

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board Meeting
Fairlington Community Center, Room 103
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
December 9, 2009, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Sam Anthony
Vice President Christine Chirichella
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Carol Dabbs
Director Reed Franklin
Director Brenda Kriegel
Director Bob Schaffer

Board Members Absent:

Director Tom McNally
Secretary Stan Hanzel

Public Meeting

Call to Order: President Anthony called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Elections: President Anthony, as chair of the nominating committee, nominated the following slate of Officers and Directors for 2010:

President:	Sam Anthony
Vice President:	Christine Chirichella
Treasurer:	Ed Hilz
Secretary:	Stan Hanzel
Directors:	Carol Dabbs Reed Franklin Brenda Kriegel Tom McNally Bob Schaffer

In addition, Mark Jones was nominated from the floor for Director.

A written ballot was distributed for those in attendance to vote; Gretchen Fallon and Kathleen Branch counted the votes, and announced that the slate nominated by President Anthony was elected.

Annual Photograph of the Board: Was deferred, as everyone was not here.

Briefing regarding Abingdon Elementary (AES): Michelle Marston, co-president of the PTA, and Kathleen Branch from the Coalition for AES, described the threats to the budget for FY 2011, and the process of review and opportunities for citizen input available. They presented the Board with a resolution that they requested we pass. A survey will be available soon on the School Board website in both English and Spanish;

we were encouraged to respond. In response to questions, they explained that the GIFT program for which funding is threatened is composed of the Wheel (enrichment) classes plus music classes, which are integrated into the curriculum so that students at AES do not have early dismissal on Wednesdays like the rest of the elementary schools in APS, but instead participate in these classes.

Business Meeting

Approval of minutes: Minutes from October and November were reviewed and changes suggested. Directors and Officers were requested to send any further changes NLT December 16th for incorporation.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hilz's usual three reports were presented and he explained them and the finances for the benefit of the incoming Directors. He also presented a list of the Association's Certificates of Deposit. The three monthly reports for December were approved 7-0.

Website Update: Vice-President Chirichella explained the progress that's been made in designing the website, and that it will likely be available for use in February. A colonial revival color scheme is being used.

Ad Manager's report: President Anthony reported that ad volume and revenue continue to increase, despite the bad economy. He provided the ad manager with the written policy for rotation of the location of full page advertisers as she had requested last month. Gretchen Fallon and President Anthony will do a trifold for advertisers regarding how to advertise in the AFB, including information regarding potential sources of professional help to prepare ads.

Strategic Planning—Look Ahead to 2010

Vision: A vision statement essentially answers the question, "What is our mission?" President Anthony suggested that our vision is to make Fairlington a fun, prosperous, safe, and a better place to live. He posited that our values are volunteerism, being good neighbors, interacting with the residents, and representing the residents to public fora. Another important function is providing information. Director Dabbs suggested that we provide access to governance for the residents, and serve as a forum to facilitate communications within Fairlington.

Goals: We discussed four suggested strategic goals, spelled out in a handout provided by President Anthony, exploring what each means and who takes the lead on each one, as follows:

- *Transportation:* Secretary Hanzel and Director McNally are the point persons on this goal, focusing on the three projects nearby: HOT lanes, King/Braddock intersection, and King/Beauregard intersection.

- *Communication:* Vice President Chirichella will be the point person on this critical goal, which includes what we have earlier referred to as engagement. The first of three meetings in 2010 of the Council of (Fairlington Condominium) Presidents is scheduled for January 19th or 21st. A meeting in March of this group will discuss contracts—the Presidents believe they can learn a great deal from each others’ experience in this field.
- *Neighborhood Conservation/Infrastructure:* Treasurer Hilz is the point person on this goal, which includes the issue of helicopter noise.
- *FCA manual of operations:* Directors Reed and Dabbs will work on this, with the assistance of President Anthony. We discussed the possibility of conducting a familiarization session with the current documents of the FCA for ourselves as a starting point.

Due to the late hour, we did not continue with the discussion President Anthony had prepared for regarding short term projects, our calendar vis-à-vis other community meetings and conflicts, our spending plan, our action items for the month ahead, or our tentative agenda for January. President Anthony indicated that incoming Secretary Hanzel intends to develop the meeting agenda in advance for each monthly meeting.

Adjournment: President Anthony adjourned the meeting at just before 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Dabbs, Director