

The Arlington Heights Civic Association meeting held via Zoom on February 10, 2026 was opened by Brian Sigritz at 7:02 PM.

**Attendees:**

Kortnee Anderson, Qasim Bajwa, Veronica Bartlett, Dora Sue Black, Ted Black, Molly Calkins, Chris, Connor, Kelly Davison, Paula Henstridge, Mahender (Igloo) Dudanie, Eileen Janas, Steven Kleppin, Marilyn Marton, Gail Massot, Dave P., Lara R., Estelle Roth, Tom Russo, Brian Sigritz, Miles Townes, Tom Wacker

**Vistitors:**

Matt Cochrane, Arlington County Fair Board; Stephen Capizzi, Luke Haglof, Arlington County Police Department; Emilee Riches, Jerusalem Solomon, Arlington County Parks and Recreation Department; Ariel Yang, Project Manager, South Walter Reed Drive Complete Streets Project, Arlington County DES Transportation Planning and Capital Projects Management

The minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting were approved.

Brian Sigritz provided the Treasurer's report that 61 families have paid dues for 2026.

Brian Sigritz provided the following updates:

**Grace Hopper Center**

The quarterly briefing on the construction of the Grace Hopper Center will be held February 11, 2026 in the atrium at the Career Center.

The Arlington Public School Board approved the superintendent's CIP Direction in December. It includes Phase 2 of the Career Center site: cap on the number of students, green space, move Montessori to the current Career Center building, demolish the Patrick Henry building. The CIP will be voted on in June. The APS CIP direction also includes \$150 million for refurbishment of Thomas Jefferson Middle School and Swanson Middle School.

**333 S. Glebe - Dominion Apartment expansion project**

The project is before the Site Plan Review Committee. Tom Wacker, AHCA VP, will represent Arlington Heights on the committee as will Tom Russo for the Dominion town homes. Eileen Janas asked neighbors to take photos of the snow piles in front of the Dominion apartments on S. Old Glebe Road, as a record of potential traffic issues.

**Columbia Pike Street Improvement:**

The street construction is completed. Some sidewalk and streetscaping work will continue.

**Toll Brothers project** on Columbia Pike is moving ahead.

**Good Will project** is moving forward and ready for construction.

**Paused Projects:**

Exxon project on the corner of Glebe and Columbia Pike

Bank of America on Columbia Pike

Sunrise at the Methodist Church on S. Glebe Rd. - no status information

**1st Road South**

Eileen Janas, AHCA representative to the Arlington Neighborhood Program Advisory Committee, reported that the 100% design meeting was held virtually January 20, 2026. There

will be a pre-construction meeting with the residents of 1st Road South. The county has not set a construction date.

### **County Fair:**

Matt Cochrane, Arlington County Fair Board, thanked the neighbors of Arlington Heights for our support and our sacrifices. The fair board got positive feedback on the move of the beer garden to the upper field last summer and will continue that this year. Jeri Solomon, Arlington County Parks and Recreation Department, said they will try to do parking pass distribution earlier this year. They got high ridership with the changed shuttle schedule and will continue to direct people to the Ballston garage. They will continue the signage about parking and have volunteers pick up trash.

Stephen Capizzi and Luke Haglof, Arlington County Police Department, discussed staffing and security concerns. They got good aerial views from the three drones that patrolled most evenings and had good communications with Jeri and Emilee.

There was discussion of ride-share issues, e-bike parking, parking enforcement issues and problems at the S. Irving/2nd Street S intersection. Neighbors can direct feedback and suggestions to Ms. Solomon and Ms. Riches.

Stephen and Jeri will prepare the No Parking map. Tom Russo asked them to clearly mark Dominion townhomes as no parking for visitors.

### **South Walter Reed Complete Streets project**

Ariel Yang, Project Manager gave an overview of the project

Phase 1, January 2026 -August 2026, will include realignment of the 9th Street intersection and signalization. Crews will spend about three months on the west side of the intersection and shift to the east side of the intersection in the spring.

Phase 2, Fall 2026-Summer 2027, will cover the remaining sections of S. Walter Reed from 5th St S to Columbia Pike.

Neighbors can find additional information, including the Feb 10, 2026 presentation on the project website:

<https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Projects/Project-Types/Transportation-Projects/South-Walter-Reed-Drive-Complete-Street>

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There were questions about timing of signals at 9th St and Columbia Pike and AHCA's previous requests for a left turn arrow from southbound Walter Reed to eastbound Columbia Pike. Ms. Yang promised to follow-up with Brian. (See attached addendum to the minutes.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen Janas

Secretary, Arlington Heights Civic Association

On Thu, Feb 12, 2026 at 1:08 PM Ariel Yang <[ayang@arlingtonva.us](mailto:ayang@arlingtonva.us)> wrote:

Brian,

I brought Eileen's request regarding protected eastbound left turn and southbound left turn at the intersection of Columbia Pike and Walter Reed Drive to our traffic engineers. They replied the most recent warrant analyses for left turn signal was done using 2019 volume and turning movement data; the result showed protected left turn was not warranted. We have not been able to collect new data due to construction. **With the construction winding down on the Pike, our team has already scheduled a contractor to collect data in May.** [emphasis added] The new data will be used to optimize traffic signals in the corridor and for new requests. Staff have already put in a new request to look at eastbound left and southbound left at the intersection of Walter Reed/Columbia Pike and will follow up after results come out. Please allow at least 3 months because it may take a while for contractor to process large volume of data for the Pike corridor and for our staff to do analyses.

There was another question about the new signal at 9<sup>th</sup> St/Walter Reed intersection. The new signal will be coordinated with the signal at Columbia Pike. It may not mean one will always get a green at both lights. The optimization system looks at efficiency for the whole transportation network, and Columbia Pike gets a lot more vehicle volume than Walter Reed so a longer red light on Walter Reed is expected than a red on Columbia Pike.

Hope I've addressed her questions. Please let me know if you need anything else.

**Ariel Yang, AICP**

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