

1The March 6, 2024 meeting of the Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association was called to order by president John Ford at 7:01 p.m. Twelve members were in attendance. They were: Laura Stout, Irene Szopo, Eric Massant, Greg Perett, Jon Ware, Michelle Winters, Bill Braswell, Chris DeRosa, Bob Schmid and Sherry Liebes.

County Board member Susan Cunningham joined the meeting and engaged in a wide-ranging discussion with CA members for an hour. Among items discussed were: The intersection at N 18<sup>th</sup> St and Patrick Henry Drive (Susan mentioned new county road traffic director Hui Wang is open to creative solutions to troublesome problems like this intersection); the County Manager's 2025 budget; Missing Middle and housing issues generally; differences of opinion around the county on what to do about the growing deer population and tree sustainability (deer feast on tree saplings); long-range planning and the county board chair's Arlington 2050 initiative, and the county board commission process generally.

After Susan left the meeting, January 10 meeting minutes were approved as was the treasurer's report. Laura reported on the brief period during which a speed camera was installed on northbound Patrick Henry Drive near N 18<sup>th</sup> St. It was gone within a week.

Several officers briefed on the May newsletter which will be hand-delivered leading up to and serving as a reminder for the May 15 annual meeting. Everyone was urged to pitch in and help distribute this printed newsletter, which always generates greatly increased dues payments.

Plans for Westover Day 2024 were discussed. The event will be held on the Cardinal School grounds on Saturday, September 21.

A suggestion that TLHCA develop and circulate a member survey was approved. The survey results will hopefully be available at the annual meeting. Various ideas were discussed to promote greater attendance at our meetings. It was agreed that several additional notices would be sent out electronically before the May meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.