

**Minutes of the Barcroft School and Civic League Meeting
May 5, 2011
Barcroft Community House**

Chairperson: Bryant Monroe, President, BSCL

Patrick Hope Visit

Delegate Patrick Hope joined the meeting. He is wrapping up his first term, intends to run again, and Barcroft will remain in his district after the re-districting process is approved. He spoke about the improving signs in the state economy, which has enabled adding funds to the rainy day fund, education, state employee raises, and increasing the fees paid to Medicaid providers.

He has been appointed to the Virginia Health Reform Initiative by the governor and will be helping the state to prepare for the 400,000 additional people eligible for Medicaid under health reform. He noted that the primary elections will be on August 23, followed shortly by the general election in early November. The shortened election timeframe is due to the redistricting timeline.

He discussed the impending BRAC moves and stated he is willing to get involved in the National Guard situation affecting Barcroft.

National Guard and State Department Follow-Up

Representatives from the National Guard announced that the relocation of 1,180 employees from Crystal City started earlier in the week. 25-50 people a day will move to the Arlington Hall location through July 20. The shuttle service will expand during this timeframe and is expected to transport one-third of the new employees.

Bryant Monroe asked the representatives to attend the June BSCL meeting to update the community on the progress.

2011-12 Slate of Officers

Barbara Swart, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the proposed slate of officers for next year. The slate includes:

- President: Pat Williamson
- Vice President: Jason Kiker
- Secretary: Jennifer Lis
- Treasurer: Gary Lefebvre
- Membership Secretary: Peg Lefebvre
- New Board Members: Dave Peacefull and Bryant Monroe

A motion was made to adopt the slate as proposed. The motion passed unanimously.

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Renovation Update

Chris Ditta asked about the status of renovation planning. Jim Kerr is investigating the county permit process as the county may be reluctant to issue a permit for this type of work to a historic building. In June, he will provide an update.

Four-Mile Run Park

Elizabeth Kiker has been coordinating neighborhood input to the proposed new park at the junction of Four-Mile Run and Columbia Pike. She introduced Valerie Mosely from the Department of Parks who is spearheading the county efforts. Valerie updated the group on the changes from the original proposed design. Those changes include:

- Aligning the bike path with the crosswalk/sidewalk at Columbia Pike.
- Creating a wayside/rest area for bikers with bike parking, multiple benches and a drinking fountain.
- Creating a family area with sand play, a water pump, cement tubes for climbing, and a learning loop trail off the main trail with mini-road signs.
- Improving visibility from the road.
- Adding a meadow with native plants.

The group discussed the changes and agreed that they were much better aligned with the desires of the neighborhood. A motion was made to approve the design and commend Valerie for her assistance. The motion passed with one opposed.

Announcements

Shirley Gay needs volunteers to help distribute food on Monday evenings at Barcroft Commons or the Goodwill on Columbia Pike. The distribution is with a local food bank that is an alternative to AFAC for several needy people. If interested, please contact Shirley or Jason Kiker.

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Lis.