

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St, Arlington, VA
April 8, 2015, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Kent Duffy
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Gretchen Fallon
Director Joe Hartman
Director Mark Jones
Director Doug Penn

Members Absent

Director Chris Weathers

Special Presentations

Alexandria Real Estate Development and Traffic Improvements

Danny Abramson, Co-owner, Abramson Properties

Katye North, Urban Planner, Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning

Lisa Jaatinen, Project Manager, Alexandria Department of Transportation and
Environmental Services

Bob Garbacz, Transportation Division Chief, Alexandria Department of Transportation
and Environmental Services

Public Comment Period (speakers limited to 3 minutes each)

None

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 8:13 p.m. President Land noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

There was consensus to approve the revised agenda distributed by President Land on March 29th, with the addition of the agenda item concerning Samuel Beckett's, as there was to take items out of order.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Dabbs circulated a draft of the March minutes this afternoon. These minutes were unanimously approved by the directors present, with the correction that Mark Jones arrived late,

but was not absent from the March meeting, and that the meeting took place at the FCC, not at the FVCC.

Officer Reports

President--

For the AFB Editor position, he contacted Global, our publisher, and they sent him a name. He contacted the individual, obtained a resume and writing sample, both of which he'll send to Board members. She is likely to propose compensation of \$750/mo, with an agreement about how much time would be devoted to this task. He's let her know it might be possible, but we need to discuss it as a Board. President Land is not sure if this arrangement would work long term. The funding works if the AFB is 36 pages, but not 28pages in the long term. There is a new resident who might be interested, who moved in last weekend. President Land might try weaving him into the work for the June issue to gauge his skill level, etc.

Janis Johnston has agreed coordinate the layout for May. President Land is on travel 3-4 days next week. Three pages are allotted for the 5K story, so quite a few pictures will fit along with the text; we still need pictures from the race on the south side if the 395 bridge.

Vice President--none

Treasurer—

The monthly financial report was sent to the Executive Board by email on April 6th. It included the following items.

- Bank Accounts
- April AFB P&L—Ed points out good profit, because no editor payment. Guy and Gretchen did the editorial function.
- Jan-March General Ledger (checks issued since March meeting on pp 1-2)
- FCA Profit and Loss Statement
- 2015 Budget showing actual income and expenditures

Secretary

An electronic vote was taken by email to approve providing an insert for the April AFB for the Fairlington Historical Society's House and Garden Tour at a cost to us of \$224; it passed 9-0.

Voicemails this month concerned rental of FVCC, volunteering for Farmer's Market, and move-in questions, which were referred to appropriate resources.

Other Reports

Fairlington 5K

Director Hartman reported that the silent auction, held at the FVCC, was packed. There was lots of interest and many prizes had been donated. About same number of runners are registered as last year; volunteers are still welcome, who should be in the parking lot at

Abingdon School at 7:30 a.m. Treasurer Hilz was asked to send to Joe Reed (coordinator for the 5K from Abingdon School) the email addresses for all the condominium presidents so Joe can send one more reminder about road closures for the race. Director Hartman believes everything is under control; having experience from last year has been very helpful. They are considering using a larger planning group in the future.

Fairlington Farmers Market (FFM)

Director Penn reported that the market will first open on April 19th; all vendors for the opening are in place. The FFM Committee meets next Thursday for last-minute details, and to plan the grand opening for May third. They believe that they might need more signage each weekend. Field to Table is still seeking a market manager, and getting word out further for applications.

Abingdon Elementary expansion and renovation—deferred due to late hour.

Community Facilities Study—deferred due to late hour.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Fairlington Cooperative Playgroup

Anita Mody (Chair of the Transition Committee) and Ashley Denoso (Committee member) presented the current situation to the Board. They will meet with Arlington County this week. Three playgroups meet three times per week each at FCC. Fees are currently \$20/week for 2 sessions (Arlington County wants to change to \$200), and \$10/week for 1 session, which Arlington County wants to make \$95. The parents were shocked by the changes proposed by the county. Even with these fee levels, some County subsidy would still be required for this program. The Transition Committee has sought input from the community to convey to county Parks and Recreation staff, and also met with Libby Garvey last week. The next steps will be to discuss implementation of a revised program.

Quaker Lane and 36th Street Intersection—deferred due to late hour.

Permit for Samuel Beckett's Irish Pub

Treasurer Hilz reported that Arlington County is considering renewal of the permit for live entertainment and dancing for Beckett's Irish Pub. He's observed that occasionally the doors are open, which might be addressed successfully with signage. In addition, the permit requires that Beckett's must provide the name of their neighborhood liaison to both the FCA President and the Neighborhood Conservation Area (NCA) representative (which is Director Hilz), but neither has received that information. Vice President Duffy is reluctant to support negative comments from FCA without residents having expressed any concerns. Director Fallon supported that position.

Consensus was that Treasurer Hilz will compose a message for President Land to send, simply requesting that Beckett's neighborhood liaison get in touch with President Land and NPC representative Hilz.

Paper Shred and Electronics Recycling

President Land noted that last time we did this, it was on a Sunday, and that we should perhaps wait to see what happens with the opening of the Farmer's Market before making more definite plans for this event. We might be able to use FVCC lot as an alternative to the FCC on a Sunday, or we could wait until after the Farmer's Market closes for the season.

May 2 Tree Walk—

President Land mentioned that this walk will start at 11 am at the newly-designated new notable tree—an oak at 3059 S Abingdon St.

Telecommunications Contacts—

Comcast representative has reached out to President Land, asking for a contact person. Director Hartman mentioned that Verizon/FIOS has asked him about an easement for Fairlington Court, which might indicate that they plan to wire Fairlington in the foreseeable future.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dabbs, FCA Secretary