

A P C NEWSLETTER

THE MISSION OF THE ARNOLD PRESERVATION COUNCIL IS TO UNITE THE PEOPLE OF ARNOLD, PRESERVE ITS RURAL HERITAGE, AND ENHANCE ITS ENVIRONMENT BY ADVOCATING RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, LINKED NEIGHBORHOODS, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND EXCELLENT SCHOOLS.

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Inclement weather and APC meetings: If schools are closed or close early, APC's meeting will be cancelled. contact www.arnoldpreservationcouncil.org to receive newsletter by email.

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January 14, 2013

The general meeting on January 14, 2013, held at Asbury United Methodist Church, was called to order at 7:32, with 16 members present.

President Elizabeth Rosborg welcomed all present, and called for a roll call to determine whether there was a quorum. A count of proxies received and those members present determined there was a quorum.

President's Report

APC had made great progress during the past year. APC members have participated in:

- * a B & A Trail cleanup
- * taking on the responsibility of a flower bed along the trail
- * planted a tree dedicated to Lucy Iliff in the plot
- * produced a new brochure
- * developed a new and improved website
- * last year's rezoning debates and hearings
- * are involved in the continuing negotiations with CVS on the Arnold Road corner

Recording Secretary Alberta Stornetta

Reading of the November minutes was omitted, as the minutes had been received by all. Hearing no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report Sue Ricciardi

Closing balances as of November 26, 2012

CD	\$ 4978.67
Checking	9194.80

Checking Account Activity

Income	
2013 Memberships	\$ 420.00
APC Donations	275.00
GAN Donations	<u>1575.00</u>
	\$ 2270.00

Expenses

GAN contract payment to Ann Fligsten	\$ 750.00
Postage and mailing	15.52
Dues to other organizations	<u>80.00</u>
	\$ 845.52

CD Activity

Income

Interest posted 12/12/2012	1.63
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Closing balances as of December 31, 2012

CD:	\$ 4,980.30
Checking:	10,619.28

Checking account allocation:

APC funds	\$ 6162.11
Growth Action Network funds	\$ 4457.17



Proposed Budget for 2013

The proposed APC budget for 2013 was introduced by treasurer Sue Ricciardi and approved by the membership present.

The proposed GAN budget for 2013 was introduced by treasurer Sue Ricciardi and approved by the membership present.

History Project Alberta Stornetta

A display of pictures from the forthcoming book *Arnold, Maryland and Neighbors on the Broadneck* was displayed as an update. The book is back on schedule and should be ready for sale by the end of April.

Membership Sage Mumma

Membership notices were sent in late December. Renewals have come in and more were expected. An additional mailing will go out in January. It is hoped we will get more local businesses, organizations as members, most especially Anne Arundel Community College.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee presented the following slate for the 2013 Board of Directors:

Robin Adkins
Sage Mumma
Elizabeth Rosborg
Sue Ricciardi
Alberta Stornetta

There were no nominations from the floor and the slate was adopted.

The elected Board of Directors agreed to remain in their same jobs for the year 2013.

Growth Action Network (GAN) Ann Fligsten

Anne Arundel County like many jurisdictions has experienced rapid growth in the past decades. Growth has not been matched with sufficient infrastructure to support it, resulting in:

- traffic congestion among the worst in the nation
- impairment of all our County rivers
- severe air quality conditions
- overcrowding of schools
- loss of farmland and forests
- health of the Chesapeake Bay and its true viability as a resource
- huge unfunded backlogs of needed maintenance of infrastructure.

GAN worked hard to increase impact fees that were among the lowest in the state so that new development would get closer to paying for itself and not be further subsidized by taxpayers.

Members of GAN supported a general development plan (GDP) that seeks to protect existing neighborhoods and open space in the County.

In zoning amendments that were totally contrary to the GDP, members filed a lawsuit to uphold the protections of the GDP for their areas.

GAN assists communities trying to maintain their quality of life in the face of change.

In 2011 a number of community workshops were held across the County to prepare citizens to participate in the Comprehensive Rezoning process.

Coming soon Advocacy Boot Camp! Participants will learn how to prepare and participate effectively in administrative hearings.

Unfinished Business

CVS still in negotiations on improved traffic control Bus shelters (MD Highway Authority)

New Business

There is a new color-coded critical areas bill which will affect anyone living within 1,000 feet of wetlands or river.

FAQ What's going on at The Depot liquor store?

As we go to press you probably have read that their 20 year lease was up and the shopping center management raised their rent 80 per cent, so they have closed and are moving elsewhere. Too bad -- part of our history is gone.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

ASBURY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH