for Ms. Gene Crawford: Ms. Sandra Spear announced that there would be a “Celebration of Life” event for Ms. Gene Crawford, notable Arlington resident and community supporter, on February 27, 2014 at the Unitarian Church.
- c. Possibility of a Candidate Night: Ms. Sandra Spears proposed the idea of a possible “candidates night” at BMCA, for either the School Board candidates and/or the County Board candidates. Ms. Spear agreed to investigate this further.
- d. 2014 Annual Community Picnic: Mr. Tony Ermovick informed the BMCA membership that the Upton Hill picnic shelter has been reserved for September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 for the annual BMCA Community Picnic.

**9. Conclusion.** Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

**Next BMCA General Meeting:** TBD: June, 2014

Respectfully submitted,

***Tony Ermovick***  
BMCA Secretary

**Attachments:**

- A. BMCA Treasurer’s Report of February 24, 2014
- B. BMCA Report of 2013 Expenses and Proposed 2014
- C. Arlington Neighborhood Villages update

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association  
Treasurer's Report  
February 17, 2014**

<b>Beginning Balance as of 1/01/2014:</b> (Combined Balance of BB&T Checking & Savings Accounts)		<b>\$ 7,716.88</b>
<b>Membership Dues/Donations Income (Y.T.D.):</b>	+ \$	<b>540.00</b>
<b><u>Interest credits Y.T.D.</u></b>	+ \$	<b><u>.37</u></b>
<b>Revenue Balance</b> (Beginning Balance + Income) <b>as of 2/17/2014:</b>		<b>\$ 8,257.25</b>
<b>Expenses to date:</b>		
	cleared Bank account	( <b>\$ 100.00</b> )*
	issued, not yet cleared Bank account	( <b>\$ 50.00</b> )
<b><u>Total Expenses Y.T.D.</u></b>	-	<b><u>\$ 150.00</u></b>
<b>TOTAL Balance as of 2/17/2014:</b>	=	<b>\$8,107.25</b>

\*Figure includes \$100.00 item which cleared Bank account in 2014, but was part of 2013 expenses.

**CURRENT BB&T BALANCE as of 2/17/2014:** **\$ 8,157.25**  
(see bank online overview on reverse page)

**Submitted for Approval by Rob Pilot, Treasurer  
February 17, 2014**

**Boulevard Manor Civic Association**

**Report of 2013 Budget/Actual Income & Expenses and the Proposed Budget for 2014**

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
Membership & Donations	n/a	3,050.00	3,000.00
<b>Ongoing Expenses</b>			
Annual Legal Fees for Incorporation			100.00
Ashlawn Fun Fair Donation	150.00	150.00	150.00
Beautification			200.00
Civic Federation Membership	50.00	50.00	50.00
Meeting Refreshments	90.00		100.00
Meeting Space	250.00	250.00	250.00
Newsletter Printing	270.00	-	270.00
Signage	200.00	-	200.00
Supplies	50.00	-	50.00
Website Reg & Maintenance	50.00		150.00
Welcome Committee	100.00	79.90	200.00
Social Events <i>(detail below)</i>			
Easter Egg Hunt	150.00	108.46	150.00
Ice Cream Social	150.00	115.26	150.00
Fall Picnic	1,000.00	989.06	1,200.00
Veterans Day Social	500.00	401.00	550.00
Misc	100.00	205.62	-
Ongoing Expenses Total	<u>3,110.00</u>	<u>2,349.30</u>	<u>3,770.00</u>
<b>One Time Expenses</b>			
Corporation Formation Fees			750.00
Route 50 Frontage Improvements/Design			<u>1,000.00</u>
One time Expenses Total			<u>1,750.00</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>3,110.00</u>	<u>2,349.30</u>	<u>5,520.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>		<u>700.70</u>	<u>(2,520.00)</u>

Note:     Beginning Balance as of 1/1/14:             \$7,716.88  
            Current Balance as of 2/17/14:           \$8,157.25

Submitted for Approval by the BMCA Budget Committee--Judy Norton, Claudia Maloney, Matt Smith and Rob Pilot  
 February 17, 2014



## Arlington Neighborhood Villages

*Making Arlington your home for a lifetime*

### What is Arlington Neighborhood Villages?

**Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV)** is a non-profit organization dedicated to enabling older residents of Arlington County, Virginia, to continue living in their own homes and communities as they age. ANV is part of a nationwide village network that helps its members retain their independence safely and with an enhanced quality of life.

A village is a network of neighbors helping neighbors – a community-based, grassroots organization that provides the support services needed to help older adults stay in their homes and remain active in their communities as long as possible.

### How does Arlington Neighborhood Villages work?

As ANV develops, local villages will be established in individual neighborhoods, clusters of neighborhoods, and apartment/condo buildings within the county. If you join ANV and live within the boundaries of one of these local villages, you will be served by volunteers from your village. If you do not live within an existing local village, you will be served by volunteers from across the county. All volunteers are screened and trained.

This is a “hub and spoke” model in which the main office or hub performs the centralized functions and volunteers in the neighborhood-based villages—the spokes—deliver services to members. ANV also partners with county and private service providers and vendors to identify available products and programs, frequently offering them more effectively and at a lower cost.

### What services does Arlington Neighborhood Villages provide?

ANV offers a range of programs and services to help maintain the health and well being of our members.

**Programs and services available to Full and Associate members include:**

- **Social gatherings, outings and educational activities** in the neighborhood and beyond, such as potlucks, dinner out, movie nights, book clubs, lectures, game nights/afternoons and other local gatherings.
- **Daily check-in calls**—a quick call each day to be sure you are OK, plus follow-up from ANV if there is a problem.
- **Arlington County 55+ Pass**
- **Recommendations to preferred vendors** who may offer a discount or special consideration for ANV members.
- **Help identifying and accessing county-provided services** and other service providers.
- **Assistance creating caregiver and other support groups** based on the needs and interests of members.

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**Volunteer-provided services available to Full Members include:**

- **Transportation** to medical appointments, the grocery store, or ANV-sponsored activities.
- **Home checks** to make sure your house is okay while you are away.
- **Household tasks** such as changing light bulbs, hanging pictures, changing smoke alarm batteries, moving heavy boxes.
- **Errands** such as pick-up of prescriptions or dry cleaning.
- **Technology assistance** to help with email issues, setting up a new TV, programming a thermostat, using a new cell phone, or chatting online with grandchildren.
- **Occasional yard care** such as light pruning or help planting new flowers.
- **Medical companion** to serve as another set of ears, making sure all medical information and instructions are noted during a visit to the doctor.
- **Support in power outages and weather emergencies**, such as snow shoveling or finding someone who can store refrigerated medications.

### How can I join Arlington Neighborhood Villages?

If you are 55 or older and live in Arlington County, you are eligible to join. To celebrate our grand opening, ANV is offering Charter Memberships to everyone who pays their membership fee before we open our doors in March 2014. As a Charter Member, you will receive an additional month's service. Your first membership year is 13 months long!

ANV has three membership categories. Gift memberships may be purchased for loved ones and financial assistance may be available for those who need it.

- **Full Individual Membership** entitles you to all programs and services offered by ANV. The annual fee is \$500, equivalent to less than \$10 per week.
- **Full Household Membership** entitles you and other eligible persons in your household to all programs and services offered by ANV. The annual fee is \$500 for the first person, plus \$250 for each additional person.
- **Associate Membership** (\$500 per individual or household) entitles you to all programs offered by ANV except volunteer-provided services. Associate membership is a way of supporting ANV so that it is there for you in the future. A portion of the annual fee will be a tax-deductible charitable contribution once ANV receives its tax-exempt status.

### How do I become an ANV volunteer?

Residents of all ages can volunteer for tasks suited to their own preferences, schedules, and skills—from providing transportation, to assisting with light home repairs, to checking in with a daily phone call. You'll receive the training you need to provide services for **Arlington Neighborhood Villages** members. To become a **direct service volunteer** or **assist in the hub office**, please submit the Volunteer Application Form found on our website, email [volunteer@arlnvil.org](mailto:volunteer@arlnvil.org), or call 703-509-8057.

If you are interested in working with other residents to **establish a local village** in your own neighborhood, find out more at our website, email [localvillages@arlnvil.org](mailto:localvillages@arlnvil.org), or call 703-509-8057.

No time to volunteer? You can also participate by **making a donation** at [www.arlnvil.org](http://www.arlnvil.org).



Arlington Neighborhood Villages is organized by *Wisdom Works* volunteers  
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