**Northwood Four Corners Civic Association (“NFCCA”) Meeting**

**October 16, 2019 – 7:30 pm, Forest Knolls Elementary School**

President Sharon Canavan presided at the meeting. Attendees (±37) introduced themselves. Refreshments were provided and raffles were held.

1. **Introduction.** President Canavan reviewed the NFCCA activities during the last year.
2. **Election of NFCCA Officers and Board members –** for October 2019 – October 2020.
	1. Sharon Canavan, president for the last two years (thanks Sharon!) announced that she would not be running for a 3rd term as president, but that she would stay on the Board as Past President.
	2. The following individuals were nominated and elected by the membership present for Fiscal Year 2020 (from the NFCCA General Meeting in October 2019 until the NFCCA General Meeting in October 2020):

**President: Samantha (“Sam”) Jones**

**Vice President: Edward (“Ed”) Levy**

**Treasurer: Sondra Katz**

**Secretary: Linda Perlman**

**At Large: Julie Whitcomb**

 **Robin Loube**

 **Karen Williams**\*

 \*volunteered & accepted as a Board member after the formal vote)

1. **Treasurer Report**.
	1. Sondra Katz, Treasurer, reported that NFCCA has $10,034.50 in savings, $4,517.01 in checking, and $1,259.57 in pay pal (dues and ad revenue not transferred to checking account) for a total of $15,811.08 in all NFCCA bank accounts.
	2. The 2018-2019 NFCCA Budget Report (back of the agenda) is incorporated in these Minutes by reference. For 2018-19, NFCCA had total income of $3,261.06 (dues $1,681.00, newsletter ads $2,060.00, and interest on savings account $40.06) and total expenses of $4,076.71. Expenses included $3,448.18 for newsletter printing, $321.25 for room rental, $113.46 for raffle prices, $72.35 for web hosting/domain name, $65.00 for MoCo Civic Federation dues, $50.32 for National Night Out, $48.45 for dues envelopes, and $47.70 for replacement metal supports for NFCCA signs.
2. **Silver Spring Village.** Peggy Gersvasi, President, and Doug Gaddis, Executive Director, of Silver Spring Village spoke to the NFCCA and informed the group that the Silver Spring Village’s services now extended to zip code 20901—which includes all of the NFCCA area. Silver Spring Village endeavors to help seniors remain in their homes (*i.e.*, to age in place) and provides services, such as transportation, home visits and assistance, as well as recreational and social activities, to members and residents of the Village service area. Silver Spring Village also partners with Habitat for Humanity and Rebuilding Together to provide weatherization improvements and home repairs for income eligible residents. The Silver Spring Village welcomes and always needs volunteers for its activities and to help provide services.
3. **Presentation on “Final Flight.”** The speaker was Erin Miller, author of the book “Final Flight,” a history of the fight to allow Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) who served in WW II, including Erin’s grandmother, WASP WW II pilot Elaine Danforth Harmon, to be buried in Arlington Cemetery. Erin shared her grandmother’s story as a trailblazing WASP pilot in WW II and her own efforts to ensure that her grandmother and other women pilots could be buried at Arlington Cemetery and would receive fair treatment as veterans.
4. **Issues Update.**
	1. **School Boundary Study.** Sharon Canavan presented this issue and discussed the three options under consideration.
		1. Options 1 and 2 reassign a portion of our neighborhood students from Forest Knolls Elementary School and then to Eastern Middle School. The boundaries for the areas affected by Options 1 and 2 are: Dennis Ave., Eastwood Ave., University Blvd., and Colesville Road. Boundary changes would be effective beginning with the 2020-21 school year.
		2. Option 3 is the only proposed option that keeps all of the current elementary school students in the NFCCA area at Forest Knolls Elementary School and then at Silver Spring International Middle School.
		3. A public survey in early summer 2019 favored Option 1. The MoCo School Superintendent is scheduled to make a recommendation to the Board of Education around October 28, 2109. Public hearings then will follow in or about November 2019, with the final decision currently set for November 28, 2019.
		4. A Resolution favoring Option 3 was introduced and passed by voice vote of the NFCCA membership at the October 16th meeting. The NFCCA will be sending a letter to the Board of Education stating that the NFCCA favors Option 3 and expressing NFCCA’s concerns regarding the other two proposed options.

**NFCCA strongly believes that our neighborhood and the families who live in our community are best served by elementary and middle schools that draw their student bodies from a contiguous service area that reflects the boundaries of the Northwood-Four Corners community. Further, Option 3 is the only option proposed that helps alleviate future overcrowding at Forest Knolls Elementary School.**

**Therefore, be it resolved that the NFCCA supports Option 3 proposed in the staff-developed Boundary Study, and directs the NFCCA Board to send a letter to the Board of Education reflecting our concerns regarding the other two proposed options.**

* + 1. Any residents who wish to voice his/her opinion regarding the future boundaries for students attending Forest Knolls Elementary School (and middle school) are urged to contact the Montgomery County Board of Education at boe@mcpsmd.org. The District 3 elected Board of Education representative is Patricia O’Neill at Patricia\_O’Neill@mcpsmd.org.
	1. **Accessory Dwelling Units.** In late July 2019, the Montgomery County Council approved zoning changes removing various restrictions on accessory dwelling units (ADUs). These changes become effective on December 31, 2019. The changes include:
		+ - Allowing ADUs as a limited use in R200, R90, and R60 zones. NOTE: All of the NFCCA area is zoned R60.
			- Limiting the size of a detached ADU to 50% of the footprint of the primary dwelling or 10% of the lot size or 1,200 square feet, whichever is lowest.
			- Clarifying that the existing rules—such as side and rear setback requirements, height limits, maximum lot coverage requirements, and stormwater requirements—still apply.
			- Requiring 3 off-street parking spaces for ADUs in areas more than 1 mile from a Metro, (future) Purple Line, or MARC train station.
	2. **US Route 29 Mobility and Reliability Study (Bus Rapid Transit – BRT).**

The next set of reviews and public workshops are anticipated for fall 2019-winter 2020. After these reviews and public workshops/comment, the Route 29 BRT is scheduled to be considered by the Montgomery County Council Transportation and Environment (T&E) Committee.

NFCCA Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 pm.

Minutes Prepared by: Linda S. Perlman, Secretary, NFCCA. November 6, 2019.