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NEXT MEETING: June 6, 1985 at 6:30 P.M. SPRING PICNIC -- bring a dish and join us for a picnic and business meeting.

We will be meeting to continue discussion of the future of Arlington Hall. Our Community Concerns Committee will be reporting any new information and developments.

As reported in the press, Congress recently passed legislation authorizing the State Department to spend funds to develop training facilities at the Arlington Hall site. However, the bill authorizing the actual transfer of the land from the Defense Department to the State Department has not yet been passed.

As we understand from Congressman Wolf's office, the current draft of this bill would transfer only a part of the site to the State Department. A large portion of the site, more than fifteen acres, would continue to be used by the Defense Department, possibly for a National Guard Post. It appears that this may be the portion of Arlington Hall along the east side of George Mason Drive, near the water tower.

How Arlington Hall will be used by the State and Defense Departments and Arlington County is a matter on which the neighborhood should be heard.

Congressman Wolf's office has announced that there will be a Public Hearing on the future of Arlington Hall on Monday night, June 10 at 7:00 P. M.. The hearing will be held in the Arlington Hall post theatre, and the gates on George Mason Drive will be open to the public beginning at 6:00 P. M.

The newly-formed Community Concerns Committee needs help in identifying the following other matters which may be important for the Barcroft neighborhood. If you are willing to help, please contact Pat Roach at 920-8131. There is a special need for someone who could help follow the County Transportation Commission's planning and discussion concerning the Columbia Pike Corridor.