

**Minutes of the Barcroft School and Civic League Meeting
February 4, 2010
Barcroft Community House**

Chairperson: Steve Wilson, Vice-President, BSCL

Treasurer's Report

For the month of January, the BSCL General Fund ended up with a positive \$341 bottom line, however, there is still a 12-month net loss of approximately \$2,400.

Announcements

The BSCL Board unanimously agreed to extend the rental hours of the Community House until 11 pm. This will help attract new renters and/or allow interested renters to add another hour to their rental.

Steve Wilson asked for help in designing a flyer to attract new renters. The flyer will be posted in various community locations and will be used to advertise in other neighborhood newsletters.

The Examiner newspaper has reappeared in parts of the Barcroft neighborhood. Bryant Monroe will re-send the letter to the Examiner with the BSCL resolution that states unless a household has specifically requested delivery of the paper, it should not be delivered.

New Business

The group discussed the probability that the County will reduce or eliminate its funding of the Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization (CPRO). Dave Michaelson made a motion to have the BSCL President submit a letter to the County supporting ongoing CPRO funding. Randy Swart seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Dave Michaelson announced that the fourth phase of community house renovation is under consideration for possible completion in August. The renovations will focus on the ceiling and lighting, among other items, and is expected to cost \$20,000-30,000. The Building Committee will meet at 6:30 pm before the next BSCL meeting on March 4. All are invited.

Realignment of S. Buchanan and Four Mile Run intersection

Pam Holcomb introduced Bill Roberts, Arlington County Capital Projects Section Supervisor. Bill has been working on the proposed realignment of S. Buchanan and Four Mile Run. He described the lengthy process to make improvements at the intersection and noted the approvals that are now in place to move forward with the work. Based on the timeline, major activities will begin in June 2010 to move utilities in the area underground. This work will continue for 9 months and will be disruptive to travelers along Columbia Pike. In Spring 2011, additional streetscape improvements will be made.

The group noted concerns about the following changes:

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- Alterations to the parking entrance for the shopping center at the corner of S. Buchanan and Columbia Pike
- Movement of the stop line further north on S. Buchanan before approaching the shopping center driveway at Columbia Pike
- The decision to keep two northbound lanes from Four Mile Run Minor across to S. Buchanan when there is only one southbound lane. Several in the group noted that this could increase cut through traffic in the Barcroft neighborhood. Bill noted that most northbound traffic at the intersection is turning left onto Columbia Pike since this is how many in the Douglas Park neighborhood exit the area.

A motion was made to recommend limiting the lanes at the realigned intersection to one northbound and one southbound lane on both sides of the intersection at S. Buchanan and Four Mile Run Minor. The motion passed with 16 votes for, 4 against and 1 abstention.

Another motion was made to increase enforcement of the speed limit along S. Buchanan Street. The motion carried.

The group agreed that the BSCL President would determine how to notify the County of the approved motions.

Upcoming Meeting Topics

March: Real estate assessment discussion and preliminary discussion of Phase IV renovations

April: Vote on Phase IV renovations

May: Police and crime update and BSCL Officer elections

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Lis.

More minutes at <http://www.bscl.org/minutes.htm>