

**VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 11, 2014 MEETING
Approved March 9, 2014**

Present: David Garbarino, Joey Glushko, Mary Harrison, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Brucie Moulton. **Absent:** Adria Arch, Brad Barber, Kathleen Bodie, Claire Carswell, Adam Chapdelaine, Joe Connelly, Dan Dunn, Andrew Fischer, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Danuta Forbes, Leba Heigham, Gordon Jamieson, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Gail McCormick, Cheryl Miller, Angela Olszewski, Steve Ricci, Michael Stern, David White.

- The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as amended.
- The **Vision 2020 budget request** will be presented to the Finance Committee tomorrow. There was a discussion of just how detailed the request should be.
- The request for **CDBG funds for the 2015 Census Survey** should mention what kinds of questions would be included in the survey, e.g. about the Community Preservation Act or about conditions affecting Town services.
- Likely consequences if we don't get CDBG funds include less information about attitudes toward the questions that would have been covered, and fewer volunteers for task groups if there is no outreach via the survey.
- A possible **alternative** to a paper survey would be to use the on-line Survey Monkey, using the *Arlington Advocate* for publicity, but this would probably cut deeply into participation: less than 10% of respondents used the Survey Monkey when it was offered as an alternative to the paper survey, and not everybody is on-line or reads the *Advocate*.
- If we want to look for other funding such as grants, we need to act quickly enough so as not to miss deadlines of funding cycles.
- The deadline for the **2013 survey** is March 17, but about 5800 responses have already been received, vs. about 4400 all last year. Any comments received have been forwarded to the three groups posing the survey questions: the Library, DPW, and Open Space Committee.
- **Transition plan for Vision 2020:** Mary and Brucie want to engage the Task Group chairs in thinking about what the groups want from the Standing Committee as well as in finding new co-chairs. Brucie has already sent them an e-mail. Jane noted that Vision 2020 will remain anchored in the Planning Department according to the Town Manager.
- **Goals brochure:** Mary suggested developing one for Candidates' Night (March 20). Joey suggested including some projects, perhaps with pictures, that have resulted from these goals.
- **Other coming events:**
 - Master Plan public meeting: Thursday, Feb. 13 (Feb. 26 if snow).
 - Request to Finance Committee for water bodies fund: Monday, Feb. 24, 7:45 p.m.
 - EcoFest: Saturday, March 29, 10 – 2.
 - Vision 2020 year-end event: Wed., June 11 (already scheduled for Standing Committee).