



NorthEast Citizens' Association

The important part of our name is Citizens'. We are an association of people working together to preserve our neighborhood and our City. The NorthEast Citizens' Association (NECA) welcomes all people living within the boundary of NorthEast, renters and homeowners alike. The apostrophe in our name means it is YOUR association.

CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Alexandria unveiled an Eco-City Initiative at its January 22 City Council meeting. This was due to a request by Vice Mayor Del Pepper and Councilmember Rob Krupicka who envisioned Alexandria as a leader in environmental conservation and fighting climate change.

As a result of this Eco-City Initiative, Alexandria is, as Rob Krupicka said, "taking a number of important steps to combat global warming and to improve our local environment."

Rob and Del will be at our March meeting to tell us how we can participate, with other organizations, in this initiative.

POWHATAN PLACE REQUEST FOR PARKING REDUCTION

The Powhatan Place Homeowners Association has asked the NorthEast Citizens' Association to reconsider their

request for the removal of a second parking space on the west side of Powhatan Street at its intersection with Rolfe Street. Some of you may remember we discussed this request at a previous NECA meeting and said we would reconsider their request if the solution we proposed did not address their problem.

We will make our final decision at this meeting.

MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS UNDERWAY FYI – Not a discussion item Mary Jane Kramer

On January 17, 2008, the Alexandria City Council approved the establishment of the Braddock East Advisory Group (BEAG) to study and advise the City staff about the redevelopment of the James Bland and Bland Addition, Samuel Madden Uptown, Ramsey Homes, and Andrew Adkins housing developments. The mission of the Braddock East Advisory Group is to partner with the Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority, public housing

residents, and other nearby residents for the purpose of creating a redevelopment within the larger Braddock Metro Area neighborhood. The redevelopment plan must be completed no later than October 6, 2008, which is a very short timeframe. Sylvia Sibover is NECA's representative.

The James Bland and Bland Addition plus the Samuel Madden Uptown public housing areas border the Northeast Area. Any redevelopment of the public housing will greatly impact our neighborhood. The current plan includes mixed-use, mixed-incomes, higher density, greater height, and less green open space. Please get involved, attend the public Braddock East Advisory Group meetings, and voice your opinion! NECA has invited Planning & Zoning City staff to speak about the public housing redevelopment plans in two months at the **May 21st** general membership meeting. BEAG meeting notices, supplemental reference materials, and other related information can also be found on the following website: www.alexandriava.gov/braddockeast

Who Speaks for NECA

While we encourage all members to express their opinion at a public forum, only the President speaks on behalf of NECA.