

RTCA BOARD UPDATE #6

APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR

Mr. Jeffrey Kovach, a representative of Beacon Capital Partners, was appointed to replace Deborah Santano who has resigned due to a job change. The motion was adopted unanimously. Mr. Kovach will serve out the remainder of Ms. Santano's term through 2008.

DRB UPDATE

The DRB has been reviewing the conceptual plan for the Spectrum and the new Boston Properties garage. Mr. Kovach agreed to share the findings of the design consultants (Cooper Carey) who had prepared some recommendations for the commercial area with the Design Review Board.

LINK UPDATE

Status Report: Ms. Rovin and Ms. Kimmel have completed a report that details the history of LINK, the efforts to promote transit use (particularly ridership on buses); and provides specifics about facilities provided by property owners (parking and bike racks) and programs run by employers. The survey of employer programs will be updated annually as part of the employer outreach program.

Reston Metrorail Access Group (RMAG) Ms. Rovin reported on her on-going participation in this group and her role in organizing the Public Meeting to be held in July at the Hyatt in Town Center. There will be two focus group meetings planned for employees within the next two weeks and she would like to make sure that Town Center employees are part of this process.

Pedestrian and Bicycle Summit This meeting, which was cosponsored by RTCA along with Supervisor Hudgins was held May 30, 2007. It was very well-attended by Town Center residents (every residential community was represented). There was a lot of good discussion highlighting the problems faced by pedestrians and cyclists throughout town center. Better access to the W&OD trail and completion of the sidewalk system throughout Town Center were top priorities discussed. There will be continuing effort to work with others in the community to get some of the top priority projects funded and implemented.

Bike to Work Day This event, which is part of a region-wide effort, was held on May 18 2007 from 6:30am to 9:00 am at the Reston Town Center pavilion. Food and drink was provided to cyclists with gift raffles every half hour and information displays from a number of local and regional organizations. Among the groups represented were Reston Association, Friends of the W&OD Trail, Reston Bicycle Club, the Virginia Department

of Transportation, Tour de Cure, and the RTCA LINK program. There were 320 people who checked in at registration including 50 walk-ins. This was an increase of 40 participants over last year's total. There were several youngsters who came with the parents and Supervisor Hudgins arrived by bicycle! The winner of the corporate challenge was The College Board with 26 riders.

PUBLIC ART PROGRAM

The Public Art Advisory Committee has had one meeting and will meet every two weeks to meet an ambitious schedule. A permanent independent non-profit committee will be established (name not yet decided) to hire and work with a consultant who would develop a master plan for the program. In the meantime this group will meet as a temporary committee to draft incorporation documents and bylaws (with the assistance of pro bono counsel.)

LANDSCAPING

The majority of the landscaping in the New Dominion and Bluemont medians was installed in March 2007 and a few remaining beds will be installed in October 2007. The feedback from residents and businesses has been very positive and it appears that this improvement has had immediate impact. There is great concern about the impact of the drought on the landscaping throughout Town Center particularly the street trees which have always been vulnerable.

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