

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
December 12, 2012, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Rosiland Jordan
Vice President Bryan Pettigrew
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Kent Duffy
Director Jacob Gelbaum
Director Mark Jones
Director Guy Land
Director Michelle Woolley

Board Members-Elect Observing:

Carrie Street
Joe Hartman

Annual Meeting of Fairlington Citizens Association

Call to Order

The meeting was opened by President Jordan at 7:10 pm.

Issues for Coming Year

President Jordan opened the floor for ideas for FCA action during the coming year.

Charging Stations for Electric Vehicles

Julia Battocchi brought up this idea, which she's been exploring with her condominium association, which would require a variance to place one at her parking space or a shared space. She wondered if FCA might become involved in securing some means of charging her car inside of Fairlington. One idea raised was whether Arlington County might be willing to install one or two such stations in the parking lot of the FCC, for overnight use by residents. Xxx indicated that the technology for payment already exists, and is in use at charging stations in other public places.

Window Frame Concerns

A resident of Fairlington Meadows raised concerns about unsatisfactory work on window frames, and was referred to her Condominium managers.

Noise Meeting in Shirlington

Andi Dies, of Fairlington Villages, reported to the Association on a meeting held recently in Shirlington about noise complaints. The county can send out a monitor to check sustained problems with a meter to determine if county ordinances are being violated; this does not, of course, work for sounds that are intermittent, such as dropping glass bottles in recycling bins. The meeting was well attended, including by representatives of several Fairlington communities and many others.

Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations

Multiple issues are under consideration which affect Fairlington, including traffic issues for the BRAC building, as well as joint issues with Arlington, like the King/Beauregard intersection changes.

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

President Jordan announced that Santa will be visiting Fairlington on an Arlington County fire truck on the afternoon of Saturday, December 15th from 3-5 pm, and that the map of his route is on the FCA website.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2013

Director Duffy, Chair of the Nominating Committee of FCA, placed in nomination the following persons for the indicated office:

President, Guy Land;
Vice President, Kent Duffy;
Secretary, Carol Dabbs;
Treasurer, Ed Hilz;
Director, Jacob Gelbaum;
Director, Mark Jones; and
Director, Michelle Woolley.

In addition, there were nominations and seconds from the floor of Carrie Street and Joe Hartman for Director.

Ballots were marked, collected, and then counted by President Jordan and Vice President Pettigrew, who were not running for re-election. All nominated were elected to take office at the end of the Executive Board meeting which followed.

Executive Board Business Meeting:

Call to Order:

President Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Minutes

The minutes for November 14, 2012, with the edits provided by Treasurer Hilz and Director Duffy, were approved 8-0-1, with Director Gelbaum abstaining because he was absent.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hilz provided Executive Board (EB) members and future directors with four documents, and commented on each:

- List of FCA Certificates of Deposit, of which two were renewed during the last month.
- A Financial Report, showing our checking account, cash balance, and working balance considering pre-paid ads each month.
- All Fairlington Bulletin (AFB) Profit and Loss Statement, indicating that this is the source of the funds we are able to use to finance our community activities, and explaining the statement. He noted that ad pages dropped from November to December, which is apparently a seasonal effect.
- General Ledger, which shows disbursements for expenditures during the month, which were as usual. He explained that checks are usually issued by the accountants on about the 15th of the month, many of which are recurring expenses; receipts for FCA expenditures (within our budget) may be turned in to Treasurer Hilz at the time of our monthly EB meeting for reimbursement.

Firetruck Santa

Director Woolley indicated that Captain Hughes of the Arlington Fire Department is excited about the event. The costume was delivered to her from FB with a note that there are no gloves or glasses; Director Land was puzzled because there were glasses and gloves with the old suit. Director Duffy has purchased the necessary candy. Director Wooley will be sure that Patrick Mallon is aware that we're planning to use the FCC parking lot for the stop on the south side.

Bylaws Committee report/discussion/vote schedule

Bylaws Committee chair Director Jones pointed out that he had learned that to publish the proposed amendments as an insert to the AFB would cost up to \$2,700, and moved that we post them on our website instead, and include in the AFB a short article with a link to the actual amendments on our website to save this expense, which was seconded by Secretary Dabbs, another member of the Bylaws Committee. Treasurer Hilz asked for a ruling by the chair as to whether this motion was out of order because it would have us take actions which don't follow the requirement of the current Bylaws to publish the text of the proposed amendments in the AFB. We discussed the pros and cons of saving the \$2,700 while making sure that all interested FCA members have access to the proposed changes in the Bylaws. President Jordan ruled that the motion was not out of order based on current bylaws. Director Jones' motion passed 8-1. As an additional measure to assure that all can access the proposed Bylaws changes, Secretary Dabbs suggested that she place a few hard copies at the FCC and at the FV management office for those who do not want to review them online, and that this be mentioned in the AFB article; consensus was that she do so.

Appreciation to prior leadership

Director Land moved that the board express their appreciation to retiring President Jordan and Vice President Pettigrew, mentioning President Jordan taking over without a beat when President Franklin died, and Vice President Pettigrew keeping us all in line, and substituting when work took over President Jordan's life, preventing her from participating from time to time, as well as the voluminous time and energy both dedicated to the FCA during their tenures. The motion was seconded and passed 7-0-2 (Jordan and Pettigrew abstaining).

Planning for 2013

Director Land recognizes that he pushed harder than some wanted to have a public program in January, but wanted to demonstrate to the membership that we're on top of issues. President Jordan concurred that many are very concerned about this. Those involved suggested that Director Land advise Sarah Stott about the inconsistent explanations from County personnel about the changes in parking with the remarking of spaces on our newly-repaved streets.

Administrative Matters:

Vice President Kent will develop duty roster; Christine Chirichella will be asked to develop new a list of the EB (subsequently passed to Secretary Dabbs); President Land will sign the required bank signature card. The question of a regular meeting night is an open question to discuss later.

Regular Meeting plans

President-Elect Land indicated the following tentative plans for 2013 FCA regular meetings:

January—

parking in Fairlington + discuss possible programs; EB members asked to please flag missing or intolerable ideas to President Land;

February—

FCA Bylaws;

March—

Telecommunications—Comcast, FIOS (if there's news), county fiber optics digging, county telecom manager—Vice President Duffy to be point person;

April—

Development update, with essentially the same assignments as before, adjusted for our changed composition; and

May—

70th anniversary, historic designation, etc.

He further indicated that he will call a special session of the EB on FCA communications strategy, using modern media, something that is needed. He plans to invite participation from those involved with the AFB and our social media, and to announce the meeting in advance to FCA members.

Fairlington-Shirlington Conservation Plan

A presentation on this subject will be included at the January meeting as part of the section on potential activities during 2013, with the intent to show what we do and to get support for projects proposed there. Treasurer Hilz clarified that the proposed plan will go before the Arlington County Conservation Committee in the 2nd Thursday in January, then before the Arlington County Planning Commission in February, and the County Board in March or April. Treasurer Hilz and Director Jones will develop the presentation which President Land will introduce with Treasurer Hilz presenting. All of the EB are invited to the presentation.

Adjournment: President Jordan adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Dabbs, FCA Secretary