

**Meeting Minutes: Northridge Citizens' Association (NRCA) Monthly Meeting
June 13, 2022 — Zoom Virtual Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Acting President Ashley Berrang.

ACP Neighborhood Crime Report – Sgt. Tommy Ground

ACP Sgt. Tommy Ground was not available to attend the meeting to present a monthly report and said that he would send a written report to be distributed (the report covering April 12, 2022 to June 13, 2022 was circulated via email on June 15, 2022). He inquired as to whether NRCA would be hosting a National Night Out event in August. This item was put to the Executive Committee as an action item to see if anyone wanted to volunteer to organize an event.

Guest Speaker Presentation – State Senator Adam Ebbin & State Representative Elizabeth Parker Bennett

- Senator Ebbin gave an overview of the 2022 Virginia General Assembly session, highlighting the following legislative achievements:
 - A large funding surplus enabled the legislature to enact multiple tax cuts
 - Increased funding for the Housing Trust Fund, as well as additional tax cuts for affordable housing developers
 - Significant funding to combat flooding locally, particularly for the Combined Sewer Overflow (e.g. the Alexandria River Renew effort)
 - New funding allocations for police, corrections officers and sheriff's offices
- Senator Ebbin noted that from his perspective, much of the session was spent “playing defense,” to preserve existing laws and offerings, such as same-day voter registration.
- He also noted that nine of the ten bills that he had proposed and were passed ended up being vetoed.
- Delegate Bennett Parker provided legislative session highlights of her own, noting that approximately forty percent of all bills proposed ended up passing in the House of Delegates. She highlighted the following achievements:
 - A desire to allow virtual participation for state boards and commissions
 - Her advocacy for strengthened anti-stalking provisions under law
 - A bill to reduce food waste and protect donors of food from liability
 - A bill to increase hospital price transparency
 - A bill to eliminate the sales tax for pet medicines dispensed at veterinarian facilities

Questions included: What is the state doing to regarding flooding and stormwater beyond the coastal issues? What can you say about state resources for school safety? What can be done about public transit and the need to fund public transportation? What influence can the state play in local density decisions? What can be done by the state about noise pollution from gas powered landscaping equipment?

Adoption of May 2022 Meeting Minutes – Approved by unanimous voice vote.

Regular Business/Updates

- Financial (see June 2022 report by Tack Richardson)
- Land Use/Planning & Zoning (see June 2022 report by Sunny Yoder)
- Schools
- Draft Climate Change Letter – Brief discussion on how to best refine the letter and bring it to the Executive Committee over the summer. Positive comments on how the letter was improved, with thanks to Jeanne Snapp for taking on the effort.
- Wheel Day Team recap – Special thanks to all volunteers and organizers!

New Business

- Proposal to (a) field a survey and (b) create a position document on density – Discussion was positive and informal working group will bring something forward for the September meeting.
- Citizenship Awards – Board Member Jeanne Snapp gave an update on this school-focused awards program, thanking all of the Board members and volunteers who helped distribute the awards.
- North Ridge Tour with City Manager – Brief discussion about when to try and schedule this tour. Members were supportive of waiting until President John Fehrenbach would be able to join.
- Board vote to deliver a to-go meals card to John Fehrenbach in appreciation of his service to the group.

There was a motion to adjourn, and seconded. The meeting adjourned by Ms. Berrang at 8:50 PM.

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: President Ashley Berrang, Treasurer Tack Richardson, Secretary Kay Stimson, Past President Chuck Kent, Ms. Moira Buzby, Mr. Joe Costigan, Mr. Jay Friedman, Mr. Sean Gallagher, Mr. Chris Gay, Mr. Lyn Gubser, Ms. Lee Guerry, Mr. Bradley Kinder, Ms. Meghan Rainey, Mr. Bruce Snapp, Ms. Jeanne Snapp, Ms. Sunny Yoder, Mr. John Winstead, and Diana Day.

(NOTE – If you attended this meeting and do not see your name listed, please send an email to be added to the final version of the minutes.)

Respectfully submitted by KS
August 27, 2022