

Summary of SRCA Annual Meeting

September 20, 2020

Call to Order and Welcome – 7:02 PM

Don Frahler, President

Establish a Quorum

Mike Brookbank, Parliamentarian

– More than 30 were in attendance, so we had a quorum

Alexandria Police Liaison for SRCA

Sgt. Tony Moore

– Continue to experience very low calls from the neighborhood.

– There has been some traffic enforcement activity, including the writing of tickets to approximately 10 bicyclists for various violations.

Treasurer's Report

Maria Browne, Treasurer

– 2020 Annual Budget. SRCA has a balance of \$23,106.20 with dues collection for 2021 at \$6,950 to date. A \$225 bill outstanding and minimum of \$3,395 for Directory.

Year in Review

Don Frahler, President

– Identified events that were held since September 2019 annual meeting and thanked those who volunteered for the Halloween party and parade, December holiday party.

– Also noted that SRCA co-signed several Seminary Hill Association (SHA) letters addressed to the City of Alexandria

– Established a SRCA Beautification Committee.

– Stated that the May Community Yard Sale, Screen on the Green, and the Annual Picnic had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Community update

a. Seminary Hill

Paul Judge, 1st Vice President

-Discussed Strawberry Run issue and progress with the City staff identifying approximately 40 trees to be saved that would have been removed.

–Affordable housing issue involving the Seminary Road firehouse near Picket Street

–Street diet issues being considered for the Duke Street corridor.

b. Neighborhood Real Estate Sue Goodhart, Compass Realty
– Average home price has increased from \$930,000 last year to \$1,090,000 this year, and homes are on the market for an average of 17 days. Eleven homes sold last year, and nine have been sold this year to date.

c. SSSAS Update Beth Chase, CFO SSSAS

– The Upper School has enjoyed having the neighbors use their outside facilities, but school activities are ramping up with open air classrooms under tents, socially distanced sports and club activities.

– Provided update on SSSAS site plan – the new two-story building that will house science and dining areas will not be any taller than the building is now, as they plan to dig down.

– Also reported that the City approved the initial plans for purchase of property from St. Andrew’s United Methodist Church adjacent to their sports fields on the west side.

Nominating Committee

Ann Henshaw, Nominating Chair

a. Slate of new Officers: President – Jeanne Jacob
1st Vice President – Nick Giannotti
2nd Vice President – Kate Hennigan
Secretary – Liz McIntyre
Treasurer – Maria Browne
Parliamentarian – Mike Souza

b. Slate of new Officers was unanimously approved by those on the call and the 88 SRCA members who sent in their ballots.

New President’s Comments

Jeanne Jacob, President

a. Jacob thanked Frahler for his leadership the past two years and thanked those who voted for the slate of new officers. She said that she had four goals for the coming year:

1. Increase involvement of Seminary Ridge residents on the Board.
2. Increase communication with the Seminary Ridge community.
3. Continue to work with the Seminary Hill Association and the City on issues that are of concern to Seminary Ridge.
4. Provide quality programs for SRCA members and their families.

b. She then asked the New Board members to introduce themselves.

c. Next, Jacob opened the meeting for questions.

d. Queries included:

- what was being planned for Halloween event considering restrictions on group gatherings;

- communications with the City regarding decisions affecting Seminary Ridge; and

- communications with SR in general.

Jacob encouraged involvement by the SR community and said that suggestions/ideas/expressions of interest in volunteering could be given to any of the board members.

Other Business/Questions?

Jeanne Jacob, President

– With no other business being raised, Jacob asked for a motion to close the meeting. Motion was made, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM.

Adjourn Meeting – 8:18 PM

Jeanne Jacob, President