



**NECA Election Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 19, 2004
7:30 – 9:00 PM**

Fire Station – 2nd and Powhatan St.

On Wednesday, Sept. 19, NECA will begin the new Association year with the annual election meeting. All members are encouraged to participate – in order to vote, you must be a member. To renew your membership or become a new member, you have two alternatives: (1) submit your dues via mail with the membership form on this flyer, or (2) Pay at the beginning of the meeting on the 15th. If you choose to pay by mail, your dues must be received by Sept. 10, 2004.

In accordance with the election process outline in the August 2004 letter to members, the following candidates have been nominated to serve as officers of NECA. At this time, the nominating process is closed and no nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Nominated for President: Larry Grossman and Mariella Posey
Nominated for Vice President: Teresa Tidwell
Nominated for Treasurer: Silvia Sibrover
Nominated for Secretary: Mary Jane Kramer

Following are statements submitted by each of the candidates for President, in accordance with the nomination procedure—these statements have not been edited or approved by NECA, nor do they represent current NECA positions.

Larry Grossman

1. I have lived in Alexandria since 1974
2. I have lived in Northeast since 1978
3. I have been a member of NECA since 1979
4. Most important issues:

a. Leadership and Effectiveness of NECA as a Neighborhood Association - we need to get more neighbors participating and active in the association and aware of what is going on in the City that will affect them. We need a stronger presence with the Planning Commission and with City Council.

b. Potomac Yard Redevelopment - this is the single largest development project in the City and it is important for citizens to be informed of what the new owners are proposing and how development will affect our neighborhood. It is likely that the Monroe Street Bridge Replacement Project will be fast forwarded by the developer since this capital improvement is critical to the entire project. Designing the section of Route I so that the roadway is less of a barrier and safety hazard for residents accessing the Braddock Road Metro Station and ensuring pedestrian access to the Yard from Northeast will be critical traffic issues. A key issue which I have raised with T&ES is providing a pedestrian/bicycle connection between Slater's Lane and N.Fayette Street in conjunction with the bridge replacement project. This connection will make it easier for Potomac Greens and Old Town Greens residents to access the metro.

c. Other Important Redevelopment - of key sites such as the 7/11 property, the former Traffic Control Shop, Giant/ABC store and the future design of the open space property at the corner of Powhatan and Bashford. Redevelopment of these sites is important for helping to remove pockets of blight and crime in our neighborhood and also to provide new retail services and more residents.

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5. Something about me: I have been an active participant in Northeast for some time. I have recently retired from the City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning and I am a professional urban planner. I have been dedicated to improving the neighborhood and strongly believe that an active citizenry is critical to make local government more responsive to citizen needs and concerns. Because of my knowledge and background, I feel I am in a unique position to provide effective leadership to NECA and to activate the association and neighborhood to address the critical issues outlined above. Activating the neighborhood is my main goal and it is why I have decided to run for President of NECA.

Some of my contributions to the neighborhood include working with Jean Caldwell on fighting the Potomac Greens connection to the GWM Parkway, disengaging the Monroe Street Bridge from Powhatan Street, authoring the Traffic Management Plan, streetscaping of N. Columbus Street, redesigning N. Columbus, First Street intersection, developing the Plan for extending Portner Road to Potomac Greens Drive and installing a sidewalk along Bashford abutting Ruffino's restaurant. My volunteer activities include being a Tree Steward and being active with the Bicycle Committee. I live with my wife Patricia and son Aaron at 1123 Powhatan Street.

6. I am willing to designate 16 hours per month.

Mariella Posey

1. I have lived in Alexandria for over 19 years
2. I have lived in Northeast for over 19 years
3. I have been a member of NECA for the past 18 years
4. Most important issues:

There are several issues that may be facing NorthEast in the upcoming year that need to be monitored. They are, but not necessarily in this order:

- The projected development of the Nordic Press site on Slaters Lane.
- The development of part or all of the City Sign Shop, the area between Slaters and Bashford.
- The problems with the 7-11 and the possibility of future development of the area.
- The design of the newly acquired public open space at the corner of Powhatan and Bashford.
- The adverse effect the emissions from the Mirant Power Plant has on our neighborhood and the rest of the city.

5. Something about me: For the past 4 years I have served as Vice President of NECA and 5 years as Co-Chair of the Land Use Committee that worked with Senator Ticer and Delegate VanLandingham to have the parcel of land at Bashford and Powhatan transferred from the state to the city as public open space. On some other issues we helped develop a plan to prevent traffic coming from the extension of Potomac Greens Drive from cutting through the neighborhood via Bernard and Michigan; convinced the city to finally install a new fence and a swing set in Powhatan Park; and ensured there was underground parking for the condo on Slaters.

My goals as President are to preserve our quality of life, to involve residents (both renters and owners) in the doings of NECA and keep residents advised of the issues affecting us. I am a member of Alexandria's Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and Citizen Corps Council and Vice-Chair of the Federation of Civic Associations. Because I like this neighborhood in April I purchased the home on Second Street I rented for the past 19 plus years.

6. Knowing how much time was involved in being Land Use Co-Chair I am prepared to put in at least 20 hours if needed.

About the NorthEast Citizens' Association (NECA)

NECA's mission is to promote the interest and welfare and common good of the residents of the Northeast neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia. Citizens of the Northeast eligible for membership in the Association include those residents eighteen years of age or older who live in the area of Alexandria bounded by North Henry Street, Slaters Lane, George Washington Parkway and First Street.