

DRAFT Minutes
February 11, 2015
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Approval of January, 2016 Minutes (not approved)
3. Officers and Staff Report

Stormwater Presentation by Jason Papacosma:

Edie Wilson - Is it safe to assume that the area in South Arlington has a combined sewer system? Jason - No, all of Arlington is on a separate sewer system. Sarah McKinley - How is the stormwater tax imposed? Jason Papacosma - It comes through on your real estate tax. Ken Robinson - Additional charges for multifamily units can be substantial. It's a maintenance charge on the buildings. People are essentially paying two taxes. Jason Papacosma - When development occurs storm water controls have to be put into place to address stormwater. There is no additional tax for multifamily units. They are private facilities. Alexandra Bocian - What is the current amount of money you have for projects in the county? Jason Papacosma - The fund has about \$20 million with some of the money currently earmarked for projects. Tracie Morris - If there weren't NC projects on the table who would be doing them? Jason Papacosma - it's a synergy that helps with costs and we work well with the NC Program. All projects have to comply with the county code. Frank Winchell- How long do the bio-retention projects take until there is no more ponding in the basin? Jason Papacosma – Typically the water recedes within twenty four hours. Sandra Hernandez – Does the county use native plants for the projects? Jason Papacosma – Yes, we have certified landscape architects on staff that prepare landscape plans for each of the retrofit projects that we do. Deborah Wood - How do the bio-retentions deal with road salt? Jason Papacosma - It can certainly have an effect and we are working on that. We are still learning things about the bio-retention projects and we are continually analyzing what works and what does not work. Natasha Pinol - Are you looking at other alternatives that you can use in the future? Jason Papacosma - Yes, we are using things like brine, which is still salt, but doesn't move around as much. Sarah McKinley - Do these basins get clogged up and become less effective? Jason Papacosma – Yes, they can get clogged up, but we do maintain them. We have a maintenance contract and our goal is to inspect and clean them

quarterly. Mulch does get replaced, but we may have to replace the soil in the future as well. Paul Bolejack - One of the projects in our neighborhood was studied by the stormwater group and constructed separately from NC. Jason Papacosma - Linear development projects, like NC Projects have to comply with the new stormwater regulations. We don't have to do it for all projects, but we do have to track the pollutant load, which is the significant number. Some NC projects are not meeting the full requirements that some of the private developers do, but there are some that do meet and exceed the requirements. Tracie Morris - We are trying to get a better handle on what our charge is so we can convey that to neighborhoods. Jason Papacosma - Our group would be happy to come to any Civic Association to discuss our program and what we do. Ron Jacobson - How do you deal with parking lots? Jason Papacosma - When there is redevelopment, that development, or site plan, must comply with the new regulations. Our group is part of the internal review process. Paul Bolejack - Would Stormwater Wise apply to a condo? Jason Papacosma - The program has been expanded to multifamily units.

Discussion of NC Project Reporting Sheet:

Natasha Pinol - This is a great layout. Could it include a column on final budget cost? Tracie Morris - The ones that are in construction, we would like to see a final budget. We should have had this tool for a long time. I would like an estimated date as well. It would also be nice to have some type of forecasting. There are some other data points. Darcey Cuffman - It would be good to see sub-totals for each section. Ken Robinson - The totals are important and should be included in the document. Bill Braswell - In active design, we have some older projects. Would it be possible to highlight what is holding them up? For example, utility issues or VDOT review.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.