

**Donaldson Run Civic Association
General Membership Meeting
Microsoft Teams
May 12, 2021 7:30 p.m.**

- Microsoft Teams overview (Anne Wilson, Director)
- EC attending: Bill Richardson, President, John Seggerman, 2nd VP, Charlie Henkin, Secretary;, other Directors Susan Cunningham, Amanda Weaver, , Anne Wilson

No treasurer's report was presented.

Presentation by Steve Young (an Arlington Regional Master Plan Naturalist) and Jordan Green (VA dept. of Wildlife Resources) on Deer problem in Arlington: This was the major topic for the meeting.

The briefing presented evidence that the deer population is out of balance with the ability of this area to accommodate a healthy deer population. Presentation is available separately on website for this meeting:

Key takeaways from briefing were: sterilization techniques too expensive for practical purposes'; all local jurisdictions except Alexandria have adopted culling approaches to problem; Arlington and Alexandria have ordinances in place that preclude use of firearms or bow/arrows to implement culling program currently; county has implemented a drone survey (using IR detection) of deer population but has not as yet reported out the results.

Q/As from members uniformly expressed concern re deer problem in recent years; several asked for a link to express their concerns to county officials (which would be the county board itself at CountyBoard@arlingtonva.us <CountyBoard@arlingtonva.us>); and also emails for Mr. Young frazmo@gmail.com , **Mr. Green** jordon.green@dwr.virginia.gov, and a colleague of Mr. Young, Bill Browning browningwh@gmail.com

Other Issues:

Plaque commemorating Larry Finch: Anne reported that support from several other groups and individuals would create a plaque to be mounted at Zachary Taylor Park with DRCA contribution of only \$250. The funding of \$250 from DRCA was approved in a voice vote by the members.

Farmers Market at Dorothy Hamm Middle School- one or more members expressed concern about hours of disturbance to neighborhood. Bill reported unresolved dialogue between him and the Market company. He is owed a response to concerns expressed to the company.

Bright LED streetlights. Susan reported that those mounted on poles owned by Dominion Lighting do not have programmable dimmer switches and this will continue to cause light intrusion in affected neighborhoods.

Lee Highway Alliance: Susan reported on the state of play regarding the "Vision" for areas contiguous to DRCA (so called Area 3 and 4 of LHA analysis) and recounted the issues such development – if approved in the future as perhaps stimulated by "Vision" concepts- would entail, and noted the Walking Tour for 15 May of the 3 and 4 areas. Some elements of the "Vision" include consideration of residential development as high as 10 stories south of Lee Highway.

Nellie Custis-Military Rd intersection: County staff meeting in June on this matter.

Updated Neighborhood Conservation Survey: Amanda is finalizing a revised survey (first since 1999). John notes county is finalizing its (reduced) funding for the NC projects along with a name change.

Lot coverage, tree loss and development regulations: Bill reported on a meeting of four DRCA officers and Takis Karantonis in which he expressed our concern that the County Manager felt he lacked a push from the County Board to prioritize either the compliance monitoring or possible changes in regulations. Takis expressed his own concern on developer practices and advised he would get back to us within a month of our meeting, (now 2-3 weeks hence).

Marymount expansion: Anne reported on their desire to increase on site enrollment from 3200 now to 8000 with desire for athletic field, perhaps on property contiguous to the mulch pile on 26th St near Old Dominion.

Next meeting: Bill expressed hope we would meet in person perhaps at an outdoor venue in the fall.