

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
December 9, 2015, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Duffy
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Jonathan Ansley
Director Gretchen Fallon
Director Joe Hartman (arrived a little late)
Director Mark Jones
Director Chris Weathers

Board Members Absent

none

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. 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 on December 2nd.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Dabbs provided a draft of the November minutes on December 8th by email. These minutes were approved 8-0.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2016

Vice President Duffy, in his capacity as Chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that for 2016, the following nominations had been received:

Officers:

Guy Land, President
Jonathan Ansley, Vice President
Ed Hilz, Treasurer
(No nomination for Secretary)

Directors:

Hugh Baumgardner
Kent Duffy
Evan Harvey
Vernola Schlegel
Chris Weathers

Vice President Duffy called for nominations from the floor. Jim Hurysz nominated himself for Secretary, which was seconded by William Layer.

Each Candidate made a short statement concerning their Fairlington experience, and interests in serving on the Board.

Seventeen persons were present and voting. Gretchen Fallon and Mark Jones, neither of whom is standing for re-election, counted the ballots.

Officer Reports

President—

There were four major areas in which FCA worked during 2015:

- 1) Engage residents in community activities, such as:
 - a) Opening of the Fairlington Farmers' Market (FFM), after more than 2 years of effort. This has garnered more positive comments on this than anything else in our surveys of the members of FCA. As planned, FCA continues to monitor the FFM for impact on the community, especially regarding potential parking or noise problems.
 - b) The 5K that we organized with Abingdon Elementary School (AES) to raise funds for AES and the Cure for Ellie Foundation. We have begun planning for the 2016 event on April 23. We'll need volunteers—there were 700 runners last year.
 - c) The Fourth of July parade, in concert with Fairlington Villages.
 - d) Plant walks to explore the plants and trees of Fairlington.
 - e) A history tour, for which forty residents turned out, showing an appetite for learning about our community.
 - f) Santa's Firetruck Ride, which will occur on this Saturday, December 12th. He pointed out that snow is unlikely, as the high temperature is predicted to be 63 degrees.
- 2) The Abingdon School process to design and approve the renovation and expansion to accommodate more pupils. Plans are almost ready for construction to start in the spring. We will hold an update and listening session in late January; we are committed to continuing these sessions as there is news for the community to digest and respond to.
- 3) Nearby development activities, such as Alexandria Gateway, Park Shirlington, and the I-395 hot lanes. For the latter, we have a briefing scheduled on Monday, Jan 25th for the community. The County is taking a more positive approach this time on the HOT lanes, but the plans are quite different. For example, no changes in Shirlington Circle are proposed.

- 4) Creating a forum for Fairlington on matters of public policy by arranging a good lineup of speakers—including U.S. Representative Don Beyer, County Board member John Vihstadt, and Captain Quigley of the Arlington County Police Department.

Treasurer

Treasurer Hilz sent financial reports by email on December 8th, including the following documents:

- Bank Accounts
- December AFB P&L
- General Ledger Jan-Nov (checks issued in November are on page 5)
- Certificates of Deposit (the one year CD was renewed)
- 2015 Jan-Nov P&L
- 2014 P&L (including 2014 P&L for comparison)

Treasurer Hilz described the reports he provides to the board monthly, listed above. He explained that our books are maintained by professional accountants, who also file our tax returns. We currently hold 5 CD's, totaling about \$34k, and a checking account with a balance of about \$23k.

We are in very good shape financially. Unlike most civic associations in Arlington and Alexandria, we do not need to charge dues in order to function financially. We have income and surplus from the All Fairlington Bulletin (AFB). We sell commercial and mini ads in the AFB, which produce income for the FCA; we have a compensated editor and ads manager. We also pay for layout and printing services, and distribution expenses for the AFB.

Question from Jim Hurysz regarding funding for community events. Some years we do not have a surplus, it depends mostly on what activities we do.

Question from Tevis Smith, regarding where our financial statements are available to the public. Treasurer Hilz indicated that we put the tax return on the website each year.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Fairlington 5K

Director Hartman reported that the 3rd Fairlington 5K will be held on April 23, 2016. Intensive planning will begin in January, including road closures, fire protection, and a silent auction to raise additional funds for AES and the Cure for Ellie Foundation. We depend on volunteers to operate the event; we were surprised the first year when 700 registered when 200 runners had been expected.

Question: Bob Bradley asked whether there will be a website for event registration? Yes, as last year.

President Land expressed FCA's thanks to Joe Reed and Director Hartman for their leadership of this event the last 2 years.

Home Renovation Expo

Director Weathers explained that we'll host this event on March 5, in this building. Firms with experience in renovations in Fairlington will provide seminars from 9-12, which will include opportunities to discuss pros and cons of various renovations, and how they can enhance the value of our homes. In addition, information will be available about what Condo associations and the County require prior to renovations. There will be no fee for FCA members (all owners and residents of Fairlington) to register.

Bill Garvelink asked about information regarding County requirements being provided during the Expo? Vice President Duffy explained that County personnel would likely be present.

President Land indicated that our objective is to break even or make a little money on the event. We'll have to pay for the use of the FCC, because profit-making organizations are involved.

All Fairlington Day

Mark Jones described prior All Fairlington Days, and our thoughts regarding such an event during 2016. Given the busy spring schedule, we may defer this until the fall. The specific concepts will be developed by the Board member who takes the lead for us in 2016.

Jim Hurysz suggests that the Cooperative Extension be involved in this event.

Election Results

Director Jones announced the election results:

All 8 nominees from the nominations committee were elected; no one was elected as Secretary, as all nominated and write-in candidates failed to garner a majority of the 17 votes cast.

President Land thanked the departing members of the Board, and described each of their specific contributions: Carol Dabbs, Mark Jones, Joe Hartman, and Gretchen Fallon.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 8:24 p.m.

Reception

All attendees are invited to join the Board in a holiday reception immediately following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dabbs, Secretary