



SEMINARY RIDGE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.

15 November 2022

Details about important upcoming community meetings and highlights from the November SRCA meeting are included below. The detailed November meeting minutes will be available in the 'Documents' section of our website after they are approved at the December meeting. Similarly, the September Annual Meeting minutes and October meeting minutes have now been approved and posted on [our website](#).

SRCA Dues: As of October 31, 123 households had paid their dues for 2022-2023. Thank you to those who have recently paid; we hope those who have yet to pay will do so in the near future to ensure we can host the range of events we all enjoy in the neighborhood.

West End Coalition Project: Tonight, **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
- Meeting ID: 942 7239 2659
- Passcode: 356941
- Dial-in: 301.715.8592
- Interpretation services in Spanish, Amharic and Arabic will be provided.

Duke Street and West Taylor Run Project: The City will host a community meeting tonight, November 15th at the Bishop Ireton Auditorium between 7:00-8:30pm to discuss design options for the intersection of Duke Street at West Taylor Run Parkway. The project will include options for new access to Telegraph Road. This meeting is open to the public.

Duke Street In Motion Project: Thank you to everyone who provided input during the October engagement period!

The 6th Duke Street In Motion Advisory Group will take place on **Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 PM at Alexandria Police Department headquarters (3600 Wheeler Ave.), Room 106.** This meeting will focus on discussing the October public engagement feedback. There will be a public comment period at the end of the meeting. Members of the public are welcome to attend virtually or in-person.

For those planning to attend, we encourage you to sign up to be heard when you arrive at the meeting if you would like to express any concerns about the project.

Meeting materials are available at alexandriava.gov/dukeinmotion. A meeting recording will also be made available afterwards.

The meeting can be accessed via Zoom by registering at the following link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mXAnVFaxSxO1qzc8G0cJWw

Inova Hospital Project: 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.

- 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.
- 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 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

Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations (AFCA) Updates: The City plans to finish the repaving of remaining roads in Seminary Ridge in the Spring of 2023.

Mayor Justin Wilson said he sands the city to take another pass at renaming streets throughout Alexandria named for Confederate leaders. There’s a fairly extensive list of around 31 streets that are confirmed to be named after Confederate leaders, and one is in our neighborhood: Hardee Place. The SRCA Board will try to obtain more information about the timeline for these changes so we can share it with the neighborhood.

Seminary Hill Civic (SHA) Association Updates: 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.

Carter Flemming's term is ending as President of SHA. An election for a new slate of officers for 2022-2023 was scheduled to 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.

Douglas MacArthur Modernization Project: For the latest Douglas MacArthur construction updates, please visit the [Douglas MacArthur Modernization webpage](#).

St. Stephen's and St. Agnes (SSSAS) Concert: SSSAS invites you to join them for their 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.

SRCA Holiday Party: The annual holiday party will be held in January instead of December this year. Stay tuned for more details!