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Meeting called to order by Julie Lee at 7:35 pm.

Julie Lee introduced Officer Montoya, of ACPD's Community Outreach Team. The Community Outreach Team consists of 13 officers and a service dog, FRK9 Brooks, a one-year-old lab. Officer Montoya explained that his role consists of going to neighborhood events, participating in meetings, engaging with homeless individuals, participating in the "Coffee with a Cop" program and in parades, reading books to kids and helping deliver food to the needy. His favorite part of his job is meeting people face to face.

Officer Montoya talked about incidents of stolen vehicles and vehicle tampering that have been reported. The police department recommends having a 9:00 pm routine that includes locking vehicle doors and keeping anything of value out of view.

Steve Young asked about very loud car engine noises occurring between 10:00 pm and 4:00 am in the neighborhood. Is the department aware of and tracking this? Officer Montoya responded that intercepting individuals in and near our neighborhood is complicated by jurisdictional rules preventing them from following cars out of Arlington and into Fairfax County.

Julie Lee invited Officer Montoya to our pancake breakfast, parade and BBQ in September.

Old Business

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the April GCA meeting, which was seconded. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report by Tim Aiken. There are 177 dues-paying members and an account balance of \$18,517.00. Tim Aiken added that the balance drops when we pay for printing the *Village View*, but it is usually more than made up for when we get the ad revenues.

Civic Federation report by Tim Aiken. At the meeting three weeks ago, there was a presentation by the Legal Affairs Committee on data privacy and civil rights policies. Rodney Turner, Chair of the Police Practices Group, formed by Arlington County last year, spoke about three issues they are addressing: 1. The creation of a civilian review board to review citizen complaints; 2. Traffic enforcement by police officers to develop recommendations on issues such as whether there is a need for more cameras at intersections with traffic lights; and 3. Are efforts to provide mental health services along with police interventions adequate and effective?

The Civic Federation adopted a resolution in favor of giving more resources to the County Auditor, as they believe the existing checks and balances are not sufficient for a \$1.3 billion County budget.

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee report by Kathy Reeder. The construction contract for the project at 4th Street South (on the 5500 and 5600 blocks) has been awarded. It will begin this summer but there is not yet a specific date. There will be a pre-construction

meeting one to two weeks before construction starts, and residents will get some notice beforehand.

There has been a lot of activity on the water main on those two blocks and a lot of contractors, trucks, etc., but that work is finished now. There is still some gas main work to be completed.

Kathy was notified recently that work will begin in early May to relocate an utility pole that is between 5619 and 5623 4th St. S. The pole has been leaning noticeably. The pole will be moved a few feet to the right, and the project is expected to take approximately three months. "No parking" signs will be posted. Kathy has informed the residents, and they will get notice one week in advance of the work. All utilities, including Comcast and Verizon, are involved.. There will be occasional loss of power to some homes in that block, and residents will be notified a week in advance.

Initial conversations about the Kenmore Middle School wooded area have been held with the Neighborhood Conservation team, but there are no developments to report.

On 6th St. S., where the fence has been replaced several times, two bars are already down. Ms. Reeder asked that residents on that block report to her if they notice anything new.

Kathy Reeder would like to request the placement of a more visible reflector at the 1st St. S. dead end but will check with the residents beforehand.

Covid Vaccine/Arlington County report. Rachel Porter reported that the County is scheduling vaccine appointments for ages 16 and up. An ID is required and a parent or guardian must accompany 16- and 17-year-olds.

Steering Committee on Racial Equity and Inclusion report by Pippy Sickbert. The County continues to host dialogues on race and equity. At the most recent countywide meeting, Pippy was interviewed by Samia Byrd on the Glencarlyn REI committee's history, including its resolution, priorities, data collection and activities. People reached out from other neighborhoods for copies of materials the committee has produced. The agenda for the next 12 months includes a panel discussion by some of Arlington's active Hispanic residents. The committee will prepare an annual report on the work that has been done. The May 13 Wilma Jones/Halls Hill program is being co-sponsored by the Ashton Heights and Lyon Park neighborhood associations. Flyers with registration information will go out soon.

Village View report by Brandon Hemel. The deadline for the June issue is May 10. The June issue is the last until September.

Dog Policy at Carlin Hall. Residents observed that temporary "No Dogs Allowed" signs have been posted at Carlin Hall. The prohibition applies to dogs on or off leash. Some dog owners were not picking up after their dogs, which was a public health concern for the preschool. The County will replace the temporary signs with permanent ones.

Neighborhood Directory report by Brandon Hemel, Pippy Sickbert and Sara Williams. The collection of updated data continues. Although some residents have responded by saying that nothing has changed, a response with the complete address is required. A paper form will be attached to the June *Village View* for those who have not and are not planning to enter

their information online. There will be multiple collection points for the forms. The contact information is for internal use only. It will not be shared or put online. According to Pippy Sickbert, we have over 150 responses returned. Block Captains are asked to reach out to encourage participation.

Glencarlyn Library Campaign. Julie Lee reported that funds have been allocated for the library to open in September. Staff are being interviewed and hired. Initially, there will be an express format, with visitors coming for 30 minutes with social distancing. The funds have been provided for one year. We will likely go through the process of advocating for funds to keep our library open again next year.

New Business

Election of GCA Officers was conducted by Kathy Reeder on behalf of the Nominating Committee. The list of nominees for officers for July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, as presented by Kathy Reeder was as follows:

President: Julie Lee, Vice President: Courtney Holmes; Secretary: Deborah Elkinton; Treasurer: Tim Aiken; Neighborhood Conservation Delegates: Kathy Reeder and Ryan Donlon (Alt.); Civic Federation Delegates: Tim Aiken, Sue Campbell, Dixie Duncan, Jeff Liteman, Clara Johnson (Alt.), Chandi Krohl (Alt.), Pippy Sickbert (Alt.), and Sara Williams (Alt.).

Non-elected Positions:

Glencarlyn.org Webmaster and Glencarlyn Email Updates: Doug LeRoy;
Village View Editor: Brandon Hemel; Area Chair/Block Captain Coordinator: Pete Olivere. GCA's bylaws allow for nominations from the floor. There were none. Jeff Liteman moved to approve the slate of officers. Brandon Hemel seconded. There was no discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor of the slate. Julie thanked Kathy Reeder, Steve LeSueur and Barbara Martinez for an excellent job on the Nominating Committee.

Amendment of Bylaws to change our name from Glencarlyn Citizens' Association to Glencarlyn Civic Association. "Civic Association" is the terminology used by the Arlington County government. The use of the word "Citizen" can be misconstrued to mean U.S. citizens or homeowners only. Julie Lee read the proposal. Jeff Liteman moved to approve the amendment, Pippy Sickbert seconded, and it was approved unanimously. The change will be effective June 1, 2021.

Summer Activities. Julie Lee mentioned that ideas for neighborhood activities for adults and children during June and July are welcome. We have a reservation for Carlin Hall for the yard sale but still need a volunteer manager. Chandi Krohl will continue to schedule Friday food trucks, which is NOT a GCA-sponsored activity. The Spring Door Décor Contest will be on May 8. Judy Funderburk plugged the Plant Sale, on May 16 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, with the usual plentiful mix of native and non-native species. Glencarlyn Days will be celebrated on September 10-11. Steve Young announced that the Long Branch Nature Center has re-opened with limited hours. It will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. There is a new bird, Aggie the Fish Crow, who can often be seen in an enclosure behind the building.

Upcoming GCA Meetings. Speakers from the County Board rotate through our meetings from year to year. The next County Board speaker in rotation will be Christian Dorsey. Jeff Liteman suggested we invite the current Vice Chair and upcoming Board Chair, Katie Cristol. A School Board member or possibly the Superintendent will be invited to speak at a fall meeting. Brandon Hemel proposed having Michelle Winters of the Alliance for Housing Solutions speak about the Missing Middle project. Pippy Sickbert suggested we ask Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, County Attorney, to speak at a GCA meeting on issues around prosecutors. Steve Young, noting the increase in Glencarlyn Park usage, recommended getting someone from Arlington County Parks and Recreation to address use of the park, natural resources planning and the nature center.

Julie Lee expressed her thanks for being re-elected as President. She is looking forward to the year ahead.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.