

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street,
Arlington, VA
December 10, 2014, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Kent Duffy
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Joe Hartman
Director Mark Jones
Director Carrie Street
Director Lisa Schwanger

Board Members Absent

none

Call to Order

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Public Presentations

John Richardson, President, Arlington Historical Society, and Patty Clark and Cindy Kunz, Board of Trustees, Fairlington Historical Society, discussed the work of their organizations. Mr. Richardson shared information about current activities and the reference collection about Arlington which is located at the central library, and indicated that they have an active website and Facebook page. Ms. Kunz shared the story of the models of Fairlington which are again hanging in the Fairlington Community Center, and indicated that their archives are also in the Virginia Room at the central library. The issues garnering the most discussion were whether the conversion plans include notation of the utility locations, which has been an issue for multiple condominium boards, and whether there was ever a bridge over Shirley Highway joining Buchanan Street and South Fairlington.

Approval of Agenda

There was a consensus to approve the meeting agenda distributed by President Land on December 7th by email, and distributed at the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Dabbs circulated a draft of the November Executive Board minutes on December 2nd. Those minutes were unanimously approved by the Directors who were present both at that meeting and this meeting, 7-0.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2014

As required by the FCA bylaws, a slate of Officers and Directors was presented for consideration of the membership and voting by written ballot, as follows:

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

Retiring Board Directors Carrie Street and Lisa Schwanger served as inspectors of the election. All candidates received votes representing more than 50% of those voting, and so were elected according to the FCA bylaws.

Officer Reports

President

Guy Land presented his report on the activities of the FCA during the past year, including the following items:

- Monitoring of development around Fairlington included Park Shirlington apartments, Alexandria Gateway (at King and Beauregard), and the former Frosty's building, soon to be a STEM-focused preschool.
- Supporting Abingdon Elementary School (AES) included FCA's endorsement of funds for expansion and renovation as a top priority in the School Board's Capital Improvement budget, active participation on both the School Board and County Board's advisory committees regarding the expansion and renovation, and holding listening sessions for those living nearest to AES and information sessions for the overall community, both of which included our neighbors from Courtbridge I and II, Park Shirlington, and Shirlington House.
- And Strengthening the community, which included the following activities:
 - Following through on our support for the Fairlington Farmers' Market as it moved through the county review and approval process. The market will not be run by FCA, but instead the non-profit Field to Table organization, which has ongoing experience in running the Westover Farmers' Market.
 - Organizing and supporting the Intergenerational Strategies Committee, which studied the questions of support for residents who choose to age in place, and of neighborhood volunteer support across generations. Based on their research, they conducted a survey of Fairlington residents, which will be reported on in the January All Fairlington Bulletin (AFB). President Land cited the considerable contributions and leadership of Carol Rosen, Phillip Rosen, Margaret Windham, and Heather Marshall to the progress that this committee has made during 2014.
 - Collaborating with AES to organize and manage the inaugural Fairlington 5K, which was so successful that next year's has already been scheduled for April 11th; the website should be up this week.

- Organizing and managing All Fairlington Day, for which there was a big turnout. (We promised to have more hot dogs next year.)
- Arranging for, and publicizing Santa's visit to Fairlington on our local firetruck, a popular annual event.
- Communicating with Fairlington Residents using the All Fairlington Bulletin and our Facebook page, the Fairlington Appreciation Society.
- Arranging for speakers on topics of general interest to Fairlington residents at our monthly meetings.

During 2015, we plan to continue these activities (except All Fairlington Day which is biannual, alternating with the FHS's House and Garden Tour), and will request that FCA members participate in a survey early in the new year to indicate their priorities. This was very helpful in guiding us during 2013 (initiating our Farmer's Market committee) and 2014 (initiating the 5K and the Intergenerational Strategies Committee).

Treasurer

Treasurer Hilz discussed the financial situation of the FCA, which has the good fortune to fund its activities using the ad revenues from the AFB.

New Business

President Land appointed Director Jones as chair, and Secretary Dabbs and Director Fallon to serve on the Bylaws Committee for 2015, and Treasurer Hilz as chair, and Vice President Duffy and Director Hartman to serve on the Audit Committee for 2015.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 8:57 pm.

Reception

All members were invited to join the Board in a holiday reception immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Dabbs, FCA Secretary