



Glencarlyn Civic Association

December 4, 2023

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The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by President Julie Lee.

Topic: VHC Update from Adrian Stanton

Update:

VHC will be purchasing back 5.8 acres of the property at 601 S Carlin Springs to build a facility to house in-patient and out-patient behavioral therapy services. VHC anticipated submitting the 4.1 documentation to the county by the end of 2023 which did not happen because resources were tied up opening another outpatient pavilion.

- The cost of the project has changed dramatically from \$80 million to \$140 million.
- Presenting their recommendation for a third-party partner to the VHC Health Board of Directors later this week.
- The hospital will own the property and the building. The third-party partner will be a silent partner.
- Anticipating final approval at the end of 2024
- Construction will take 12-18 months to complete.

Questions from the floor proctored by Branden:

Parking:

- VHC assumes that they will not need the estimated 500 parking spaces due to the nature of the services and facility.
- The cost of parking will be split between VHC and the County as the County plans to utilize a portion of the spaces.
- Underground parking greatly increased the cost of the project. Looking at other options.
- VHC has not talked about an external parking deck. The discussed parking would likely be in the side of the hill closest to CSR

Plan/Site:

- The plan to be submitted will only address the VHC portion of the property, not the entire property.
- The plan is steering clear of the RPA.
- No plans for this facility to become a long-term care facility.
- The county review process is open to the public. The VHC Health board meetings are closed sessions.
- The board and VHC is committed to remaining independent, lending itself to long-term operations.
- VHC learned lessons with the expansion of the hospital. Balance between light pollution and security lighting.
- After the third-party partner selection, VHC and the partner would hold meetings with the community.

Security:

- The security plan will be the same plan that the hospital has on campus. VHC will employ its own security force.
- The in-patient wing will be a secured wing.
- The e length of stay will be 7-10 days.

Traffic Management:

- Two traffic studies will be conducted. One will be done prior to opening and one will be done post-opening to address any issues.
- There will be a construction traffic study.

Facility/Treatment:

- The original estimated number of beds was 112. VHC now estimates 146 beds. The square footage of the facility remains largely unchanged.
- The facility will primarily service Arlington residents, but it is not a requirement to be treated.
- In most cases, patients will be evaluated at the emergency room; however, the facility could take in a patient directly.
- Adolescent and adult units will be separated. The geriatric unit will remain at the hospital.
- Do not anticipate any opposition for more mental health beds.

Questions to be Answered:

- Number of employees

Approval of October Minutes: Approved corrected minutes

Treasurers Report: Tim Aiken

- \$21,047 with 127 paying members

Civic Federation Report: Stormwater drainage – impermeable surface area tax

ArNAC Report:

- Final design meeting on 11/16 on the 90% design completion
- At the request of GCA, the County will provide a trash receptacle in the project area. Glencarlyn will be responsible for purchasing trash bags and emptying the receptacle.
- There will be signs to describe the area and the pollinator plants.
- There will be temporary easements required as part of the project.
- There is a plan to replace the grass fields with turf.
- The hardscape portions will take place next summer.
- A new proposed project, supporting the Moses-Ball Spring area, will be submitted to ArNAC
- A group met with stormwater planners to look at the stormwater outfall at the end of Kensington. The outfall has degraded and needs to be repaired. Planning

Village View: Deadline for the February Village View is January 10th.

Upcoming Events:

Luminaria – need more volunteers for holiday party set up and clean up

St. John's Christmas Caroling – 7 PM Sunday Dec 10th

Next Meeting – February 5th – Susan Cunningham, newly elected county board person

Snow Shovel Brigade – county requires residents to clear the public sidewalks in front of their property. Snow Shovel Brigade assists those unable to do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM by Julie Lee.