

LHA BOARD MEETING MINUTES – November 21, 2019

Voting Directors Present (9)

Peter Bota, Mike Cantwell, Michele Cornwell, Edith Gravely, Ralph Johnson, Tom Korn, Laura London, Scott Matties, Chris Sundlof

Non-Voting Directors Present (2)

Matt Weinstein and Tom Wolfe

Directors Absent (5)

Pamela Gillen
Michelle Winters
Richard Price
Sandi Chesrown
Jim Lantelme

Executive Director

Ginger Brown

Guests Present

Susan Soroko, AED Liaison

Welcome & Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Scott Matties, President, at 8:00 a.m.

AED Update

Susan Soroko noted that the Annual Report/Draft Budget & Work Plan are due on December 1. She also noted that AED is trying to streamline the process between the partnerships.

President's Report

Scott Matties discussed a new potential new senior living facility that was being considered across from the Lee Heights Shops. He also discussed LHA's work with the Civic Federation on a resolution on stormwater management. LHA recommended changes to the Civic Federation draft resolution and the Civic Federation incorporated all of those changes into the final resolution.

Minutes LHA September, 2019, Board Meeting

It was confirmed that the minutes had been circulated and approved by the Board via email prior to the November Board meeting.

Fire Station 8 PFRC

Edith Gravely reported that a 25.1 million construction contract had been approved by the County Board. She noted that changes that were suggested by LHA were made to the designs including orientation of the front door to Lee Highway and improved landscaping. She also reported that while the entire process took 4 years and was difficult, the community was pleased with the outcome in the end.

Events Committee

Ginger Brown reported on the successes of the Mural Event, Octoberfest, and Light the Night. She said LHA will be creating an Earth Day Event and Shop Local Shop Lee Highway campaign. LHA will be a Bike to Work Day pitstop for the first time. She also reported that a new Quarterly Report and Newsletter have been created. LHA has joined the County as a Census Partner.

Finance Committee

Michele H. Cornwell, Treasurer, provided the Treasurer's report, updating the Board on the [budget \(see attached\)](#). LHA has a healthy balance of \$75,708.75 (as of 11/18). She also stated that a line of credit was approved Arlington Community Federal Credit Union (ACFCU) for \$20,000.

Transportation Committee

Ginger Brown reported that a letter was sent by LHA that supported the Micro-Mobility Ordinance that was before the County Board and offered feedback. The feedback that LHA sent was adopted by the County. Thank you to Richard Price for writing the letter on behalf of the LHA. She reported that LHA is a member of the Vision Zero Working Group.

Housing and Missing Middle –

Ginger Brown provided an update on the grant application that the Alliance for Housing Solutions and LHA are hoping to submit to the Virginia Housing & Development Authority (VHDA). Conversations are on-going. LHA's goal is to educate the community and increase public outreach.

Make No Small Plans at Dorothy Hamm Middle School (DHMS) –

Ginger Brown provided an update on the program. Power point presentations on planning basics and the importance of community engagement were given to the students. A planning exercise took place. The students were extremely engaged and participated eagerly.

Chamber of Commerce Report

Tom Wolfe reported that the Chamber's Government Affairs & Economic Development Committee just discussed the importance of County Commissions and Advisory Boards.

Housing Conservation District (HCD) –

Ginger Brown reported that LHA board members met with County Board members Erik Gutshall and Katie Cristol. There was an agreement that the Lee Highway HCD properties would be considered in close coordination with PLH and timelines would be adjusted to make sure that happened. Before an HCD would be codified there will be a reconciliation with PLH.

Draft FY2021 Work Plan Outline and Budget Request

Ginger Brown presented the DRAFT FY2021 Work Plan and Budget Request. Scott Matties suggested that because LHA add a request of \$5,000 for a paid intern to assist with the additional programs that LHA have taken on outside of Plan Lee Highway. The DRAFT FY2021 Work Plan/budget request was approved unanimously with the change.

Meeting Adjourned – 9:30 am

Scott thanked everyone for their participation.

