

GREATER ARLINGTON CIVIC COUNCIL, INC.

**Thursday August 2 ; 6:30 p.m.
Regency Square Branch Library**

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. President's Report - Lad Hawkins**
- 3. Vice President's Report - Maceo George**
- 4. Treasurer's Report - John Roberts**

OLD ARLINGTON INC. A lady named Deloris who is President of Arlington Manner off of Rogero spoke about the problems in older neighborhoods. She spoke at length about the many problems with code enforcement, rental properties, yard trash, weeds, unoccupied properties, prostitution, Yard and household trash pick up, receptacles left curbside, etc.

ABCPAC; The Old Arlington Zoning Overlay Was Discussed- Discussion

JOYCE MORGAN TOWN HALL MEETING: August 27 at 6pm. 6801 Merrill Rd.

ARLINGTON CRA / ZONING OVERLAY; A community meeting was held at the Univ Park Library on July 25. A lot of people were there. A number of the business owners were there. Those within the CRA boundary should be thankful that the City and others are working to clean up and revitalize their area. They will be paid to improve and upgrade their properties. This CRA will increase the value of their properties. The JPDD will begin to finalize this Zoning Overlay. Arlington is well located. As they say in real estate it is all about Location, Location, Location! This overlay will begin to change the perception. It will take time.

RIVER KEEPER: The SJRK has held four community meetings. The purpose of these meetings was to educate the community and to urge our city leaders to take action to address flooding, dredging and sea level rise issues. This educational process will be ongoing.

REZONING, 2018-379: Monument at Cobblestone Pkwy. JPDD recommended approval of the PUD. The PC voted to approve the PUD. This PUD request next goes to LUZ and then on to City Council. Arlington residents need to speak up. Talk to the Planning Department and to your councilperson. Allowing on site and off site sale of beer wine and alcohol in this entire PUD is not appropriate.

REZONINGS: A 384 Unit Apartment Project has been floated on a site owned by a church on the north side of Atlantic near Pablo Point. –No action so far. Discussion. No change.

TREE COMMISSION: The Tree Commission has now finalized the process for submitting applications for tree planting projects. This will go to City Council for approval. There are two ways to get trees planted. One method will be pretty easy. You simply identify a public area that needs to have trees planted and submit this to the Tree Commission. The second way involves a much more complicated process. This is for projects that a 501 C type organization wants to design and coordinate themselves. This is the long form. All projects must be on public land. We have 20 Million Dollars for tree planting. Where should they be planted?

TRAFFIC SAFETY: GACC has followed up with John Pappas and the City Traffic Engineer regarding traffic safety issues on Monument Road between Trednick and I-295. The City has looked at the cut across traffic problem from Lantern St onto Monument from the Wal-Mart/ Kendall area and has determined that it is not a problem! Not enough accidents. That will change.
On the issue of the missing sidewalks on the north side of Monument in the area east to Lee Rd under I-295 we have not yet received an update.

BUS BENCH ADVERTISING: All bus bench advertising that is outside of the old city boundary before consolidation (USD-1) are illegal and need to come down and fines for littering need to be assessed. Bus bench advertising within the old consolidated city area is still being reviewed by the City. Turn in illegal advertising to code enforcement at 630city. The City has yet to direct code enforcement to address this matter.

JACKSONVILLE ARBORETUM; The Arboretum is open 8am until 5 pm and open until 7pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Become a member and support your Arboretum. Work days are the second Saturday of each month. Web site is: Jacksonvillearboretum.org

GACC 40 YEAR ANNIVERSARY; NOVEMBER 13, 5 pm Council Chambers. Maceo is working on membership. We need to reach out to past officers and friends and invite them to attend this Council Recognition. We are working on writing a piece on how the Greater Arlington Area might be quite a different place had it not been for GACC and its member organizations contribution over the past 40 years. Please let me know of your thoughts on how GACC has impacted the development of Arlington over the past 40 years.

Lad Hawkins, President