SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC. Monthly Meeting 10 May 07

The meeting was called to order by President Joanne Lepanto at 7:35 P.M. Members present were Nancy Jennings, Jack Sullivan, Laura Vetter, Margaret Goodman, Tom Kerester, Pat Lidy, , Joe Fischer, and Bruce McCarthy, recording secretary. Others present were Kathy Burns of the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association, Charles Howe, Ginny Hines Parry, Beth Aronson, and Cindy Gurne.

Treasurer Jack Sullivan reported the amount in the treasury the same as last month.

Ms. Lepanto noted the resignation of Council Member Andrew McDonald and referenced the various upcoming debates and party caucus primary dates. There was discussion of Ken Kozloff's retirement as CEO of Alexandria Hospital. Jack Sullivan and Sharon Annear still plan to meet with Mr. Kozloff. It was further announced that a pediatric unit will remain at the hospital for at least two years.

Margaret Goodman discussed the City's response to flooding on Key Drive. Pat Lidy reported on an upcoming meeting to discuss the problem of night lighting at the St. Stephen's/St. Agnes Middle School and Fort Ward Park field.

Laura Vetter spoke of the continuing problem of speeding on Seminary Road, including speed-triggered traffic lights, red light cameras, and various other measures. Residents were urged to attend an upcoming meeting with city officials on the problem.

There will be further meetings at Joe Fischer's home concerning the proposed house at 508 Quaker Lane. Height and mass are concerns.

Kathy Burns of Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association spoke of concerns about the proposed townhouse development at 5325 Polk Ave - elevation, marine clay, etc. The project will come before the Planning Commission on June 5th. Jack Sullivan made a motion, which passed by concensus with no objections, questioning the validity of development on such a precipitous site.

Jack Sullivan reported again on the activities of SWAAT - South West Alexandria Access and Transportation committee - a recent meeting of which drew an estimated 12 participants. Mr. Andre Kromyko heads up the group, which fears that there will soon be 5200 new residents of Eisenhower West and which supports c-----s between The Eisenhower corridor and Duke

Street. In the Landmark-Van Dorn project, nothing will happen until Fall, Jack said.

President Lepanto, following up on a proposal by Jack Sullivan, suggested that it would be a good idea to come up with a set of principles for the Seminary Hill Association. (not that the group has been unprincipled in the past!) Nancy Jennings, who is shepherding the West End Historical Project, said that a dedicated web site might be the way to go with the historical effort.

President Lepanto adjourned the meeting at 9:30 P.M.

Bruce E. McCarthy Recording Secretary