

**Arnold Preservation Council
Minutes of Annual Meeting
January 11, 2023**

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

Program

The program featured representatives from the State Highway Administration on the topics of the proposed Route 2 and Joyce Lane improvements. Presenting the topics were Matthew Ewell from the Office of Planning and Preliminary Engineering, Mariefrance Guiteau from the Office of Highway Design, and Erich Florence, Assistant District Engineer for Project Development.

Ms. Guiteau explained that the design has just been started as the first stage of the project and that is expected to be completed in January of 2024, after which there will be a public meeting. Eventually the project will be added to the SHA website.

Mrs. Rosborg commented on the possible construction of a bike lane along Route 2 saying that there is already a bike path through the communities of Indian Hills and Glen Eden which would be safer than placing one along Route 2.

Representatives from the communities of Indian Hills and Glen Eden pointed out the frequent occurrence of accidents at the crossover at their entrance and the illegal U-turns being made there along with the fast-moving truck traffic coming onto Route 2 from 84 Lumber. Traffic is especially hazardous at the afternoon rush hour and residents find it extremely difficult to get out of their communities.

In response to a question about the need to widen Route 2, Mr. Ewell pointed to safety issues such as the number of accidents, stop-and-go traffic and median crossover access.

Mr. Ewell said that the long-term goal is to widen the road all the way to Route 100 and that the widening may not take place in consecutive segments. There was a comment that the bike lane and sidewalks along Route 2 would also be a safety issue.

Mr. Florence then described what the state intends to do in the vicinity of Joyce Lane. First, the northbound crossover at Joyce Lane will be closed. The northbound crossover at Rt. 648, B&A Boulevard, will be widened to two left-turn lanes and will be signalized to stop southbound traffic only. The lanes will also be lengthened. Surveying has been completed and the design phase has begun. Most accidents occur in the northbound direction and this design would keep the traffic moving. The second lane would come from the median. There will be some widening of Rt. 648 at the intersection with Rt. 2. The target date for the design to be finished is April 2023 and a community meeting will take place shortly before that. Contacts at the SHA for this project are the community liaison Kelly Bouleware, who should be contacted first, and Mr. Florence.

It was pointed out to Mr. Florence that 4 new houses are to be built near the intersection of Rt. 648 and Route 2. Mrs. Rosborg said that she would follow up with Mr. Florence on this.

Officer's Reports

President –President McCoun presented her annual report. The full text will be placed on the APC website.

Minutes – Sue Ricciardi presented the minutes from the September 29, 2022, General Membership meeting, which was a Candidates Night, co-sponsored by APC, the Broadneck Council of Communities and the Cape St. Claire Community Association. After Ms. Ricciardi verified that a quorum was present, the minutes were approved.

Annual Membership Report – Membership Chair Ricciardi reported memberships for 2022 of 48 voting members, including 31 individuals or households, 14 community associations covering 1673 households,

one institution and two organizations. Eight non-voting friends resulted in a grand total of 56 supporters of APC. Membership totals were comparable to the last two years. Dues will remain the same as last year. All members have been sent an invitation to renew for 2023 and all guests present were invited to join APC.

Treasurer and Budget Approval– Mrs. McCoun also acts as the Treasurer. She gave a brief review of the 2022 budget and then presented the 2023 proposed budget for approval. The 2023 proposed budget had previously been sent to all members. During discussion of the motion for approval, Mrs. Rosborg moved an amendment which would increase the line item for the APC website from \$1000 to \$3000. She explained that the APC website is going to be redesigned which would mean a design fee. There will also be a new host and domain. APC has sufficient funds on hand to cover the proposed increase. The amendment was approved and after that the budget was also approved.

2023 Board of Directors – The following members were elected to the Board of Directors: Kathleen McCoun, Sue Ricciardi, Teresa Miller, Chris Kerchner and Elizabeth Rosborg.

Renovation of APC Website – Mrs. Rosborg thanked those present for supporting the budget increase for the website. She reported that the current platform is being discontinued and that APC has contracted with a new platform vendor, WIX and a new graphic designer, Studio 98. Also, APC is now using Constant Contact for emails and plans to use that, Facebook and the website in place of newsletters.

New Business There was no New Business introduced.

Announcements

County Councilperson Amanda Fiedler, who could not be present, relayed that county Budget Town Hall meetings are upcoming and the meeting for District 5 is scheduled for February 8 at 6 p.m. at Severna Park High School.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Ricciardi