

MARCH 15, 2004, 7:30 P.M.
MEETING AGENDA
OF THE UPPER KING STREET NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

I. Opening Remarks –

Mirant Power Plant- Residents will be briefed next month by members of the North Old Town Civic Association regarding environmental concerns, on-going litigation, and a petition concerning the Mirant Power Plant.

Durant Center – renovation is progress - fact sheet passed around

II. Updates and News

Traffic – The long-delayed traffic-calming measures on Cameron Street are now delayed again. Bulb-outs, originally scheduled to be finished in August 2003, now will not begin until at least June 2004 – nearly twelve months late. King St. Metro Task Force will discuss at the upcoming Club Managers Meeting which takes place at 8:00 am, second Tuesday, every other month.

Development - Update on progress on the construction at Commerce and West Streets. Due to problems with water, developers reconsidering design. May put more parking on first floor, reduce by one level, and reduce number of units. Concrete pouring and pile driving should begin in June or July 2004.

Rodent control - The city's "rat guy," Ed Turner, reports that sewers at Commerce and West St. are baited 3 times per month and an additional baiting will be done this month in response to complaints. Direct rodent control complaints to the city's rodent-control complaint hotline at 703-838-4360.

Planters - to mark the boundaries of UKSNA will be installed in the Spring in the following locations: Peyton and Cameron; West and Cameron; 3 in Commerce Triangle (close to ice house); and one at the corner of Payne and Prince. City is providing matching funding. Sidewalk planter committee consists of Pam, Suzanne, Alysia, Chip, and MaryLou. Planters will contain a mix of annuals and perennials.

Payne Street Resident – attended meeting and is interested in participating in UKSNA.

III. Main Presentation – Proposed Harambee Project

On April 7, the Harambee Project is on docket for review by BAR for concept approval (originally scheduled for March 17). Issues of immediate concern to UKSNA: 1) should UKSNA develop a position concerning the project's design, and 2) should UKSNA ask for a deferment/postponement of the review. Old Town Civic Association has requested the BAR's postponement of the concept decision until zoning issues are addressed. Old Town Civic Assn.'s position is that the existing building should be used for 3 apartments and no new construction should take place.

Concerns regarding the Harambee project raised by UKSNA members: parking, density, no manager on premises, multitude of variance exceptions, lack of open space, more construction, quality of life for senior residents who would live there, preserving the historic nature of existing

building, and ability of Shiloh/Harambee to administer the facility and complete additional neighborhood projects.

Much discussion followed of by-laws and whether or not meeting participants could make a decision/take action on behalf of UKSNA. It was resolved that UKSNA's Executive Committee would develop a position, draft a letter, and submit to membership for consideration.

IV. Treasurer's Report- UKSNA has a total of 86 members and \$1,595 in funds.

V. Future Events

Traffic And Parking Board Meeting, Monday March 22, 2004, 7:30 P.M., 301 King Street, 2nd Floor, City Council Chambers. Items of interest include a proposal that the city counsel recommend amendment of the City Code to allow reduced speed zones in school zones where appropriate.

Alexandria Scholarship Fund: April 17, 2004, portraits of Success Gala and silent auction at the Hilton Mark Center (\$150 per person), *see* <http://www.alexscholarshipfund.org/about/index.php>

National Night Out: Tuesday, August 3, 2004, *see* <http://www.nationaltownwatch.org/nno/>

Next meeting: April 29, 2004, 7:30 p.m., possible agenda items: