

November 17, 2021

The November 17, 2021 Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association board meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president John Ford. The minutes from the previous September 8 meeting were unanimously approved.

Treasurer Irene Szopo presented her bi-monthly Treasurer's Report, noting that TLHCA had secured a one-year Zoom account to facilitate virtual meetings. A discussion of uses for the association's current positive balance revealed a strong board consensus to support projects in the future that demonstrably serve the overall good of our community, as opposed, for example, to donations to worthy charitable organizations. Individuals can and do make such donations on behalf of themselves and their families.

Michelle Winters briefed the board on current developments with respect to the major county initiative Plan Langston Boulevard. She noted that this is a multi-decade project but that there is definite momentum.

Laura Stout explained the new APS program called Slow Zone designed to calm traffic near selected county schools, including our new Cardinal Elementary School. It was determined that Slow Zone will not extend far enough from the school grounds to impact the problematic intersection of N. Patrick Henry Drive and N. 18th St., which has been a neighborhood concern for many years.

John Ford noted that there is growing community support for traffic calming at N Patrick Henry Drive and N 18th St, which lies within TLHCA's boundaries. He has been working with the presidents of the Cardinal Elementary School and Swanson Middle School PTA presidents on a common approach to the County Board and Manager to implement changes at this intersection. The board expressed strong support for a joint communication to the county. (This was completed and sent to the County Board and Manager December 8.)

John Richardson explained the functions of Arlington Neighborhood Village, on whose board he also serves. There was strong support for its activities.

There was a brief discussion of items for the December virtual Christmas TLHCA newsletter. It should go out in the middle of December.

Several questions concerning the new Cardinal School stormwater detention vault were raised by a community member who joined the meeting, and John Ford and others responded to them.

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom.

Tonight's meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

