

SEMINARY HILL ASSOCIATION, INC.  
MONTHLY MEETING  
13 SEPT 07

The meeting came to order at 7:35 p.m., President Joanne Lepanto presiding. Members present included Margaret Goodman, Pat Lidy, Joe Fischer, Nancy Jennings, Tom Kerester, Jack Sullivan, Dick Hobson, Lillian Patterson, Laura Vetter, Don Fullerton, Dick Hayes, and Bruce McCarthy, Recording Secretary. Others attending included Jesse Strauss, Richard Hunt, Bill Roberts, Bill Dickinson, Dorothy Mulligan, and Justin Wilson, new member of the City Council.

Treasurer Jack Sullivan reported \$25,254.00 in the SHA treasury. President Lepanto noted that Dick Hayes will monitor announcements of city activities to keep the board posted. Joanne emphasized the importance of stimulating participation by all citizens in civic activities. The new T.C. Williams High School will hold an open house for all on Sunday 14 Oct. From 12 to 4. The city will upgrade lighting at various playing fields, it was reported.

Ms. Lepanto announced that the annual meeting of the SHA will take place on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> with refreshments at 7 PM and the meeting at 7:30. City Manager Hartman will be asked to appear to discuss the state of the city, budget, taxes, etc. A nominating committee for next year's SHA board members will be named.

Mr. Fischer reported that 508 Quaker Land had been sold to a Mr. Breen for \$780,000. The Pickett-Pegram traffic calming initiatives were discussed.

APD Capt. Hassan Aden described the new Strategic Response System that will hopefully increase criminal apprehension. Nancy Jennings alertly warned a woman at the local Safeway that her purse was vulnerable to theft - turns out the woman was a police decoy! (Good work Nancy!) For the record, Joe Fischer wanted to know if Alexandria is a "sanctuary city" for immigration purposes. Turns out Alexandria is such a city. The recently installed equipment for deterring Seminary Road speeding was discussed. The application for development of 5345 Polk Ave. to the Planning Commission has been deferred because of serious concerns about the viability of the site. Jack Sullivan reported that at a recent meeting of SWAAT there was no mention of "connectors." The mayor and city manager plan to go to Chicago to discuss the Landmark redevelopment with General Growth Properties. Other parties may be interested.

It was reported that "Alexandria Friends High School" is to be located at Temple Beth-El. Council Member Justin Wilson spoke briefly, mentioning that the city is trying to encourage child care facilities in commercial areas rather than residential. The meeting adjourned before 10 P.M...

Bruce E. McCarthy, Recording Secretary