

MINUTES of NORTH ROSSLYN CIVIC ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2018

*Residents are reminded that prior to every Community Meeting at the Holiday Inn, all are invited to the Lounge on the top floor for snacks and refreshments. In return for our buying this fare, the NRCA gets a free meeting room for the evening.*

The Community Meeting began at roughly 7:10 pm. Board members attending were John Hummel, Nicole Merlene, Atima OMara, and Terri Prell. Absent were Judy Brand, Elena Chambers, and Sylvia Kendra.

President John Hummel opened the meeting, thanking everyone for attending. The audience was roughly 20 residents plus the guest speakers. Hummel stated that the NRCA's Bank balance is \$1,378 at February 28, after payment of \$136 for the post office box. He stated that membership is below last year and we need to invite our neighbors to join up. He also recognized our sponsors: Hair Gallery, Elim Boutique, Holiday Inn, and 15/8 Tech Solutions. He encouraged all in attendance to support our Sponsors.

Hummel addressed a few community construction developments. First is a planned café with outdoor and lobby seating in the ABC Building on Lynn Street at Wilson. Next is Cava Mezze on Lynn Street, and Nando's Peri Peri Chicken and a bagel shop on N Moore. Finally, the County recently approved \$8 million in support of 249 affordable housing units on Queens Court South (adjacent to the new Arlington School in West Rosslyn).

Two Arlington County Police Officers attending the meeting told the residents that there is an individual in jail who is suspected of performing the sexual assault at the Atrium on May 7, 2017. The Officers said that the man knocked on several apartment doors and pretended to be a maintenance worker. When a woman opened the door, he got into her apartment and sexually assaulted her. The Officer said the Police have a "DNA match". Members in the audience from the Atrium expressed relief and thanks.

Nicole Merlene, NRCA Vice President, introduced our guest speakers: John Kusturiss and Joshua Bowden from Penzance Management LLC, and Matt Roberts, Attorney. The guests were invited to discuss the planned construction on the east side of Wilson Boulevard next to the new Arlington School. This construction will be on the land where the old building that once housed Quizno's, Domino's Pizza, and CVS currently stands. Mr. Bowden walked the audience through his 31-page presentation. Questions and concerns focused around construction noise during off-hours, pedestrian/vehicle congestion along Wilson Boulevard, and a lack of Atrium residents' access to Wilson Boulevard when construction begins.

The meeting adjourned at roughly 8:45 pm.

John Hummel, President