

Potomac Yard Civic Association
Member Meeting Minutes
Fire Station Community Room - 650 Maskell Street 7:00pm
April 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Mila Yochum, President, at 7:05 pm. Quorum of members present.

1. City Updates

- Alexandria Police, Capt. Jamie Bridgeman provided a safety update and there are no trends or safety concerns in the community. Since the last meeting, there have been 130 traffic stops and 25 parking violations. There will be a “Block the Box” awareness event in the coming weeks; residents shared the concern to highlight Main Line Blvd. at Potomac Yard near Route 1.
- Alexandria Sheriff Dept, Capt. Craig Davie reported that the city is hiring and looking for sheriffs and encourage individuals to apply.
- Yochum shared that the shuttle expansion idea discussed at the last meeting would not be feasible. The cost of the existing shuttle is over \$50,000 and is used by about 25 residents. Members discussed and expressed interest in the follows:
 - Elimination of the shuttle
 - Continue to fund SMART Trip Card (with reduced burden)
 - Consideration for e-scooters
 - Allow funds to be used for bikeshare membership

PYCA will discuss the options with the TMP Coordinator; share the ideas with the larger community and contact the city about the ideas.

- Potomac Yard Metro Station meeting will be on April 22 at Jefferson Houston Recreation Center. PYCA contact the Commonwealth and there is little to be done if as long as the funds are used to improve access. Residents are encouraged to attend and continue to voice support for option 3. Members discussed the following rationale to support option 3:
 - Load balance of the platform and redundancy of the bridge in one needs to be repaired
 - Ridership expectation as Oakville Triangle development continues
 - Improve access between Potomac Greens and Potomac Yard
 - Consider the distance to entrance compared to the distance to Braddock Road

PYCA will try to contact Va. Tech, NIB, KP, APTA, Silverstone, Chamber of Commerce, Media/Press. PYCA encourages members to submit letters of support to City Councilmembers, Mayor and Vice Mayor.

2. PYCA Business

- Members Voting -
 - February 11 meeting minutes - Amoli Vaidya motioned to approve; Moira Saucedo seconded. Unanimous approval.
- Finance and Membership Update - \$1432.04 current balance. Membership at 63 households.
- Bunny Bonanza

3. Other Business

- Va. American Water is still planning on increasing the pipe size of the water line on Main Line Blvd. from May through October with paving completed by December. The details are yet to be confirmed.
- A member inquired about identifying a CERT volunteer for the community in the event of an emergency the CERT volunteer will assist first responders. Two members expressed interest and Yochum will follow-up with additional details.
- Kaiser Permanente will be hosting a Community Day on Saturday, April 13 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.
- The City of Alexandria has a parking district survey out through April 16th. The Potomac Yard HOA parking committee also has a survey out. Residents are encouraged to complete both.
- Members expressed concerns about the port-a-potty, lights and trash at Potomac Yard Park. PYCA will discuss with the city.
- Next meeting June 10 at 7pm

4. Meeting adjourned 8:33pm.