



Downtown Arlington Business Association

Member Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018

Location: City Hall Council Chambers

- Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 PM
- DABA members 16, including Board -Board members in attendance: President Lisa Cisneros, Vice President Tina Richardson, Treasurer/Admin Cristy Brubaker, Board Member Bill Dettrich. Guests: Stephen Campbell – Sound Publishing, Malseon Kim – Sunshine Cleaners, Lisa Engle – Sunshine Cleaners, Yonatan Polido – Llantera California Tires.
- Member Quorum was met.
- The minutes of the previous meeting October 3, 2018 were approved by motion of Senff and Dettrich. All in Favor – Carried.

Guest Speaker:

Arlington Police Chief Ventura - Chief Ventura reviewed how the Arlington Community can best respond to crime and work with Community Outreach - Some of his talking points were –

- Washington has the highest property crime rate in the nation and Arlington is less than the average – but still high.
- Arlington Spends an average of \$25,000.00 per month in prosecution and defense costs.
- Arlington Spends about 1/2 million dollars per year on Jail Costs
- Arlington currently has 375 active arrest warrants.
- It is essential important that all crimes are reported – and the Chief reviewed how to access the community crime map using a power point presentation – (communitycrime.com). Using West Ave. as an example he shared how all reports are updated and noted that this information is updated every 24 hours. On the map you can see the location of the crimes and what type. He also showed a crime map of the entire City of Arlington and there were so many incidents in the Smokey Point Area it looked like it was on fire.
- The City is aware that we have a transient problem and this issue is the focus of the Arlington Outreach Team.
- The Arlington Police Dept. recently increased their staffing by 1 officer (which is the first increase since 2007) and hope to add another 2 officers by the end of the year. The goal is always to have a minimum of 3 officers on.
- Suggestions to help with crimes –
 - Report all crimes – so the officers can look for patterns and increase patrols in those areas. (Reporting gets the heat up!)
 - Video security helps – in the week prior to the meeting 10 cases were solved because of information from a video.
 - Increased lighting
- It was asked if private security would be helpful and could off-duty officers work privately. The Chief advised it is an option, but this option is controlled by the Union and with the lack of staff until recently it wasn't an option.

The Chief shared his email for anyone who wanted further contact – jventuro@arlingtonwa.gov, and then introduced the Arlington Community Outreach Team:

Ken Thomas, Community Outreach Officer Emergency 911 kthomas@arlingtonwa.gov Non-Emergency:425-407-3999 Cell/Text: 425-754-2378 Office:360-403-3400	Britney Sutton, Law Enforcement Social Worker Cell:425-309-6663 Britney.sutton@snoco.org
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Officer Thomas explained there are two focal points in Arlington – the South area where they work with the Snohomish County Office of Neighborhoods and encounter younger people and addicts. In the North Section – there are less homeless, and they tend to be older. A Diversion Center has been set up and it gets people off the street and starts the detox process. Once through that they set them up with six months of housing and a program to change their lives. The goal of the Outreach team is to get them off the street, into a program and help them with the necessities to get past just surviving. This can take several contacts before the person will reach out and let the Outreach Team help them – and sometimes the help offered doesn't work. There are some people who don't want help and feel they are fine, especially in Arlington because our community tends to be so giving. The fact is that a panhandler can make good money especially at Smokey Point. It was noted that we do have a panhandling ordinance in the City of Arlington, but in the areas adjacent to I-5 it is more difficult to control. The Team shared how important it is to not give handouts – even though you might think a couple of dollars will get someone a cup of coffee – **The fact is that a shot of heroin street price is \$2.00.** There are resources that you can give to that will help these people in a better way and the Outreach Team works directly with those resources to get people help. Some of the business owners expressed frustration that even when someone reaches out for help or gets arrested and then they are back on the street doing the same things. It was acknowledged that this does happen, and sometimes it can take numerous tries to get them through a program. Key things to remember –

- Stop handing out \$\$
- If you see someone who appears to need attention – call 911 and ask for a welfare check, then they can be evaluated, and appropriate measures taken.
- You can take a picture and send it to Officer Thomas –
- Call 911 if they are being a nuisance or you suspect criminal activity
- If you have someone who is being a nuisance – you can call the police and do the trespass paperwork and then if they come in your business and won't leave you can have the police who will then take them away.
- You can request the Arlington Police to come visit your place of business and evaluate what you can do to make it more secure and help with these types of issues.

Presidents Minute:

President Lisa Cisneros gave a brief report on the recent Mainstreet Meeting where the upcoming events were discussed.

Treasurer/Admin Report:

Bank Balance: \$28,169.44 Reconciliation report is available for review.

Membership: 110 Members currently –

Other Information:

- Snowman Adoptions are still available – contact Cristy Brubaker

Committee Updates:

- Hometown Halloween – Best Merchant Costumes was presented to Magic Shears and Best Window Display was presented to Save the Day Floral. Thanks to all who participated.
- Hometown Holidays – Cristy Brubaker explained where all the events were being advertised and it was noted that the Jen Egger at the Stilly Valley Chamber was coordinating the Charm Walk. Everyone reminded that the Shop Small – Hometown Holiday kick off would be November 24th from 4-7:30, Olympic Avenue will be closed and there will be fire pits, the K-9 support will be selling Smore Kits, the AHS Drum Line will be performing about town, the Rotary Train will be giving rides, there will be entertainment at Legion Park, a Snow Machine at City Hall and more.

New Business:

- There was no new business.

Other Business:

Elections for 2019 Board of Directors: The following officers were nominated for the 2019 DABA Board and there were no nominations from the floor. Motion was made by Bill Dettrich to elect the Board as presented. Motion was seconded by David Boulton of Flowers by George. All members were in favor – motion carried.

2018 Downtown Arlington Business Association – Board of Directors

President: Lisa Cisneros – Olympic Escrow

Vice-President: Tina Richardson – Reclaimed Heart

Secretary: Mike Bradley -Farmers Insurance

Treasurer: Cristy Brubaker – Brubaker Ent. /Sassafras Antique & Salvage

Board Position 1: Rich Senff – Action Sports

Board Position 2: Bill Dettrich- A-Z Transmission

Raffle: Winners were –

2 weeks recognition on the 530 Board – A-Z Transmission

2 weeks recognition on the 530 Board – Flowers by George

Mug full of Candy – Craig Christianson, Arlington Distributing

Mug Full of Candy – Colby Knudson, Stilly Auto Parts

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Cristy L. Brubaker
Treasurer/Admin