

**Arnold Preservation Council
Minutes of Annual Meeting
January 15, 2025**

Welcome - President Kathleen McCoun called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Nineteen individuals were in attendance, including officers, Vice President and Membership Chair Sue Ricciardi, Treasurer Teresa Miller and Directors-at-Large Richard Ensor, Elizabeth Rosborg and Chris Kerchner.

Remarks from County Council member Amanda Fiedler – Mrs. Fiedler remarked that the Office of Planning and Zoning is being quite tight-lipped about the Chick-fil-A proposal. She reviewed several bills before the Council and encouraged attending the upcoming Budget Town Hall.

President's Annual Report – President McCoun summarized her annual report which had been emailed previously to the membership. She outlined the successes, efforts and challenges of the previous year. The report will be placed on the APC website.

Officer's Reports

Minutes – Ms. Ricciardi presented the minutes from the December 18, 2024, General Membership meeting, which had been distributed earlier. After Ms. Ricciardi verified that a quorum was present, the minutes were approved.

Annual Membership Report – Ms. Ricciardi briefly summarized the report that had been made available earlier. She noted that there had been no change in dues from last year and that the 2025 membership renewal materials would be emailed out shortly.

Approval of 2025 Budget – Mrs. Miller reviewed the previously distributed proposed budget for 2025. The document was approved by the membership.

Election of 2025 Board of Directors – The following APC members were elected to the Board of Directors: Kathleen McCoun, Sue Ricciardi, Teresa Miller, Richard Ensor, Chris Kerchner and Elizabeth Rosborg. Volunteers were encouraged to be nominated to the Board.

Old Business

- **Chick-fil-A Update** – Mrs. Rosborg stated that all of APC's requests for meeting with the Office of Planning and Zoning had been denied. There has been no reply to a letter sent recently to the County Executive concerning this, neither from the County Executive nor his staff. APC is getting some advice from a volunteer engineer who is reviewing the plans. There has been no reply from the State Highway Administration about the access permit. APC has filed 13 MPIAs to the SHA to obtain information, and plans to keep pursuing its objections to the proposal as its main activity for 2025. The restaurant would be the first drive-thru-only in the state, so there are several possible precedents to be considered. Forty-two parking spaces are being requested when only 10 are allowed. The director of Planning and Zoning may make the decision on parking spaces at her discretion. It appears that the County is being very cautious about the proposal because it is fearful of being sued by Chick-fil-A.
- **Broadneck Trail Update** – Construction will continue on Phase 3 through spring. The building of foundations and sidewalks is being coordinated with pavement work. Weather is the consideration in finishing this as well as the crossing of College Parkway. The contractor has other commitments that are interrupting the work. Regina Zwolinski, president of the Raintree Community Association, described a safety issue that is affecting the Raintree, Rosslare and Woodfield Village communities. For a variety of safety

reasons, Raintree has been recommending that the proposed crosswalk across College Parkway be relocated to the east side of Raintree Drive. However, in spite of repeatedly contacting the County about the issue, their pleas appear not to have been taken seriously. She was encouraged to write an email to APC describing the situation and APC will follow up on it. Also Mr. Ensor will bring it up at the next trail meeting.

New Business No New Business was introduced.

Announcements

- **Jon Korin**, Chair of the Anne Arundel County Bicycle Advisory Commission and President of BikeAAA, announced a long-term project to get a separated bike trail for Boulter's Way to extend over the Naval Academy bridge to the stadium. Many groups are involved in the project. He also thanked APC for its continued hosting of a rest stop for Lifeline 100.
- **Budget Town Hall, District 5** – January 16, 6-8 p.m., Severna Park High School
- **Growth Action Network** – January 16, 7-9 p.m., in person (Friends Meeting Place, 351 Dubois Road, Annapolis) and virtual
- **Freshfield Development Post Submittal Meeting (Final meeting)** – January 29, 6:30 p.m., Broadneck Library
- **Route 2 Open House for proposed improvements along northbound MD Rt 2 in Arnold** – January 30, 5-7 p.m., Anne Arundel Community College Dining Hall

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Ricciardi