

Arnold Preservation Council
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
February 26, 2024

Vice-President Sue Ricciardi called the Zoom meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Also present were Treasurer Teresa Miller and Directors-at-large Richard Ensor and Chris Kerchner, and near the end of the meeting, President Kathleen McCoun.

Minutes The previously emailed minutes for the January 29, 2024 Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Membership Report Membership Chair Sue Ricciardi gave a report for February, 2024. Membership totals of new or renewed members so far for 2024 are 21 Individuals/Households and six Community/Homeowners Association, equaling 27 voting members, and three Friends for a total of 30 APC supporters. The report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report Mrs. Miller presented a Treasurer's report covering the period from January 31 through February 25, 2024. The report contained income from donations, dues and interest on the CDs. IRS Form 990 and the Maryland Personal Property Tax Return have been filed. Mrs. Miller is continuing to investigate the possibility of APC using Zelle to allow dues and donations to be remitted online. The report was approved.

Old Business

- a. **Chick-Fil-A update** – Mrs. Rosborg reported in advance of the meeting that the plans that were included with the Chick-fil-A community meeting notice were from 2022. She has asked for a 2024 date stamp and is waiting for that before she sends a notice out to all. She has also written to Eliot Powell and asked his professional opinion on some items. Mrs. Miller urged The Board to stay on top of the CFA issue and work proactively to advance its position. Possible actions are hosting a large public meeting, a Board meeting in advance of the community meeting and preparing bullet points prior to the community meeting.
- b. **Tommy's Carwash Update** - Mrs. Rosborg reported in advance of the meeting that she has not heard back from Anarex, the Engineering firm for Tommy's.
- c. **Report on Middle Mill Creek Stream Restoration Meeting** – Ms. Ricciardi attended the meeting and reported the following. This planned restoration stretches for 4,000 linear feet on a section of Mill Creek between College Parkway and the southern end of Kings College Drive. Valley wide weirs will be installed to halt the erosion occurring along the creek. Forty specimen trees will be saved, but smaller trees and vines will be removed. The project is expected to begin in the summer of 2026. Work would not be done during the spring fish spawning season. The existing sewer manholes will be raised. There will be plans for revegetation. The area will be very wet after the project is completed so it is unlikely that anyone would try to cross from one side of the stream to the other as has occurred in the past.
- d. **Broadneck Trail update** – Mr. Ensor reported that construction is continuing with the placing of stones, removing of stumps and the building of retaining walls and handicap ramps. The final schedule is expected to be presented on February 28. The large part of the construction should be completed by this summer and the trail will likely be open in chunks.
- e. **Shot Town Road Update** - Ms. Ricciardi reported that she attended a community meeting earlier in the evening regarding a proposal to obtain a grading permit in advance of building a home at 1478 Shot town Road. A modification will be requested to disturb a steep slope buffer. The property is zoned RLD and partially Open Space and Planning and Zoning has proposed that it be

rezoned as all RLD in the current zoning process. Mr. Ensor suggested that questions be submitted during the 14-day period after the community meeting asking whether there will be retaining walls, what will the completed section disturbing the buffer look like and what will be done to prevent the earth from washing out in that section.

New Business - None

Announcements - None

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned about 8:35 pm.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 25, 2024.

Minutes prepared by Sue Ricciardi

Note: The minutes, membership and treasurer's reports referred to above will soon be available on the Google Drive.