

Potomac Yard Civic Association
Member Meeting Minutes
Fire Station Community Room - 650 Maskell Street 6:00pm
October 18, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Mila Yochum, President, at 6:03pm.

1. Welcome and Updates

- Amol Vaidya motioned to approve the minutes from August 20th. Scott Bailey seconded. Unanimous approval.
- Joanna Bump and Susan Richards, board members, provided an update on bank account (current balance \$557.30) and are working with the bank to reclaim monthly \$10 service fees charged prior to submission of 501(c)4 documents. Membership count stands at 51 members.

2. Vice Mayor Wilson Update

- Vice Mayor Wilson provided a general update and answered questions from members. Updates were:
 - WMATA contract has been awarded to begin metro station construction
 - School construction funding request to be made to state of Virginia
 - Planned closure of Braddock, Eisenhower, and King St metro stations in Summer 2019
 - Acknowledged member question on special tax district question and committed to continuing to explore options
 - Acknowledged member question on noise reduction from Silverstone for drilling and committed to reviewing options
 - Acknowledged member question on parking striping and inconsistency within the community and committed to reviewing options

3. Metro Station News/Voting

- Mitch Bernstein, Director of Department of Project Implementation and Fred Robinson, WMATA representative, provided an update on Potomac Yard Metrorail project. March 2019 work will begin and project completion is currently set for March 2022.
- With regards to parking area, members requested no chain link fence be used and that sidewalks are made for pedestrians
- Next PYMIG (Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Group) meetings scheduled for Oct. 22, Oct. 29, Nov. 5, Nov. 12, and Nov. 26 (subject to change).
- Members voted on priorities for design considerations for metro access. Results are: 1) distance (12 votes), 2) favorable for business development (9 votes), and 3) was safety (8 votes).

4. Alexandria Chief of Police, Michael L. Brown Update

- Chief Brown acknowledged that crime rates are generally down over the past 4 years
- Acknowledged parking calls in Potomac Yards are up 80% and committed to looking at parking related issues (abandoned vehicles, speeding, etc.). Chief Brown committed to

responding to calls but also made note that parking complaints are not deemed critical and responded to according to prioritization (suicide and domestic violence before parking violations)

- Notified members of recent airbag thefts in the area, particularly from Honda/Acura vehicles. Encouraged community to park in secured areas and monitor vehicles
- Acknowledged question from member on package theft and provided best practices to prevent theft (secure locations from Amazon, use tracking information to prevent packages being left outside for extended periods of time, ask a neighbor to pick it up, etc.).

5. Other Business

- October 25th 6:30pm Principle Berkowitz of Jefferson Houston meeting scheduled
- Angel Tree for 5 families in Potomac Yards confirmed
- Will continue to provide options on special tax district; the city has committed to propose a plan by the end of the calendar year.
- Will explore transportation management plan which is currently highly underutilized.

6. Meeting adjourned 7:50pm.