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## 10/12/2011 Minutes

VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE  
 OCTOBER 12, 2011 MEETING  
 Approved Nov. 9, 2011

In attendance: Paul Bayer, Andrew Fischer, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Annie LaCourt, Josh Lobel, Brucie Moulton, Angela Olszewski, David White.

The minutes of the September meeting were accepted with several corrections.

Town Hall news: The search for a new Town Manager is about to begin. Several offices in the Town Hall annex are about to be relocated.

A warrant article on public art may not be needed; the panels designed for the Boys & Girls Club building may be able to be handled as a matter of policy.

Task group reports:

Environment – Sustainable Arlington: The ECOFest 2011 Committee's rain garden in Spy Pond Park was installed October 2; posters inviting the public to visit it have been distributed around town and a temporary watering committee has been set up. The NESEA's Green Buildings Open House tour, held every October, will include three Arlington houses this year.

Environment – Reservoir: The habitat garden looks good. No more plantings are planned for this year. A cluster of three trees on the shady side, planted as part of the dam reinforcement project and supposed to be Kentucky coffee trees, are a different species, identification pending. The water chestnut infestation was harvested this summer (first year of a three-year project); the harvesting machine caused some serious erosion where it entered the water.

Environment – Spy Pond: The phragmites remnants were sprayed October 5. Next year replanting the sprayed areas with desirable species can begin. Treatment of weeds in the water will be needed next year.

Diversity: The Town Day display with people's notes on where they came from or what diversity means to them is now in the Library. A box has been added for notes on how people are affected by diversity in Arlington. The new discussion group for Spanish speakers was advertised at Town Day and will have its first meeting next week.

There was a program on the Muslim religion at the High School yesterday.

The Fiscal Resources questionnaire at Town Day got 19 responses.

The Census Survey next January should prepare the community for the creation of the new master plan and encourage more people to connect to Town messages and alerts. Annie suggested including more information and fewer questions than in past years. A working group of Jane, Andrew, Angela, Joey, Josh, Mary, and perhaps others will meet October 25 to start drafting the survey. It needs to be ready by the second week in December.

It was noted that the master plan is expected to take three to five years to develop.