

Del Ray Citizens Association Membership Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2024 - 7:00pm

Virtual via Zoom

DRCA Board Introduction and Welcome by President Katie Waynick

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Crime/Traffic report from Captain Dennis Andreas

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[Alexandria Police Department](#)

Captain Andreas gave a update on crime in Del Ray - slight increase in crime this month but numbers remain low. Five car accidents along Mt. Vernon Av, 4 involving parking or parked cars, and one car crash at Commonwealth and Mt. Vernon that hit a telephone pole. New police chief was appointed today; Tarrick McGuire of Arlington, TX.

Sheriff's office report from Captain Quentin Wade

Contact Sheriff Casey: sean.casey@alexandriava.gov
[Alexandria Sheriff's Office](#)

Sheriff Casey congratulated the community for Art on the Avenue. Sheriff's Office participated with the police in a school bus stop enforcement campaign, and graduated five people graduated from the Sheriff's community academy. The Sheriff's association is collecting supplies for Western NC - more info via Gayle.

Candidate Forum

Celiana Gunderson, Roy Byrd and Mason Butler joined for the non-democratic party candidates forum; watch the recording here.

Friends of Duncan Library

Kayla Payne, Patty Reilly, and Dan Roth presented about sides (here) about Duncan Library and the Friends of Duncan Library group.

FODL's mission is to advocate, fundraise, promote and support Duncan Library.

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Ten members of board; five exec board and five committee chairs. Over 350 members.

FODL has purchased over 50% of books in the library, sponsored youth programs ...

DRCA donation from House and Garden Tour was used for purchasing high circulation books for the adult collection. Purchased two picnic tables on both sides of the library. Supporting haunted house.

Duncan Library has nearly the same number of visits and circulation as Beatley Central Library with 1/3rd of the staff.

Duncan Library does outreach to Arlandria, including programs at Community Lodgings. Mega Laundromat is going to have a little library for in English and Spanish.

Oct 20-27 is National Friends of the Library week; contact the City Council to share the impact of library programs

Nova Families for Safe Streets

Elena Hutchison presented on Northern Virginia Families for Safe Streets and shared slides ([here](#))

Maintain a Near Miss Database

Peter asked about the Commonwealth/Del Ray intersection, Elena mention that the families for safe streets shared the full database which they are analyzing.

Carol asked about Glebe/Montrose/Ashby; Elena said that the intersection is going to become a traffic circle, but the recommendation is not to turn the direction for Ashby. Katie Waynick shared that there's more significant changes potentially coming

LUC Presentation and Vote

Monica Parry presented slides ([here](#)) about the French Toast truck at 1506 Mount Vernon Av and shared the LUC's recommendation to approve, with further information about Fire Marshal approval. Saladtopia is coming to the building at 1506 Mount Vernon. The resolution (DRCA Land Use Committee (LUC) recommends supporting the application of French Toast LLC to operate a food trailer in a private alley with patio seating) was approved with overwhelming support.

Committee Updates

Announcements

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City has approved receiving the DRCA donation for furniture for Charles Hill Park.

Historic

Committee has created a document to outline a historic conservation district for Del Ray.

James Miceli asked whether the planning committee or city council would have to approve any conservation district proposal; Nate said that they need to develop outlines of a proposal and then will share and coordinate with the city.

Announcements

Haunted House Tales of Terror on October 27 - sign up for volunteer slots

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090949A4AA2CA1F94-51434537-tales#/>

Cinema Del Ray October 19 - Inside Out 2

October 27 is halloween parade and haunted house, thanks to DRCA for sponsorship

October 20 is deadline for Halloween Decoration contest

Lisa Quandt provided an update on the donations each month; DRCA is providing monthly donations to Del Ray organizations, Sept was Art on the Avenue, Oct Halloween Parade and November will be the Turkey Trot.

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