

Nominating Committee Seeks Officer Candidates

Jennifer Nardacci and Cathy Mercil will serve as this year's Nominating Committee to recommend individuals to serve as Leeway Overlee Civic Association officers and to fill other key positions. If you are new to the community—or a long-time resident—and interested in maintaining the quality of life in our neighborhood, consider serving.

The election of officers will be held at the May/June meeting of the association. A list of officer positions is on this page of the newsletter. At that meeting the community will also select its representatives to the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee and delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation. If interested in any of these positions, please contact Jenny (703-237-1143) or Cathy (703-534-9730).

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LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

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Secretary:	Ladd Connell	703-241-2422
Treasurer:	Jennifer Michener	703-533-0754

Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

Representative:	Rob Swennes	703-532-6101
Alternate:	Jennifer Michener	703-533-0754

Arlington County Civic Federation

Delegates:	Kim Klingler, Stu Nagurka, Jerry Auten, Marcella Maamari
Alternates:	Joan Porte, Jon Desenberg, Julie Pandya, John Perry

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Find Leeway Overlee on Facebook!



Over the years, our communication methods have grown and changed. Today, we continue to maintain our: quarterly meetings, paper newsletter, website, electronic newsletter, announcement listserv, discussion listserv, and now our Facebook group. To request permission to join our group, please go to Facebook and search for "Leeway Overlee Civic Association". As we continue to grow and change, our communication methods will also evolve. If you have any questions, concerns, or recommendations, please contact Kim Klingler via email at:

ContactKimK@gmail.com.

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Proposed By-Law Changes....from page 1

Those who attended the meeting on June 29th heard from the executive director of LAA and ultimately voted unanimously to support the use permit proposal.

After the meeting it became evident that some residents near the property in question had serious concerns regarding the proposal, especially as regards parking and possible traffic impacts. The letter sent in to the County Board following the meeting and providing the association's support for the use permit request mentioned these local area residents and their concerns. The County Board subsequently approved the proposed childcare facility. Execution of the use permit has been held up due to a lawsuit filed by one or more neighbors.

Some say that they never received the June 2017 issue of The Leeway Overlee Leader. The association goes to great lengths to ensure that volunteers are assigned to deliver the quarterly newsletter to all residences within the association's boundaries. But this incident has driven home the fact that proposed local use permits and proposed zoning variance requests can have a significant impact on nearby residents. Those living or owning property in Leeway Overlee brush off or otherwise ignore notices of these proposals at their own risk.

The two proposed by-laws amendments would strengthen the association's ability to help notify affected residents when the association learns from the County of proposed local use permit and variance filings. The civic association's current by-laws are available on the association's website (<http://www.leewayoverlee.org/>) under the Other Documents section. You will need to access them to understand the "context" of the amendments below.

The vote at the meeting will be to either approve or not approve the amendments as stated. No changes to the amendments are permitted. If approved at this meeting, the amendments will not go into effect unless also approved at our next general meeting, which will be in either May or June.

Articles II and X are proposed to be amended as follows. All new language is italicized:

Article II. OBJECT

The object of the Association shall be to devise ways and means and to take action to promote the general welfare of the Leeway Overlee community and its residents and of Arlington County in general. The Association and its activities shall be strictly nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonpolitical. *The Association shall take all reasonable steps to ensure that its actions represent the expressed views and interests of its membership. Further, when membership expresses conflicting or divergent interests, the Association's statements shall reflect a fair and balanced summary of the interests.*

ARTICLE X. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Section 1. This Article applies to instances in which individuals or entities seek the support of the Association on a project or matter that involves an application to Arlington County for a special exception use permit or for a zoning variance affecting a property within the Association's boundaries.

Section 2. It is important that local residents who may be impacted by the sought use permit or zoning variance be notified by in advance regarding the applicant's request. The Association will do its best to provide notice to local residents through the Association's periodic written newsletter and available social media. The means by which local government is required by Virginia law to post notice to the public about use permit and zoning variance requests is deemed inadequate to meet the needs of the community. Thus the Association expects that the individuals or entities seeking the use permit or the variance request will take an active role in notifying those local residents potentially affected by the proposed use permit or variance. The minimum area within which residents should be notified is within one block in all directions from the property which is the subject of the use permit request. In the case of a zoning variance request the minimum area for providing notice is all of the properties that lie next to the affected property. The notice must contain the contact information for the civic association. Should the applicant fail to provide evidence of adequate notice to these property owners, the Association may decline to provide any statement of support as regards the use permit request or zoning variance.

Section 3. If at an Association general meeting a use permit or zoning variance matter is discussed and voted upon, the decision made shall be provided to the relevant local officials in a manner that quantifies, to the extent possible, the number of people supporting the motion and the number opposed. The reasoning of the various sides should be described to the degree possible in order to give clarity to the action taken.

Articles X through XV of the current By-Laws shall be renumbered to read Articles XI through XVI.

Thanks to Chris Langelo and Jack Grimaldi for their development of the initial draft of these by-laws changes.

**LEEWAY OVERLEE CIVIC ASSOCIATION
2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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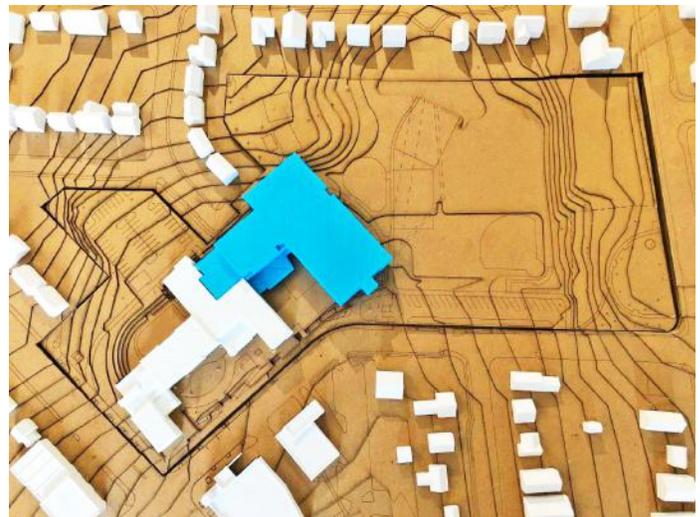
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**Reed School Concept Design
Nears School Board Vote**

Two local committees – one established by the School Board and one by the County Board – have been working hard to evaluate various concept plans for the new Reed Elementary School on the edge of Westover. Their recommendations have been sent to both of the elected boards. The School Board is expected to hear public comment on the several concept designs developed and select a concept design during March. Both citizen committees have recommended the “Integrated” design to elected officials. All the surrounding civic associations have recommended the same. However, this unanimity does not guaranty that the Integrated concept design will be the one selected. To review the design schemes under consideration, go to <https://www.apsva.us/design-and-construction/new-elementary-school-at-r3.62eed-building/> and click on the February 21 Joint BLPC/PFRC presentation. The PowerPoint slides will reveal all. The designs will be formally presented to the School Board on March 8. The School Board’s design decision will be made on March 22.



Reed School Integrated Design Concept (new construction is darker portion of the building)



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