



President's Corner

By Eric Berkey

Hello everyone. To those of you with school-age children, I wish you a safe beginning to this new school year. I urge everyone to be mindful when driving through the neighborhood as students gather at bus stops and walk to their respective schools in the morning and home in the afternoon.

Follow up to July 4th Celebration: A big thank you to Paul Timpane, Henry Dunbar, Stan Kang, and all those who helped put on our July 4th bike/float decorating contest, parade, and reading of the Declaration of Independence. Out of caution for the safety of residents, the traditional picnic and celebration that typically follows the parade did not occur this year. Nevertheless, turnout for event was tremendous and a joyful time was had by all. It is our hope and expectation that public health conditions will allow us to hold a full July 4th celebration in 2022.

Listserv: This is just another reminder that the Civic Association operates a neighborhood listserv, which is a critical venue for information about neighborhood and community events. If you are not a member of the listserv, please join by sending an email to dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io with your name, street, and block number.

NEXT DPCA MEETING

MONDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

AT 7.00P VIA ZOOM

Please see 'Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News' at right for more information. All are welcome to attend.

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Douglas Park Civic Association Meeting News

By Eric Berkey

CIVIC ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING – 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

The next Civic Association meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 20, 2021, via Zoom. The Zoom link will be provided a few days prior to the meeting on the Civic Association listserv. If you are not a member of the listserv, please join by sending an email to dpca-listserv+subscribe@groups.io with your name, street, and block number.

If you have not yet attended a Civic Association meeting, we welcome you to attend our September 20th meeting, hear some neighborhood updates, and meet some of your neighbors. At our next meeting, in addition to hearing officer updates, we will be joined by Tim McIntosh from Arlington County staff, who will provide an overview of the County's Neighborhood Conservation program and its processes. Following Mr. McIntosh's presentation and a question and answer session, we will provide a presentation on the final draft of the Civic Association's updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan, which will be posted on our website at: <http://www.douglasparkca.org/neighborhood-conservation/>. Following this presentation and discussion, attendees will vote upon approval of a draft that will be submitted to the County for final approval (which is discussed later in this newsletter).

PRIOR MEETING

At our June 21, 2021, meeting, we discussed updates to our Neighborhood Conservation Plan and were joined by County Board Vice Chair Katie Cristol.

DOUGLAS PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION • ARLINGTON, VA**MEETING CALENDAR**

The Association conducts general membership meetings in February, April, June, September and November. Meeting dates and locations are subject to change; up-to-date information is available at <http://www.douglasparkca.org/> or in the *Douglas Park Neighbor News*.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

Monday evening, 20 September 2021 at 7.00p via Zoom. Please see page 3 of this newsletter for more details. All are welcome.

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Update to Neighborhood Conservation Plan

by Eric Berkey

The Neighborhood Conservation Plan is a foundational document for the Civic Association to guide the types of improvement projects we'd like to see over the next 5-10 years and is a part of the County's Neighborhood Conservation Program, which enables civic associations to propose projects of their choosing to the county for eventual funding and implementation. The Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update Committee, along with myself and Co-Chair (and DPCA Vice President) Megan Lynch, has been working on an update to our plan (last issued in 1998) and will be posting a copy of the final draft of the updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan on the listserv and here: <http://www.douglasparkca.org/neighborhood-conservation/>.

While we will give a presentation on the final draft at the September 20, 2021, meeting, we can share top-line neighborhood goals here, which include:

1. The neighborhood enjoys using its parks and trails and recommends that the county develop long-range plans for these facilities to guide immediate and long-range improvements.

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taxes.arlingtonva.us

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health.arlingtonva.us/behavioral-healthcare/mental-health

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transportation.arlingtonva.us/parking

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jefferson.apsva.us

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Update to Neighborhood Conservation Plan (ctd)

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2. To the extent that DPCA continues to grow, the neighborhood wants to continue to work with the county to manage growth in a way that maintains Douglas Park's sense of community in the heart of the Columbia Pike corridor.

3. DPCA should continue to be consulted and included in county decision-making related to development on Columbia Pike and its impact on Douglas Park.

4. Foster a family-friendly environment in our neighborhood and support Randolph Elementary School as our neighborhood school.

5. Expand and improve the neighborhood's sidewalk network and improve street lighting where it is inadequate.

6. Improve the appearance of Douglas Park's streetscape with additional landscaping, street improvements, sidewalks, curbs, and gutters.

7. Improve pedestrian safety and protect the neighborhood from cut-through traffic, speeding, and other traffic safety hazards by immediately initiating the County's Residential Traffic Management process.

8. Encourage the revitalization of Columbia Pike and its businesses and promote a blend of services and retail stores that the neighborhood needs, with a scale and density compatible with community desires.

9. Protect, improve, and expand our neighborhood's natural assets—its parks and open spaces.

10. Ensure community infrastructure like water mains, streets, and sewage lines are safe and properly maintained.

Once a draft is approved by a majority of residents at the Civic Association meeting, the draft will be shared with County Planning staff, who will provide feedback, in addition to being submitted to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and Planning Commission for review. The Plan will be ultimately submitted to the County Board for acceptance, which we hope will be completed by the end of 2021.



Douglas Park Market Report

Jan '21 - July '21

Avg Sales Price - \$900k

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