
POTOMAC YARD CIVIC ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY MEETING

December 10, 2018



Agenda

■ City of Alexandria

- ✓ Potomac Yard Metrorail Station
- ✓ Noise Ordinance

■ Potomac Yard Civic Association

- ✓ Approval of Minutes
- ✓ Board Elections
- ✓ Updates on Finance, Membership, Parking and Potomac Yard Metro Station Update
- ✓ Year in Review

■ Other Business

■ Next Meeting

■ Adjournment



About PYCA

- ▶ **Vision:** Potomac Yard Civic Association (PYCA) is the recognized voice of the community.

- ▶ **Mission** of Potomac Yard Civic Association is to:
Inform the community on matters impacting quality of life,
Engage the community through proactive outreach, and
Advocate for the community with external stakeholders.



Community Agreement

- Be respectful
- Raise your hand to speak and state your name
- Listen to the speaker
- Speak and ask questions when things are unclear
- We will not engage, support or advertise for candidates or elections
- Okay to disagree respectfully – differ on opinions
- We act based on the majority of voting members

City of Alexandria

- ▶ Mark Jinks, City Manager and Emily Baker, Deputy City Manager
- ▶ Lisa Goldberg, Office of Environmental Quality



Revised Noise Ordinance

Why revise noise ordinance?

- Virginia Supreme Court decision on a Virginia Beach case made sections of the noise code become unconstitutional because of vague language such as unreasonably loud, disturbs or annoys, excessive, etc.
- Consideration of allowing higher noise limits for commercial and institutional uses
- Enhanced monitoring and enforcement

Revision Process

- Since noise control is technical, it was decided to draft document and request public input
- Interdepartmental effort including staff from T&ES, ADP, CAO, P&Z, Code Administration
- Review of noise codes from other jurisdictions
- Legal and management review on several draft versions
- Comprehensive public outreach including civic associations and businesses, EPC, Planning Commission

Present Status

- Final draft is being reviewed internally
- Public outreach has started; two public meetings to be held in January (9th and 31st)
- Council consideration in March

How Is Noise Regulated in Alexandria



Permitted hours for some specific activities

- Construction
- Lawn and garden equipment

Decibel limits by property use

- Residential; commercial; institutional; industrial

Prohibited

- Uncontrolled animal noise
- Sound reproduction/ generation

Exempted

- Aircraft; railroads; emergency utility work; emergency generator

Noise Variance Permits

- Strictly for temporary relief from the noise code for special requirements or events

Summary of Proposed Changes



- New definitions
 - Plainly audible
 - Use areas – residential; commercial; institutional; industrial
- New permitted-by-time Activities
 - Loading/ unloading
 - Outdoor power cleaning equipment
 - DIY construction
 - Plainly audible in residential area
- New Daytime decibel limit for commercial/ institutional use areas
- Noise in public places
 - Extending from Central Business District to whole city
- Allow Special Use Permit (SUP) specific conditions to vary from noise ordinance provisions – may be more or less stringent
- Increased penalty fines

Public Outreach



- Two public meetings are currently planned in January 2019
 - January 9th and January 31st
- Civic & HOA associations
- Business & professional organizations
- City Commissions
 - Environmental Policy Commission, Planning Commission



**THANK YOU!
QUESTIONS?**

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- ▶ Minutes from October Meeting
- ▶ Board Elections
 - ✓ Paper Ballot
 - ✓ Names are needed to ensure one vote per household and membership status



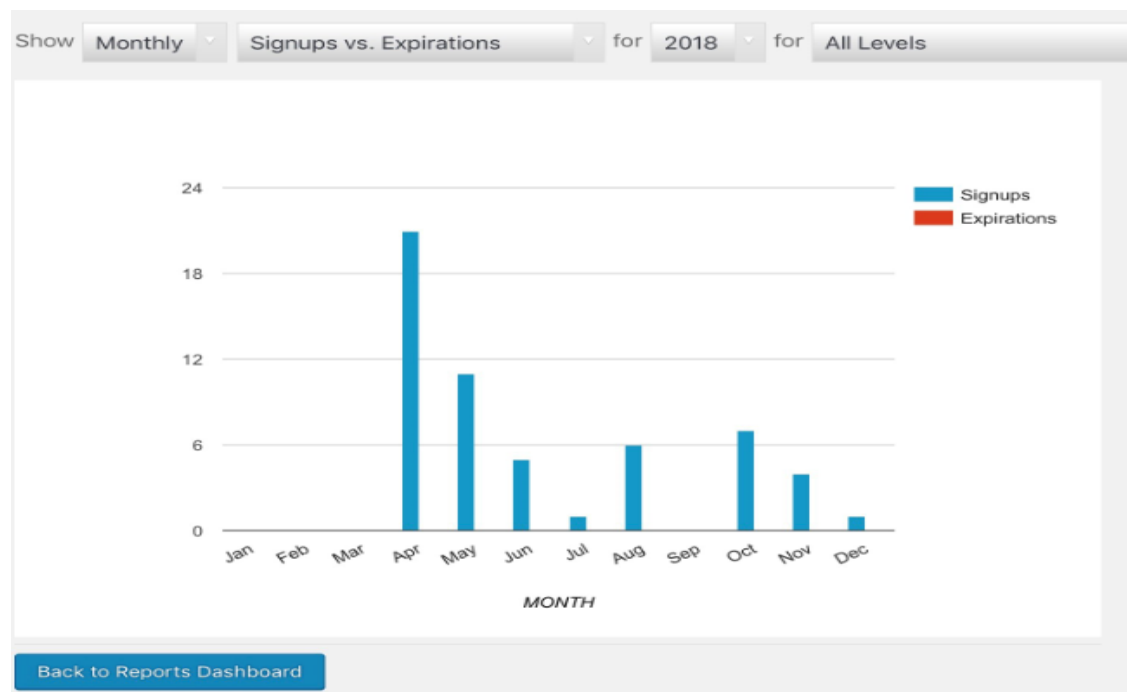
Finance and Membership

Finance Update

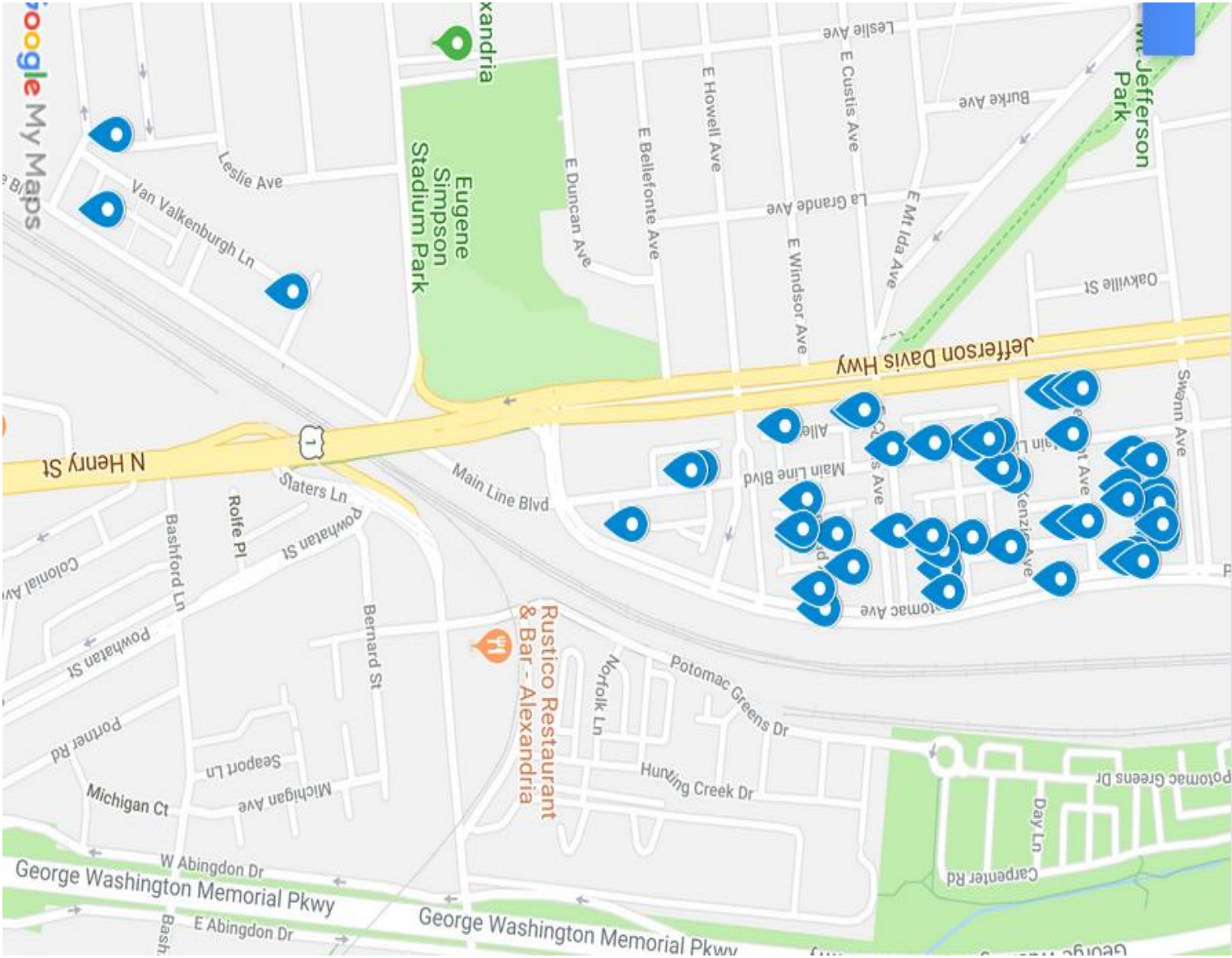
- ✓ \$848.94 Current Balance
- ✓ \$400 Loan to Board Members

Membership Update

- ✓ 56 Members as of 12/6/18



Membership Map



PYCA Updates/Community Discussion

- ▶ Parking
- ▶ Potomac Yard Metro Station Update



PYCA Accomplishments 2018

▶ PYCA City Appointments

- ✓ Dominion Working Group
- ✓ PYMIG
- ✓ PYDAC (Requested – Pending)
- ✓ Member of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations

▶ City Relationships

- ✓ Incoming Mayor, Vice-Mayor and Council Members
- ✓ City Manager, Deputy City Manager on Key Issues
- ✓ Director of Transportation, Planning and Zoning, & Special Projects Office
- ✓ City of Alexandria Police and Sherriff's Office Liaison



PYCA 2018 Accomplishments (cont.)

► Advocacy

- ✓ Special Services Tax District
- ✓ Southern Access Metro Station
- ✓ 230 kV Line
- ✓ Election Questionnaire
- ✓ Quality of Life

► Community Building

- ✓ 2018 National Night Out
- ✓ Parent Night for prospective and current families at Jefferson-Houston
- ✓ Angel Tree



2019 Goals

► Increase Membership

- ✓ Increase Outreach on PYCA's Value, Purpose, and Mission
- ✓ Partner with HOA

► Recruit Volunteers for Boards and Committees

- ✓ Increase Community Building Efforts
- ✓ Seeking a Social Events Committee Chair, Marketing Support and Board Members
- ✓ Building organization's capacity

► Parking and Transportation

- ✓ City Staff or Resident led Parking District
- ✓ Three Month Metro Closure

► City Efforts

- ✓ Continue outreach/liaison efforts related to HQ2, Metro and other key issues



Other Business



Next Meeting

February 11, 2019

7 PM

