

**CONGREGATIONAL GATHERING**  
**AUGUST 23, 2015**

**Affordable Housing Team Report**

Since our last report, negotiations were finalized on the 3<sup>rd</sup> amendment to the Purchase and Sale Agreement (PSA) and, as a result, the feasibility period was successfully completed and ended with APAH's commitment to go forward as of 8/1/15. This was evidenced by the escrow deposit as required under the PSA which was made on August 3.

On July 26, APAH and their architects came to APC and presented a slide show on the status of the development including architectural renderings. That same date, we began discussions on naming the property which is permitted under the PSA and due by 9/30/15.

During the last two weeks of July, members of APC and APAH met with each of the current County Board members and also new candidates for the Board in order to educate them on our project and determine their support of same. These meetings were positive on the whole. In addition, Sharon Core and Susan Etherton met with NCP staff members, Todd McCreight and Karen Chamis for a discussion of the project and the role of NCP going forward.

In September we are planning to meeting with APAH on the 8<sup>th</sup> for an update of the project from their perspective including new architectural drawings. In addition, we will be discussing the proposed lease terms for space in the new development. The AHT will be presenting their recommendations to Session at the September session meeting. (Note: November 1, 2015 is the date required to respond to the proposed lease terms and the expiration of the option for a right of first refusal)

If anyone has any additional questions, they can contact Susan Etherton or Jill Norcross at [jillnorcross@verizon.net](mailto:jillnorcross@verizon.net) or 703-587-4098.

**Congregational Connections**

We have been discerning, discussing, planning, and starting to live a new vision for Arlington Presbyterian Church for a while, and in the coming year, we will experience many changes as a congregation, including letting go of many physical things that we have connected to our ministry, including furnishings, worship materials, items to support spiritual growth, fellowship and hospitality supplies, and the building itself. As we face the challenge of leaving these things behind, without them, we will also have the opportunity to re-discover who we really are as a congregation of faithful disciples, called to ministry in our community in south Arlington. The Congregational Connections group has been exploring ways we can deepen our relationships with each other as people of faith as we move forward into this new part of our journey.

We have been working toward having a congregation retreat for some time, and we now have a place and time set:

November 21-22, 2015

Town Hill Bed and Breakfast

Little Orleans, MD

<http://www.townhillbnb.com/index.html>

Town Hill offers a beautiful location and spaces where we can enjoy fellowship with each other, worship together, and explore who we are as a family of disciples of Christ. Plans are in process, so mark your calendar and watch for more information!

**Space in the Meantime**

We have been in contact with several people regarding vacant space along Columbia Pike. We are learning that the returning of phone calls after the initial conversation doesn't always happen. One organization has been very responsive and we are anticipating rental/financial information from them within the week. It is our intention to have more substantial information by the next gathering!