

Del Ray Citizens Association Membership Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025 7:00PM

Virtual via Zoom

DRCA Board Introduction and Welcome by President Tim Laderach

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Crime/Traffic report from Captain Dennis Andreas

Contact Captain Andreas: dennis.andreas@alexandriava.gov 703.746.6872
[Alexandria Police Department](#)

- 16% Decrease in crime citywide, 25% decrease in Part 1 comes
- 13 total offenses in Del Ray, all larcenies, 6 at CVS on Richmond Hwy, 2 at Walgreens, 1 bicycle stolen at Walgreens
- 60 day crime plan instituted by Chief, looking specifically at highest shoplifting locations

Sheriff's office report from Captain Gilmore

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

Sheriff Casey is running for reelection

- 19 people graduated from Community Academy
- Sheriff's office has a liaison program with ACPs School
- Holding an expungement clinic in Alexandria on 4/26 with free legal advice, free fingerprinting
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/sites/default/files/2025-03/2025SpringExpungementClinicFlyer.pdf>

7:13pm: Quick Redistricting Update

Jessica Primary representative from MVCS jwintfeld@gmail.com

Sonia secondary from MVCS Sonia.M.Herman@gmail.com

School Board Member Ryan Reyna also joined ryan.reyna@acps.k12.va.us
mvcstapresident@gmail.com

- Two additional maps were released yesterday
- Released one additional middle school map

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- Policies are under consideration that would affect ability to opt in to MVCS in light of the fact that 30% of students opt in to MVCS

7:16pm: Special Guest Jonathan Whiteleather; Commonwealth, Glebe, Ashby Flood Mitigation Project (Presentation Link)

- Project is to improve capacity of flooding caused in Glebe Rd Area
- Will be approximately 3 years of construction beginning in summer 2026
- Culvert system is 2 8 foot by 7 foot culverts, which is what allows this system to improve the flooding situation
- Will maintain access to residences and businesses, may have impact to sidewalks
- There are 2 8'x9' box culverts, they are all underground
- Potential significant traffic impacts between E/W Glebe, to E/W Reed - major construction needed in this area
- Completing design this fall, procurement for contract in the spring, construction Summer 2026-2029
- Q? How is project paid for A - Stormwater Utility Fee
- Q? Asked if presenter could come to Cora Kelly A- Jonathan will reach out

7:40 - Reba Winstead, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

- Volunteer Reception Center is disaster HR in disasters
- Helps to coordinate people who want to help
- Volunteer hours can be used to defray city's contribution to disaster spending
- Training coming up in May to learn how you can help in a disaster situation

7:50 - Presentation on 2525 Mount Vernon Ave Proposal

- Applicant has proposed to renovate 2525 MVA with apartments on the second floor and retail uses on first floor on MVA, Daycare on Mt. Ida
- Presentation shows the proposed changes to the building, including terraces on the rear of the building
- Cathy Puskar presented on the details of each of the three Special Use Permit aspects
- Cathy Puskar provided updates on the trash screening situation, and took concern with the Traffic Study
- Q? Are any units affordable? A - These are for short term use, will not be long term affordable housing
- Discussion around edits
 - Moved traffic study out of the bullets to clarify that it is a request of the city
 - Edited trash screening bullet point
- Vote passed unanimously

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8:18 New Business and Updates

- Gardenfest coming April 27
- [Gardenfest2025](#)

Committee Announcements

- Beautification Commission is accepting nominations for awards until May 15, 2025
- https://survey.alexandriava.gov/s3/2025-Beautification-Award-Nominations?_gl=1*1k6g2jm*_ga*MTU4NjQzNDU4OS4xNzQ0MjM4Njg3*_ga_249CRKJTTH*MTc0NDIzODY4Ny4xLjAuMTc0NDIzODY4Ny4wLjAuMA.