

Highland Park Overlee Knolls



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Neighborhood News

Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association

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HP-OK General Meeting — Wednesday, March 2

Reed School Multi-Purpose Room, 7:30pm

Elections, In-Fill Development/Historic Preservation, Westover Library Update

Election of HP-OK Officers

At the March 2nd meeting, the General Membership will vote for HP-OK Officers. The HP-OK Nominations Committee will present the following slate for 2005. Nominations are still open. If you are interested in serving as an officer or committee chair, please contact Cliff McCreedy, Nominations Chair, at 703-538-4568, or submit your name at the meeting.

President: William Hemphill (interim)

Vice President: Dennis Dineen

Treasurer: Steve Rentner

Secretary: Jim Burkholder

Neighborhood Conservation Representative: Cliff McCreedy

Quadrant Representatives:

NE Quadrant: Kate Kirkpatrick

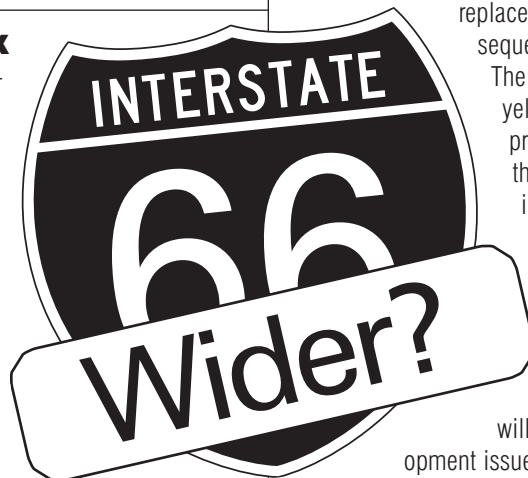
NW Quadrant: Rosie McCabe


SE Quadrant: Jeff McLellan

SW Quadrant: Bill Bissell


New Lane Looming Over HP-OK

Arlington citizens weighed in against the proposed widening of I-66 at two public workshops held in October by Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). Attended by President Tom Hetrick and Neighborhood Conservation Representative Cliff McCreedy, the "Idea-66" workshops produced several alternatives such as bus rapid transit, Metrorail improvements, high occupancy vehicle (HOV) and high occupancy toll (HOT) lanes, and spot improvements to the Fairfax Drive and Sycamore on-ramps. HP-OK wrote to Governor Warner last year opposing the addition of a westbound lane from Rosslyn to the Dulles Access Road because of effects on the neighborhood from further noise, pollution, and property impacts. HP-OK supported improving the efficiency, capacity and ridership of the existing road and public transit system instead of widening. VDOT also recently sponsored a telephone poll "among residents...both inside and outside the beltway." 47% of commuters rated bus/rail as their preferred option, while 52% suggested road widening. The next step is submission of the




Idea-66 report in March to the Commonwealth Transportation Board and additional hearings. The result of the process remains to be seen. At a meeting of HP-OK Civic Association last year, Delegate Al Eisenberg warned that pressures to widen I-66 were making it seem inevitable. For more information, go to www.idea66.com 

Limits on Residential "Lot Coverage" Proposed

The Arlington County Board on May 7 will consider a proposal by the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) to limit the total lot area that can be covered by new construction homes or other structures. The ZORC committee is recommending standards that would address concerns about "mansionization," which include bulky and incongruous buildings that are incompatible with a neighborhood's character, loss of trees, and more open space converted to driveways and parking. HP-OK is experiencing "tear-downs" and construction of new homes occurring in many Arlington neighborhoods. One such example is the recent demolition of the "yellow house" on McKinley Street and its replacement by two new construction homes, and consequent loss of its historic values to the community. The proposal by "ZORC" would not have saved the yellow house because it does not address historic preservation. However, it would, among other things, reduce lot coverage from 56% (by-right) in single-family R-6 lots to 40%, or 45% with detached garage. This would reduce the "footprint" of new construction or additions, porches, garages, driveways and the like. (Existing structures are grandfathered.) Anything that affects property rights is by definition complex and controversial. HP-OK will discuss historic preservation and in-fill development issues at the March 2nd meeting. 

Westover Library Update

Plans for constructing the Westover Library at the current Reed School site are moving forward. A final plan should be ready for permitting in summer, 2005. Once the permits are in place, the project can be advertised for construction bids. Arlington County Libraries hopes to open the new Westover Branch in spring, 2007. 

Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association Officers 2004-2005

Executive Committee

President: Tom Hetrick

6244 North 18th St. | 703-536-3612

Vice President: Pete Keys

6110 North Washington Blvd. | 703-538-6945

Treasurer: Steve Rentner

6122 North Washington Blvd. | 703-533-0285

Secretary: Jan McQueary

1921 North Madison St. | 703-533-0959

Neighborhood Conservation Representative

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Neighborhood Quadrant Representatives

Washington Blvd. and Ohio Street divide the community into four quadrants. Quadrant representatives coordinate activities and issues in their respective areas.

NW Quadrant:

Roger Morton 703-536-7233

NE Quadrant:

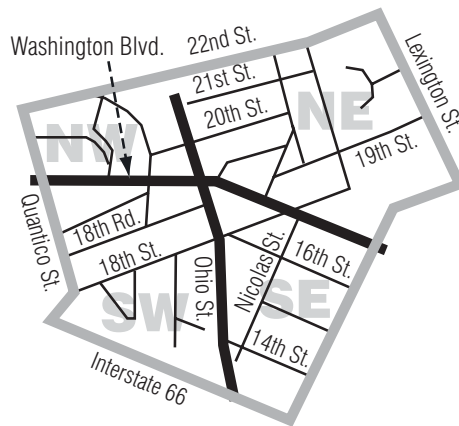
Rosie McCabe 703-276-1916

SW Quadrant:

Bill Bissell 703-237-1165

SE Quadrant:

Bill Hemphill 703-237-9528



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via e-mail on the HP-OK list serve. To join, send an email to hp-ok-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
Questions about the list? Send an e-mail to hp-ok-owner@yahoogroups.com

Review of John Marshall & No. 20th Street

An HP-OK resident, Jodi McGarry, has raised concerns about bicycle and pedestrian hazards caused by traffic crossing John Marshall Drive at 20th Street North, including poor visibility, high traffic speeds and the lack of crosswalks. The area is used heavily as open space as well as a bike path. Arlington County Department of Public Works will conduct a study of the intersection for possible improvements. 🏠

Neighborhood Conservation Update

Ohio Street Project Approved.

On December 9, 2004, the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) approved the HP-OK project to install a center traffic median on North Ohio Street with tree plantings between Washington Boulevard and the I-66 overpass. The narrower travel lanes should reduce traffic speed while allowing for parking and bike lanes on both sides. The project also includes textured crosswalks at 18th Street and 14th Street (parallel to Ohio) and across Ohio at the intersection of Washington Boulevard, and new Granville style streetlights on both sides of Ohio and a portion of 14th Street. The NCAC approved only the first phase (\$304,000 of estimated cost of \$607,400) and forwarded its recommendation to the Arlington County Board. HP-OK will need to submit the sec-

ond phase to NCAC for funding at some point in order for the Ohio Street project to be finished as designed.

Parkhurst Park Renovation in Queue.

Parkhurst Park (aka "Horseshoe Park") is a neighborhood-approved project eligible for consideration by NCAC, and includes landscaping, play equipment, drainage and other improvements to our neighborhood park. Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Resources is providing matching funds.

Neighborhood Signs Coming.

Three neighborhood signs also approved for funding by NCAC should be installed this spring. Installation of a fourth located on the existing Reed School site might be delayed until after construction of the new Westover Library. At its October, 2003 general meeting, HP-OK Civic Association voted to place four signs at the following locations: northwest corner of Washington Boulevard and McKinley Street (Reed School), North side of Washington Blvd on the John Marshall Greenway, south side of 22nd Street on the Greenway, and near the I-66 Bridge on west side of Ohio Street.

For more information on NC improvements in HP-OK, contact Cliff McCreedy at 703-538-4568 or cgmccreedy@aol.com 🏠

Join HP-OK Civic Association

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Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

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I am interested in volunteering for _____ committee.

I am available to help distribute newsletters

Membership dues is \$5 per person.

Attached is my dues payment for this year.

Please make checks payable to **HP-OK Civic Association**.

Please drop this form off at 6122 N. Washington Blvd.

Do you have an article or an idea for the newsletter?

Email your contributions to president@hp-ok.org

Comments or suggestions for HP-OK activities:
