

DRAFT Minutes  
March 10, 2016  
Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

1. Roll Call and Brief Neighborhood Report
2. Approval of January and February, 2016 Minutes (approved)
3. Officers and Staff Report

Utility Letters:

Motion to approve three utility letters for forwarding to the County Board Office for review – Unanimously approved.

Sidewalk Presentation by Ritch Viola:

Rob Swennes - In Arlington are all right of ways 40' or 50'? Ritch Viola - Not necessarily. It varies from street to street and sometimes there are even 60' or 65' right of ways. Rob Swennes - If we went to 45', we could capture more of the streets. Is it possible to change that? A lot of the concerns are the available width of sidewalk, like shrubs. Homeowners are supposed to do that. There are many areas where there is less than 4'. What is the policy for the county to do it? Ritch Viola – It's a matter of contacting code inspections or inspections services. We need someone to initiate the request and follow up with a letter or phone call. The requests typically come from a resident. Jim Feaster - Did you say you were not going to update the Master Transportation Plan (MTP)? Ritch Viola - Rather than to the MTP amendment, which is a significant effort, the County Manager's Office took the approach of submitting a memo to the Board that could be highlighted as part of the Manager's report at a County Board meeting. Sarah McKinley - Will this memo get posted along with the MTP? Ritch Viola - We can certainly send it our online. John Kirkpatrick - Could you reconsider the consistency rational for doing the entire block. You lose the opportunity of having that 5' sidewalk. Ritch Viola – There are Board members in support of this proposal as is the County Manager. David Litman - Does it apply if the neighborhood wants to plant new trees if there are no trees. Ritch Viola – It applies if it meets the criteria. The county prefers to have a 4' planting strip for trees, when it's possible, but it's not an easy option to incorporation info projects because of all the competing interests, such as parking.