

**SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

Monthly Board Meeting

8 April 2010

The meeting was convened at 7:37 PM at Immanuel Church-On-the Hill by SHA President Nancy Jennings. Treasurer Jack Sullivan reported \$28,532.75 in the treasury. An expenditure of \$1,211.25 was approved to upgrade the SHA website. Mary Kerwin of N. Ivanhoe Street expressed concern about the new bright lights in the Inova Alexandria Hospital parking lot as well as generator noise. Hospital liaison Jack Sullivan will work the issue.

Ted Monson of Fort William Parkway initiated a discussion of the service shortcomings of Comcast as the sole Internet provider in Alexandria. Mr. Monson reported many contacts with Comcast with little satisfaction. The cable system is out of date and needs to be upgraded, and there needs to be improved maintenance, he said. A letter will be written to the Mayor outlining the complaints and requesting that action finally take place.

In a discussion of police activity, the practice of "skimming" was described. Make sure you press the clear button when you finish pumping gas or miscreants can access your credit card number.

Pat Lidy reported that activity is going forward on the two new lots in her area. Also, water can accumulate to a depth of 15 feet in the drainage area during heavy rains when the pipe was blocked. Joe Fischer and Dick Hobson have obtained the original plans for 21 N. Quaker Lane, which have expired. SHA will recommend that the City not approve any use of the lot unless a safe alternative egress be devised. In addition financing has been obtained for work on the northeast corner of Van Dorn and Pickett Streets, and that creation of an expanded traffic circle at the Shirlington roundabout is, fortunately, a dead issue.

The so-called VDOT IJR Alternative F that would deliver HOV traffic from the south to Seminary Road--adding to the already choked traffic conditions--was roundly denounced and a letter to the City condemning the proposal will be developed and sent to the Mayor and City Council. A motion opposing Alternative F was passed unanimously by the SHA Board.

There was an extended discussion of BRAC 133 and its traffic congestion impact. Rick Ward said SHA should start holding citizen meeting re: BRAC, but Ms. Jennings noted that the START group is already holding such meetings. Perhaps SHA should come out en toto against the Beauregard Plan, since the plan negatively affects properties on the east side of 495, which lie within SHA's area. A motion opposing the proposed stormwater utility passed unanimously. The meeting concluded with a discussion of problems afflicting T.C. Williams High School and what may be done to improve performance, perhaps this is a topic for a panel at SHA's annual meeting in November. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Bruce E. McCarthy, Recording Secretary