

# **Woodmont Civic Association**

## **Quarterly Meeting: April 16, 2009 Woodmont Center**

The April 16, 2009 meeting of the Woodmont Civic Association was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by President Sharon Rogers. The President then called on representatives of Arlington County to provide updates on the ongoing renovations of the Woodmont Center and Windy Run Park.

Brent Stagnaro, Project Manager for the Arlington Department of Environmental Services, explained that although the county had originally hoped to complete the Center project by mid-April, weather delays now made it likely the project will be complete in mid-June. Site work includes storm drainage improvements, retaining walls replacement, ADA-compliant facilities access, a new parking lot and landscaping. The renovated project will retain the basketball court, playing field, track and playground. The facility will have 4 fewer parking spaces, a concern for Association members who anticipate the smaller lot exacerbating existing parking problems on Fillmore. The Association agreed to seek better parking enforcement near the school to relieve congestion.

Kevin Stalica, Parks Service Area Manager for Arlington Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, then provided an overview of the site landscaping plan. New landscaping at Woodmont Center will include trees, low maintenance shrubs and perennials in the front. The county will see to control invasive vegetation along the property sides and back but has no plans to undertake further landscaping of the natural areas. If the neighborhood wants additional clearing we must request it.

The County representatives confirmed that neighbors who wish to contribute to further improvements at local parks and recreation facilities can direct their individual contributions to a specific project. Any funds designated directly for Woodmont (or Windy Run or Ft. C.F. Smith) will be used exclusively on that site.

The Association designated Alise Troester of 25<sup>th</sup> Street to meet with Mr. Stalica and a representative of the Friends of Woodmont to discuss detailed landscaping plans.

Mr. Stalica then provided a brief overview of the Windy Run park project. Work there will include replacement of existing drainage pipes, erosion remediation, renovation of 200 feet of trail on each side of the pump station, and trail improvements. Trail improvements will include the removal of fallen trees from the trail, worn step replacement and a small ravine crossing bridge. As Arlington County does not own or maintain the land abutting the Parkway, the county has no ability to address the rockslide which has cut off access to the Heritage Trail along the river.

Following the County briefing, the President moved on to meeting business. The January 2009 meeting minutes were accepted as submitted. The Treasurer reported having received 46 household renewals for 2009. She further reported cash on hand of \$2,912 with bills for the newsletter (the Association's largest ongoing expense) still outstanding.

Alise Troester provided an update on the 25<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout refurbishment. County removal of the existing juniper is expected in April and planning for the replacement landscaping is underway.

As the first order of new business, the President reminded members of the annual spring availability of free trees from Arlington County. Citizens wishing to receive a tree must notify the County before April 30, 2009.

The meeting then moved on to the election of officers for 2009-2010. The President presented a slate of candidates as follows:

President – Sharon Rogers  
Vice President – Bob Kenny  
Treasurer – Steve Reighard  
Secretary – Vacant

There being no further nominations or volunteers, the slate was unanimously accepted.

The President then solicited nominations for representatives to the Arlington County Civic Federation. The current representatives, Bob Kenney, Norm Mosher and Sharon Rogers, were re-elected. The position of the Woodmont Civic Association's representative to the Arlington Neighborhood Advisory Commission remains vacant.

The Association then made presentation to retiring Treasurer Sue Bentley for her 6 years of faithful service.

At 8:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Monty Tripp  
Secretary