

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
August 10, 2016, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Jonathan Ansley
Secretary Lindsay Willmann
Director Evan Harvey
Director Kent Duffy
Director Hugh Baumgardner

Board Members Absent

Treasure Ed Hilz
Director Chris Weathers

Public Comment Period

Jim Huryz spoke about concerns regarding Abingdon School construction. Concerns include vibration from construction and insurance. He also spoke about mixed use repopulation, and an influx of people into Arlington as well as a reduction of open space within the County.

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm. President Land presided and noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda distributed by President Land by email and hard copy.

Approval of Minutes

There was unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 13, distributed by email August 4.

Officer Reports

President

President Land updated the Board on Fairlington Community Center playground construction. Numerous residents came to the County meeting on construction with concerns about what age bracket the playground will cater to. The County does not plan playground equipment for children under 2, but are hoping to strike a balance between younger and older age brackets. They are aware of the importance of the exercise area and will be including it. There will now be outdoor equipment very similar to that for indoor use. They will resurface the track with a more forgiving surface. The public briefing scheduled for

August 24 was canceled, as last Sunday's meeting was held and this is too quick of a turnaround for it to be useful. They asked about presenting at the September meeting, but given our planned 395 presentation they will be planning a separate community briefing in early September. A couple of issues we'll probably hear from parents about are shade provisions for equipment. The County is looking at tree canopy versus umbrella provisions. The second concern is the substantial amount of closure time due to construction. The County has communicated that closure time is the contractor's call. Director Baumgardner asked if there was outdoor exercise equipment similar to that they hope to install so residents can view it ahead of time. President Land said he was not sure, but will ask County representatives about this. President Land sent a letter to the County with FCA concerns for park construction earlier this week.

Regarding Abingdon construction, President Land has not received any resident complaints aside from Mr. Huryz's concerns tonight. Given the school's single entrance, traffic control may be an issue once school resumes in the fall. Director Baumgardner suggested providing residents a traffic diagram to put in the AFB to prepare the community for this transition. The head contractor for the project has changed, which will change the point of contact for members of the community.

Vice President

Deferred

Treasurer

Submitted electronically earlier in the week, and questions can be sent directly to Treasurer Hilz.

Secretary

Secretary Willmann is currently working with Jeff Kost to get an official count of tote bags and will update the Board as soon as this has been completed.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Advertising Reimbursement

The chiropractor was not happy with the reproduction of the ad in the AFB. Upon review, he sent a jpg file and it was translated into a pdf, which was not what he requested. Beth wants to offer a month extension of his subscription to remediate the situation (since he has an annual subscription). President Land is fine with that, but wanted to see guidance of the Board. All Board members indicated their agreement with this decision. President Land will advise Beth to extend his contract by a month.

Website Contract

Director Duffy submitted details on the new contract electronically, and decisions on the proposal were held until the Board meeting. An adequate number of email addresses was a concern at the last meeting, and the motion would be for \$1,000 for Avatar converting the website into Wordpress, \$200 to Christine for managing the conversion, and \$99 annually for a Wordpress subscription. 15 email addresses will be

included (which is the number FCA has now). President Land motioned for the proposal to be approved, which was seconded by Director Harvey and passed 6-0.

Master Gardener's Installation

President Land distributed the request letter electronically last week, asking FCA for a letter of endorsement for their plan to install a bench at the corner of the Fairlington Community Center parking lot. They have coordinated their proposal with the County, and Arlington is comfortable with what they plan to do. Treasurer Hilz had concerns with this act being construed as favoritism by other groups, but President Land made the point that since other organizations had not made the request, it would not be showing partiality to the Master Gardeners. Director Baumgardner asked if there was a precedent for this, but no Board member could think of a prior instance. Discussion ensued as to whether or not setting this precedent would cause future issues, and if another civic association has dealt with a similar request. Members of the Board were more comfortable waiting to hear from Arlington Parks and Recreation regarding whether or not other parks or civic associations in the County have handled a similar proposal. An electronic vote was held in which the Board approved the request 8-0.

2017 Home Improvement Showcase

President Land wants to hold further discussion when Director Weathers is present, but wants to ensure the Board's approval is on the record now if planning is to commence. The Home and Garden Tour is also happening this spring, and President Land has reached out to the Historic Society to see if we can link the two events. The tour could also feature houses used as examples in the Showcase, which may boost ticket sales. When the event is closer, President Land suggested we revisit prices for space and consider whether or not the Board would like to make a profit this year. Another question for consideration is how many additional vendors and contractors we could accommodate, as well as how would we like to arrange them. President Land proposed a motion that FCA hosts the event again in the same timeframe, with similar structure and Director Weathers' leadership as last year. There was unanimous consent for the motion.

Santa Ride

FCA has sponsored the Santa Ride for the past three years. Last year, a similar event was held by the Arlington Police Department. This year, the Board could attempt to coordinate with APD to combine events if they are interested. In the past, we've held the event in the evening but perhaps holding it earlier would be more appropriate given the attendance of small children. Vice President Ansley will share instructions, with the Director Harvey and Secretary Willmann sharing responsibility for the event. It's currently planned for Saturday, December 10th at 3:00 pm, but we will check with North Fairlington to ensure it's not the same day as their Santa event.

Halloween Contest

Director Duffy proposed doing a contest for best Halloween house decorations in Fairlington. He and Director Harvey will work on details over the next month, and decide on procedures for contestant submission and a prize (perhaps a gift card to a local restaurant). Consensus seems to be on an electronic contest.

School Supply Drive

Director Willmann will work on a proposal for the Board (including which schools to include in addition to Abingdon, with emphasis on one from Alexandria City) to be presented in early 2017.

Fios Update

Fairlington Meadows design has been approved on the first round, Verizon met all of their requirements. Verizon has already commenced pulling cable down King Street, the specific time frame for Fairlington will depend on when adjoining Associations move forward with their agreements. Fairlington Arbor and Mews also seemed to moving forward with proposals.

Adjourn

President Land motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Vice President Ansley and passed unanimously at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Willmann, Secretary