



# SEMINARY RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

## MINUTES

### SRCA BOARD MEETING

**November 3, 2022 – 7:30 PM by Zoom Conference Call**

#### **In attendance:**

Krista Ludwig Poretz, First Vice President; Jeanne Jacob, Immediate Past President; Karen Meade, Secretary; Scott Sutherland, Treasurer; Katie Dominick, Second Vice President; David Pritzker, Parliamentarian; Beth Chase, SSSAS Liaison; Mike Brookbank, Historian; Kate Hennigan, Welcome Committee Chair; SRCA Residents: Patricia Evans, and Jim (last name unknown).

#### **1. Welcome and President's Report – Krista Ludwig Poretz for Richie Weiblinger**

**1.1. Welcome to SRCA Board Members and SR Residents Joining Meeting:** Weiblinger was unable to attend so Poretz led the meeting in his absence and welcomed those attending.

**1.1.1. Questions/Concerns from SR Residents – “Open Mic”:** There were no topics raised during the first Open Mic session.

#### **1.2. Any Additions to Agenda:**

**1.2.1. DMES Construction Update:** Poretz indicated she has an update on the Douglas MacArthur new building construction project that she will share later in the meeting.

#### **1.3. Reports from SRCA's ACPD Liaison/Alexandria's Sheriff's Liaison**

**1.3.1. Officer Moore:** Officer Moore was unable to attend the meeting.

**1.3.2. Officer Houston:** Officer Houston was unable to attend the meeting.

**1.4. Confirm Date/Time of SRCA Future Meetings (First Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm):** The next SRCA Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 1 at 7:30 via Zoom.

#### **2. Secretary's Report – Karen Meade**

**Approve meeting minutes from the September 18, 2022 Annual Meeting:** Meade noted that draft minutes were distributed after the annual meeting and thanked those Board members who provided editorial corrections, which Meade incorporated into a final version. Jacob moved to approve the minutes as modified, Brookbank seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**2.1. Approve meeting minutes from the October 6, 2022 SRCA Board Meeting:** Draft minutes were distributed after the October 6 meeting and Pritzker provided editorial corrections, which Meade incorporated into a final version. Poretz moved to approve the minutes as modified, Sutherland seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### **3. Treasurer's Report – Scott Sutherland**

**3.1. Dues Income/New Members Through October 31:** Through October 31, 123 of our neighbors have paid their SRCA dues.

**3.2. Total SRCA Assets as of October 31:** Deposits to the account totaled \$658.87 over the last month. The bank account balance as of November 2nd was \$15,764.47. 123 households have paid their dues so far. PayPal takes a small portion of the \$50.00 dues for those who submit payment via that platform, which is why the balance is not an even dollar amount. A discussion followed about the need to send a reminder about dues being due and how this has been handled in the past. Jacob commented that when she was on the Board, dues were collected in two ways: (1) a letter was sent out with a return envelope, but that became costly so instead they started including the dues notice with the Annual Meeting and Picnic announcement, which were hand delivered, and that resulted in about half of the total households responding, (2) a second notice was sent via U.S. Mail. Brookbank added that in addition to including a dues notice with the Annual Meeting and Picnic announcement, one was also included with the holiday party announcement (which contained a tear-off page individuals could return with their holiday party RSVP and dues payment), and dues were accepted on-site. Brookbank indicated that typically about two thirds of all covenant and non-covenant households pay their dues each year. It was decided that in the short term, Meade would send a dedicated dues reminder e-newsletter to the SRCA listserv, and it was decided that the Board would table the discussion regarding how to address a hard copy reminder. Poretz recommended holding a separate, small group meeting to revisit the discussion about how to address sending hard copy dues reminders to those who have not yet paid their dues.

**3.3. Annual Meeting/Picnic Expenses (residual):** None were noted.

**3.4. Halloween Party Expenses:** There were three payments made totaling \$2,224.60 to reimburse: Katie Dominick for the expenses incurred to hold the Halloween party and for nominal prizes for the winners of the house decorating contest, and for the annual insurance payments to Chubb Insurance and Traveler's insurance.

### **4. First Vice President's Report – Issues Affecting Seminary Ridge – Krista Poretz**

**4.1. Seminary Hill Civic Association (SHA) Report – Poretz:** Poretz thanked the Secretary and Communications Committee Chair for sending the information for the SHA's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary / Annual Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at 7pm at Parish Hall of Immanuel Church on the Hill. Enjoy refreshments and hear more about issues impacting our neighborhood including Duke Street, school construction, new residential construction, and zoning code potentially impacting single family homes.

Poretz attended the Thursday, October 13, 2022, monthly meeting of the SHA in person in the Parish Hall. The meeting opened with city representatives reporting on the status of the Alexandria West Planning Process and updates on Fort Ward Park Projects. The bulk of the portion of the meeting Poretz was able to attend centered around concerns raised about little to no park improvements over the past few years. The Fort Ward picnic shelter area is expected to reopen this Fall, efforts are underway to restore the meadow, and the playground will be moved.

On October 25th, City Manager James Parajon said, following the unanimous recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Board, speed limits on a handful of corridors on the West End — including some major ones like North Beauregard Street, Seminary Road, and King Street — will be reduced by around 10 miles per hour.

According to the city release, the full list of speed limit changes are:

- North Beauregard Street (Entire Length). Reduce the posted speed limit from 35 to 25 miles per hour and reduce the school zone speed limits from 25 to 15 miles per hour.
- West Braddock Road (North Beauregard Street to Quaker Lane). Reduce the posted speed limit from 35 to 25 miles per hour and reduce the school zone speed limits from 25 to 15 miles per hour.
- North Howard Street (Lynn House Driveway to Braddock Road). Reduce the school zone speed limit on North Howard Street from 25 to 15 miles per hour.
- Seminary Road (Kenmore Avenue to North Pickett Street). Reduce the school zone speed limit from 25 to 15 miles per hour.
- King Street (Radford Street to Quincy Street). Install a new 15 mile per hour school zone speed limit.

The speed limit reduction is the latest of a series of traffic changes in the works in Alexandria. The city also approved [the use of speed cameras](#) for the first time in some school zones and is [reviewing options](#) for a new [Duke Street Transitway](#).

Carter Flemming's term ends next week as President of SHA. Election for new slate of officers for 2022-2023 will take place at the November 10 meeting. Ms. Flemming will become President of the AFCA and will retain a position on the SHA board as a past president.

The formal SHA meeting minutes have not yet been posted.

**4.2. Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations (AFCA) Report – Jacob:** Jacob questioned the City about when they are going to finish repaving Griffith Place and Templeton Place because they only finished half of the job. The City indicated the remaining roads will be completed in the Spring of 2023.

Many concerns were raised about Duke Street. It was stated that accidents were down 41% but there was a lot of confusion about how accidents were being documented and counted.

The City Council is going on a retreat this week (November 5). Any concerns residents may have about Duke Street, Seminary Road, or other topics can be emailed to them for discussion during their retreat. Jacob will provide the email addresses of the Mayor, City Manager, and City Council members to Meade so she can send them out in an email to the listserv tomorrow.

Carter Flemming is the outgoing President of the SHA and is the incoming President of AFCA.

There are 30+ streets that will be renamed because they have ties to the Confederacy, and one is in our neighborhood: Hardee Place is named after a Union General. Jacob doesn't know how the City will determine the new names but noted we may want to consider suggesting to the City that they only change one letter (Hardee to Hardie) since this would likely not cause any disruption in mail delivery, whereas if the City changes the name to something different, everyone living on that street will have to change their address on all of their documents. The timeline for the name changes is unknown, but it was stated in Mayor Justin Wilson's recent announcement. Jacob suggested the Board try to find out the timeline so that the community has a chance to provide input.

**West End Coalition (WEC) Report – Poretz:**

On **Tuesday, November 15 at 7 p.m.**, community members, businesses and organizations are invited to attend a **virtual kick-off meeting launching the City's 18-month Alexandria West planning process.**

A recording of the meeting will be posted on the [project website](#) for anyone unable to join on the 15th. Additionally, in-person events in the community will be held in the following weeks to share the same information presented during the kick-off meeting and receive input from community members. A list of pop-ups open to the community is available on the [project website](#) and will be updated with new events, as well as any

changes due to weather or other circumstances. Interpretation services in Spanish, Amharic and Arabic will be provided.

This planning process will engage the community to create a vision for the area's long-term future and explore topics such as housing affordability, equity, culture, land use, mobility, pedestrian and cyclist safety and accessibility, and connecting existing and future open spaces.

**The November 15 meeting can be accessed through the following:**

- [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_xyOATpwPSIC3W6Cm0LTGEA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xyOATpwPSIC3W6Cm0LTGEA)
- Meeting ID: 942 7239 2659
- Passcode: 356941
- Dial-in: 301.715.8592
- Interpretation services in Spanish, Amharic and Arabic will be provided.

The City is reaching out to larger residential properties in Alexandria West to host pop-ups in their buildings. Please feel free to contact them with any questions (see info below).

Information regarding these and future engagement opportunities will be posted on the [project website](#), communicated through eNews and WhatsApp, and shared with community groups.

For more information, visit [alexandriava.gov/AlexandriaWest](http://alexandriava.gov/AlexandriaWest) or contact Jose Carlos Ayala, Principal Planner, Department of Planning and Zoning, 703.746.3820, or connect through WhatsApp text messenger 571.358.7569.

*For reasonable disability accommodation, contact Lisa Chase, 703.746.3831, Virginia Relay 711.*

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## 5. Second Vice President's Report – SRCA Events – Katie Dominick

### 5.1. Upcoming Events/Activities – Dominick

**5.1.1. October 31 – Halloween Celebration Recap:** Dominick reported that the Halloween event went very well despite the weather. Dominick gave thanks to Jeanne, Jerry, and Mike for stepping in to help serve pizza. Dominick recommended that in the event of inclement weather again in the future, she would recommend ordering five (5) to eight (8) less pizzas and would have the fire truck and police officer arrive earlier (closer to 5pm vs. 5:30pm) next year since the children got antsy waiting and some left to begin trick-or-treating prior to their arrival. Dominick thanked Sutherland for reimbursing her so quickly. Brookbank asked if anyone captured photos of the winners of the house decorating contest. We did not, so Dominick commented that we can try to do so next year. Dominick also recommended that instead of having a Judging Committee next year, it might be more fun and generate more participation if we send out a survey via survey monkey showing photos of each home that entered the competition, so that more residents can weigh in.

### 5.1.2. December Holiday Party:

- **Location and Date – Wainstein's Home:** The Wainstein's confirmed they're interested in hosting the holiday party this year but indicated that early January would work better for them than December. The dates we're looking at are January 8 or January 15. Once we know Dominick can reach out to the caterer.
- **Caterer – Bittersweet??**
- **Event Chair & Volunteers:** Dominick's due date is in early January so she can help plan all the way up until then, but she won't be able to attend the party or help on the day of so an Event Chair will be needed. One resident indicated she's willing to volunteer so Dominick will reach out to her. Hennigan also said she'd be happy to help since she has the experience.

6. **Communications – Stephanie Clements Karner:** Karner was not able to attend the meeting, so Meade spoke to the following topics in her absence.

### 6.1. SRCA Website Training

**6.1.1. Zoom training currently scheduled for three (3) board members – discuss interest in additional participation (price will not change based on the number of people) –** This website training is scheduled to take place via Zoom on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 10-30-11:30am. Brookbank and Jacob asked Meade to

forward the invite to them, as they are interested in attending as well. Meade confirmed she will do so.

**6.1.2. Approval of funds for website training:** Meade shared that a one-hour training session will cost \$125. Poretz asked whether a vote was required to approve of this cost. Pritzker replied that a vote is required. Jacob moved to spend up to \$125 on training Board members on how to add photos and update information on the SRCA website; it was seconded by Brookbank and unanimously approved.

**6.2. Newsletter Schedule:** Poretz commented that a lot of newsletters have been going out recently and recognized how much time and work is required to do so. Meade indicated that previously Clark-Sestak sent approximately two newsletters out a month, sometimes more in months when there were upcoming holiday events for example, but that currently she is sending approximately two newsletters a week based on the high number of requests she's receiving to share information with residents. Poretz questioned whether the current frequency was necessary and/or whether we should condense them or send them out at a specific time of month or day of the week. Jacob commented that less newsletters were sent out in prior years frankly because there was less information to share. Unfortunately, there are so many meetings around City initiatives that affect our community, that newsletters need to go out more often than on a regular monthly schedule, but she also realizes this frequency is difficult to manage. No decision was reached, and the Board agreed to revisit the topic during next month's meeting.

**6.3. Halloween and Other New Photos Needed for Website.** Karner has requested that any residents who took photos at the Halloween event or around the neighborhood in the Fall be sent to her so she may update the website. A question was posed about whether permission is needed to use photos of neighborhood events in newsletters, on the SRCA website and/or SRCA Facebook page. A discussion followed. One member felt that anyone featured in a photo should provide permission before the photo can be used in any medium, while another member indicated that photos of adults do not require permission but that any photos showing children's faces would require written permission from their parent(s). Another member felt we're being overly cautious and that a photo of a crowd of people gathered for a holiday event is just that and should be fine to use. It was also noted that a lot of photos from past events are currently displayed on our SRCA website, and no disputes have been made. One member suggested we might want to consult with another association regarding best practices around photo usage or even consult with outside council regarding what is permissible. For the time being it was decided that the Board will only post photos in these outlets if someone gives us permission to do so.

## **7. City of Alexandria Projects – Poretz/Sutherland/Jacob**

**7.1. "Duke Street in Motion" Update – Sutherland and Jacob:** Sutherland stated that the month of October was dedicated to public meetings, each of which included a presentation and an opportunity to ask questions (although limited). Each of the three meetings covered a different segment of Duke Street. Six pop-up events were also

held. Sutherland spoke to Project Director, Jen Monaco, who told him the pop-up events were very well-liked and their team would set up tables and signs and talk to folks who walked by. One open house was also held, which was the last event of the month and Sutherland attended. For four weeks comments could be submitted online or at the in-person events. Sutherland felt the online survey included some leading questions. For example, one question asked, "How many times you take the bus?" and one of the answers was "a few times or less." There was no option to select "None".

Sutherland and Jacob attended the October 17 *Duke Street In Motion* meeting at Bishop Ireton High School Auditorium. This was the meeting that most affects our neighborhood (from Jordan St. to Wheeler Ave.). Jacob noted the following observations from the meeting:

- City staff reaffirmed that they have no projections of ridership (based on data) or project costs and they really weren't prepared to answer questions.
- Jen Monaco's comments (project manager), "opportunity for generational change" and "reimagining Duke Street," reflect a young urbanist point of view.
- The slide showing a busload of riders standing in the road showing how little road they take up loses all credibility since most city buses are generally empty, requiring more room per person than cars. Also, it assumes that all riders are going to the same place.
- The "Placemaking and Livability" words on one slide were somewhat ill-placed jargon.
- City staff asserted that there are a large number of crashes on Duke Street, many or most from left-hand turns. This does not ring true for one individual who commented: "For one, I have never seen a left-hand turn accident on Duke in 15 years as a regular user of the road."
- For this presentation, there was scant mention of biking or bike lanes, just the comment shown with an asterisk on several slides: "Curb features to be determined at a later stage of the project." One comment on bike lanes was Ms. Monaco's stating that they are looking at alternative routes, perhaps reflecting the realization that bike lanes make it harder to design and much harder to sell to the public. Another questioner also asked why bike lanes would not be viewed as a "primary mode of transportation."
- One individual commented that the project would make Duke Street more beautiful. Another commented, "as the queen repeatedly queries her prime ministers on *The Crown*, "How so?" Laughter followed.
- Hillary Orr's answer to the question about fixing the Telegraph Road interchange was interesting. The West Taylor Run pilot will end around the time that a BRT design alternative will be selected. Was the pilot instituted to help residents or to inform the design of center lane BRT and to acclimate West Taylor Run users to being cut off from Telegraph?



- Orr continued with a comment that elected city councils from long ago chose this “path.” This also could be challenged on the grounds that it was 15 years ago with a whole different council who were elected by maybe a fraction of the 15% of the people who now live along the corridor. Council was then considering transit ways with a whole different predicate.
- The consultant that night used euphemisms for many issues, e.g., "property acquisition" for “eminent domain” actions, and the service roads will be "repurposed" meaning “removed.”
- The staff presenting said the Duke Street in Motion project would cost \$89M and was covered by a grant, so it wouldn’t cost Alexandria residents anything. There was an angry response from those attending stating that this was taxpayers’ money and not free money. Also, there was no good answer to the cost per rider question. Later, when Ms. Orr was asked about the total \$116 million project cost figure (including the \$87 million in grant funding) in the City's most recent Quarterly Capital Project Status Report, she did not seem surprised, but remarked that she “did not know where the figure came from and that it might be a typo.” She said that she would get back to the questioner.
- There was no good answer to the question about the percentage of non-Alexandria drivers using Duke Street and how they still will not be taking the bus. So, how will there be fewer cars using Duke?
- Ms. Orr’s comment that the project” might keep cut through drivers on the interstate” met with laughter; “it was as gratuitous as it was ridiculous,” commented an attendee.
- There was no discussion of narrowing lanes or reducing speed limits — “all you need is one dump truck to consume both lanes as it straddles the line of the other lane, which was experienced on northbound Quaker crossing Janney’s Road” reported one attendee.

Another attendee commented: “This project is about density and is only about bus rapid transit in that it could win City staff a national innovation award. We should start to assert the density theme more, building on the comment one staffer made in the first meeting that the BRT could not be truly successful without much more density along the corridor. Ridership data plays into this. Also, we should keep harping on eminent domain, high cost, and no assurance that congestion will be mitigated at all — since staff have performed no analysis or projection of demand.”

A community meeting on Duke Street at West Taylor Run Intersection and the design of the new ramp to Telegraph Road will be held on **Tuesday, Nov 15 at Bishop Ireton Auditorium 7 at 8:30pm**

The *Duke Street In Motion* Advisory Committee meets on the third Thursday of every month. The next meeting will take place on **November 17 at 6:30pm at 3600 Wheeler Ave.** Sutherland presumes there will be a lot of discussion about the feedback received

in October. The December meeting will be held on **December 15 at 6:30pm.**

**7.2. Inova Hospital Project Update – Poretz:** Poretz attended the October 17, 2022, Inova meeting via zoom and provided notes on this meeting to the Board (see below, along with Poretz' highlights provided in the notes).

### **Summary of Inova Hospital Virtual Community Meeting #2 on Relocation to Landmark Mall**

<https://alexandriava.gov/Landmark>

October 17, 2022, 6-7pm

#### **Background:**

At its July 6, 2021, meeting, the Alexandria City Council unanimously approved the [redevelopment agreements](#) for the site of the former Landmark Mall, which will result in up to approximately four million square feet of new development. The project will be anchored by the relocation and expansion of Inova's new state-of-the-art Alexandria Hospital bringing more than 2,000 health care workers to the medical campus. Foulger-Pratt leads the project. The applicant team for the former Landmark Mall site has rebranded the site as the West End and is providing development updates, including notices about community meetings, on their [website](#). Additional background and meeting information can also be found on INOVA's Hospital Campus [website](#).

On December 22, 2020, Inova, the City of Alexandria, and development partners announced plans for a mixed-use community and state-of-the-art medical campus at Landmark. The proposed Inova Alexandria Hospital at Landmark would allow for comprehensive, patient-centered programs and services that include a larger emergency room; private patient rooms; and the Inova Schar Cancer Institute at Alexandria Hospital, which would offer full cancer services, including radiation and infusion. The hospital is pursuing a Level II trauma designation and would be one of only three Level II trauma centers in Northern Virginia, seven statewide, and 270 nationwide, providing 24-hour specialty services for brain injuries, complex fractures, and other trauma care. The addition of a medical office building would allow an estimated 50 specialty physicians to see patients on the same campus as the new hospital. **The hospital complex is expected to open in 2028.**

To facilitate the relocation of the hospital from its current location to Landmark Mall, **Inova requested to rezone the existing hospital site at Seminary Road for townhouse and single-family use. City Council approved the request.**

- For more information on the rezoning, visit [inova.org/seminaryroad](https://inova.org/seminaryroad)

- For more information on the Landmark redevelopment, visit [alexandriava.gov/landmark](http://alexandriava.gov/landmark)

#### **Agenda for the 17 October meeting:**

Inova Health System hosted a virtual community meeting on Monday, October 17, at 6 p.m. to provide an update about the development proposal for the new hospital campus to be built on the former Landmark Mall site. Inova resubmitted concept plans with the City for the hospital campus, which will include a new hospital, a cancer center, and a specialty care center. Representatives from Inova and their design consultants presented an overview of the current development proposal and answered questions.

#### **Notes (taken by Krista Ludwig Poretz):**

- Cathy Puskar from Walsh Colucci (law firm) kicked off and facilitated the meeting via zoom.
- Amy Jackson, the City's Vice Mayor, was in attendance as was Dr. Rina Bansal, President of Inova Alexandria.
- Ms. Puskar and design engineers provided an overview of the plans for the hospital and shared pictures of maps and plans for the buildings and green spaces. (See Inova websites listed in the Background section on page 1 of these notes for pictures and details.)
- The hospital will have single patient rooms and 19 operating rooms.
- **The current hospital on Seminary Road will stay operational until 2028.**
- **Inova anticipates 30 trips annually by helicopters to (15) and from (15) the helipad along traffic paths to minimize noise.**
- Developer Foulger-Pratt is working with VDOT on placement of pedestrian walkways and bike paths. They are also working with VDOT on incoming northbound traffic that will stop east bound traffic in emergencies and use left turn lanes on to **"Healthway Place" – the name of the main street going into the new hospital.**
- **All buildings on the existing Landmark land will be torn down except for the existing parking lot.**
- **The hospital plans include new retail shops and a fire station near the hospital (exact location was not obvious). One goal is to make the new Inova hospital a "transit hub."**
- The developer does have "future expansion abilities" beyond what is in the plans. When asked what area that would/could include, the Inova team circled a small area of the map that has some green space and a building that are part of the existing plan. There would be no impact on neighboring condos or apartments if the hospital wanted to repurpose that land area (for a different hospital use than is currently planned). The "expansion" area is already within their footprint for the new hospital.

**Next Meeting:****West End (former Landmark Mall site) Community Meeting**

Foulger-Pratt is hosting a hybrid, in-person and virtual, community meeting on **Wednesday, November 16, at 7 p.m.** to present plans for 'West End' Blocks E, G, I, and K within the former Landmark Mall site. The proposed buildings on the four blocks would include multifamily residential, ground floor commercial, and medical offices. These cases have been docketed for the December 6, 2022, hearing of the Planning Commission.

- To join in-person, visit the Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4653 Taney Avenue.
- To join online, visit:
  - Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89174270493>
  - Webinar ID: 891 7427 0493
  - Dial-in: 301.715.8592

For more information visit Foulger-Pratt's '[West End' website](#) or the [City's Landmark redevelopment website](#).

Questions? Contact Meagan Rappolt at [mrappolt@wiregill.com](mailto:mrappolt@wiregill.com) or 703.362.5232.

**7.3. Douglas MacArthur New Building Construction Update:** Douglas MacArthur New Building Construction Update. Construction updates can be found on the Douglas MacArthur Modernization webpage.

Two Week Lookahead: October 31, 2022– November 13, 2022

Virginia American Water (VAW) utility work at the west side of the site performed under the extended public space permit is complete. The following activities will begin onsite: Brickshelf Installation Sidewalk and Curb Installation Level 2 Sprinkler Installation Level 3 Interior Framing Installation The following activities are ongoing at the site: Air, Vapor, and Water-Resistive Barrier Installation Storm and Sanitary Branch Lines Installation Area D - Miscellaneous Concrete Pours Waterline Installation Stair B and Stair D – Concrete Installation Level 2 Mechanical Room – Equipment Installation Level 1 Area C and Level 2 Area B - Interior Framing Install Bioretention Basins Installation Sprinkler Installation Roofing Installation Fireproof Patching

Community members may contact our new Project Superintendent, Bill Lemley, with Skanska at any time with issues or complaints they are experiencing related to construction at [bill.lemley@skanska.com](mailto:bill.lemley@skanska.com) or via cell phone at 301-672-7151. In addition, general project questions should continue to be sent to [mailto:newmacarthur@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:mailto:newmacarthur@acps.k12.va.us).

## **8. Parliamentary Report – David Pritzker**

**8.1. Bylaws and Covenants Revisions Status:** Pritzker has been working on the revisions to the bylaws and covenants and will send the Board a copy as soon as he can. Pritzker asked whether there is a plan to distribute this separately from the next directory. Poretz noted that at a minimum we'll want to post the updated version on the SRCA website. When Pritzker has the updated bylaws and covenants completed, he can share them with the Board and Karner or Meade can post a copy on the website.

## **9. SSSAS (St. Stephens & St. Agnes School) Liaison – Beth Chase**

### **9.1. SSSAS Updates:**

Saturday, November 5 there is a home football game at 2:00pm with pregame activities.

There are two upcoming school events that we welcome the community to attend:

- Fall Play: Stage One presents Love and Information. Show times are as follows:
  - Friday November 4, 7pm
  - Friday November 11, 7pm
  - Saturday November 12, 2pm

Go to [SSSAS.ludus.com](http://SSSAS.ludus.com) to purchase tickets or email [tickets@sssas.org](mailto:tickets@sssas.org)

Some material is mature so it is recommended that children under middle school age do not attend.

- St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School invites you to join us for our community's Lessons and Carols Jazz Vespers Concert on Sunday, Dec. 11 at 4 p.m., in the Upper School Chapel and Performing Arts Center (CPAC). Join as the Rev. Chris Miller shares the story of Christmas and the SSSAS Octet swings your favorite holiday songs with the rhythms and soul of jazz and the spirit of season. Of course, no Christmas Celebration would be complete without Santa and his Elves stopping by to say hello and to share his big red bag of candy canes!! This concert is free to the community and open to all ages. We also invite you to support our local families in need through our gift card drive. If you feel led to do so, we are asking for gift card donations to help support the Mother of Light Center. It is encouraged to make gift card amounts between \$25 and \$50. If you would like to give more, we ask to do that through multiple gift cards which would increase our reach to supported families. Walmart and Target gift cards are highly recommended.

Poretz asked about the new blue signs in the neighborhood. Chase responded that SSSAS has adopted the streets on St. Stephens Rd. and N. Garland, and lower Fort Williams Parkway to keep them clean. Chase will try and obtain more details about this as well.

## **10. BEHC Update – Flachs:** Flachs was not able to attend.

**10.1. Karig Estates Update**

**10.2. Voting Location for Seminary Ridge, Election Day, November 8.**

**11. Home Sales in Seminary Ridge – Kate Hennigan:** Hennigan reported that there was one home sale in the last month. 3700 Templeton went under contract in one day, sold for \$1.525 million and closed on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Overall, the market is slowing slightly, but houses are still selling and it's still a seller's market. The Federal Reserve's announcement today will impact affordability for buyers moving forward.

**12. Welcome Committee of New Residents –** Hennigan indicated she has not yet had a chance to welcome those who moved into 3700 Templeton yet but plans to do so soon.

**13. SRCA Historian – Mike Brookbank:** Brookbank had nothing to report.

**14. Old Business – Poretz for Weiblinger:** There was no old business to report.

**15. New Business – Poretz for Weiblinger**

**15.1. Next SRCA Board Meeting –** Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 7:30 pm via zoom

**16. Continued “Open Mic” for SRCA Community – Poretz for Weiblinger**

**16.1. SR Community Additional Time for Questions/Answers:** No questions were asked.

Pritzker sings in the Alexandria Choral Society and that group also incorporates a smaller group who will be holding its outdoor snow globe concert on Saturday, November 19 at Carlyle House, with other concerts being held Wednesday evenings after Thanksgiving around Alexandria. If anyone would like more information about this, please contact Pritzker.

**17. Adjournment of SRCA Board Meeting – Poretz for Weiblinger:** Poretz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:13pm; it was seconded by Brookbank and unanimously approved.

**SRCA Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.**

**To Join Zoom Meeting:**

**Time: November 3, 2022 - 7:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

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