



SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2026

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	ATTENDANCE
Tuesday, September 15, 2026 7:00–8:30 p.m.	Del Ray United Methodist Church Lunceford Hall	Approximately 22 attendees

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Caitlin Leach provided opening remarks and welcomed members and guests to the September in-person membership meeting.

2. Alexandria Police Department Update

Captain Dennis Andreas of the Alexandria Police Department provided a crime and traffic update for Del Ray and the surrounding area. Topics discussed included recent incidents, traffic safety, and resident questions.

- Recent incidents included an Arlandria stabbing with a suspect outstanding, a commercial robbery at Tiger Mart, a robbery following a rideshare-related altercation, a petty-larceny arrest at Walgreens, and a fraud case in which an elderly resident was defrauded of approximately \$5,000 by an individual impersonating the Sheriff's Office.
- Residents were encouraged to review Police Department resources and social media for current information on outstanding suspects and active investigations.
- Captain Andreas reported that crime was down approximately 40 percent year-to-date.
- Five recent traffic-accident calls were noted, including incidents on Mount Vernon Avenue. Traffic-safety work near West Glebe Road and Russell Road during school hours was also discussed.
- Resident questions included late-night noise/activity near Commonwealth Avenue, the possibility of reducing certain speed limits to 20 mph, pedestrian safety near Glebe Road and Mount Vernon Avenue, and accessibility concerns affecting senior residents.
- Residents were encouraged to call police regarding active concerns so officers can assess the situation.

3. Alexandria Sheriff's Office Update

Sheriff Sean Casey provided an overview of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, including responsibilities associated with the detention center, courthouse security, and civil process.

- The Sheriff highlighted the detention-center dashboard available online and welcomed community feedback.
- Community services discussed included out-of-town home checks, the Sheriff's Community Academy, Project Lifesaver, and the return of the free child car-seat installation program.
- A resident asked about the Sheriff's Office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). Sheriff Casey discussed the City's prior ICE-related arrangement and current detention procedures.

4. Board Introductions

Members of the 2026–2027 DRCA Executive Board were introduced.



5. 2026–2027 Budget Presentation and Member Vote

The Association reviewed the prior year’s budget and the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 membership year beginning October 1, 2026. A detailed version of the proposed budget had previously been distributed to members by email.

- Members were informed that DRCA intentionally spent down a portion of accumulated funds during the prior year because reserves had grown during the COVID period.
- The Caboose-related account is being treated as a pass-through fund until that organization has its own bank account in place.
- Adopt-a-Park was identified as one of DRCA’s larger revenue-generating activities.
- Actual expenditures were approximately \$1,000 different from the earlier estimate.
- The Association’s funding-request form is available on the DRCA website for proposed community projects and expenditures. Potential outreach to community and philanthropic groups for future funding was also discussed.

BUDGET ACTION

The members present voted unanimously to approve the proposed DRCA 2026–2027 budget.

6. Committee Updates and Community Issues

Committee chairs and current areas of activity were introduced and discussed, including:

- Traffic Calming Committee.
- Parks Committee, including discussion of renovation needs at Judy Lowe Park.
- Land Use Committee, including issues involving substandard lots.
- Historical Committee; the committee’s regular meeting schedule was noted as the first Tuesday of the month.

7. Additional Business

Members discussed ideas for future community projects, including potential opportunities for public art in Del Ray. Members discussed community concerns involving drones and aircraft flight paths associated with Reagan National Airport (DCA).

8. Adjournment

Following completion of the scheduled business and community discussion, the meeting was adjourned.