



**NorthEast  
Civic Association**

Meetings:

**Potomac Yds: Update & Monroe St bridge  
- Tuesday, 16 May 2000**

**NECA meeting:  
- Wednesday, 17 May 2000**

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## **Potomac Yard meeting at the 1<sup>st</sup> St. Holiday Inn at 7 PM on the 16<sup>th</sup> of May.**

This is a public meeting for Chesapeake and Atlantic Properties (CAP) and City's to propose solutions for **Potomac Yards** (PY) access to US 1 at Monroe Street bridge, one of the many issues that has not been resolved wrt the PY development.

*Background:* City council approved the 'Metro station high density, but without a Metro' zoning plan for the Alexandria part PY. This high level of density requires at least a two lane access to US 1 on it's souther side. Also, the Arlington zoning approval for the mega high rise development on the Arlington part of PY *requires* a significant increase in capacity of US 1 south. To gain this, the developer needs to remove or get by the protective four lane choke point provided by the Monroe Street bridge. [Note: the low density plan - the no metro, and modest density plan - we argued for, did not require access or bridge change].

A spine road connection on the existing bridge or a new bridge can do this. Both these offer negative impacts to us.

A spine road to bridge - Most drafts eliminate the existing hot right hand turn for north US 1 bound traffic. This reduces access for anyone, including us, to join flow north and will produce significant backups on to Slaters Lane and Powhatan Ave.

A new bridge - Most drafts eliminate a direct connection to Monroe St. forcing west bound traffic north on US 1 to take a right into PY and then wandering back to Monroe St. It also cost us tax payers a few (\$20?) million dollars. A plus for this is less back up into our neighborhood.

While neither of these are things we want to embrace, and there are many cost and traffic flow issues that the whole city should be concerned about, from our neighborhoods perspective, we need to worry about two things:

- How do we (and the rest of the city) retain access to the both US 1 (north and south) and the west part of the city.

This need to address both car and pedestrian access.

- How do we mitigate impact of a widened US 1 on our neighbors who boarder US 1.

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**The NorthEast Civic Association will meet at our NEW LOCATION.**

**Charles Houston Recreation Center 901 Wythe St.**

**- 7:30 PM Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2000 -**

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**Old business:**

**EarthDay Neighborhood Clean Up** Saturday April 15th: It was rained out. Mark your calendar's for next year.

**- Madison Homes Project**

The developer and Land Use Committee will report on the proposed development for townhouses on the open land/city library building on the block between Slater's Lane, Portner and Bernard Sts.

**- US 1 Sound abatement.**

A few homes and Powhatan Park will be significantly impacted by any attempt to widen US 1. The block captain for this area has a petition, which our land use committee has endorsed, to the city and CAP (the developers) requesting they be involved in the process and their concerns be addressed in any plans to widen US 1. A copy of this is on our web page.

**- Wet lands to Beltway:**

The VA state water control board is holding a public hearing 1 June on a VA Dept. of Transportation & Fed Highway Admin. request to consume 31+ acres of wet land next to beltway to add more lanes/ramps to beltway to support a 'twelve lane' bridge on Potomac. Since MD has definitively stated they will not expand beltway beyond existing EIGHT lanes, and twelve lane bridge is unfunded and questionable, this issue should be rejected until consensus for expansion of the Beltway is achieved. Until then, this is just welfare for our Transportation industry which cost us money, reduces needed open space /wetlands and **adds** to traffic congestion. See our web pages for more and/or call 1 804 698-4105 to find how to express your opinion on this.

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*Remember the neighborhood (and property value) you save is your own.*

Next meeting - 21 June 2000 meeting site Charles Houston Rec Center

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