

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2023
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Paulin Leonida
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Julie Butler
- Todd Delp
- Lydia Redway

Board Members Absent

- Jennifer Davies Beck
- Donald Staren-Doby

Quorum Present?

Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

None

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

None

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:02 PM

- President Land welcomes the 2023 FCA board members.

Resident Comments - None

Call to Order - 7:03 PM

- President Land presides, notes by-laws requirements met and the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

- A unanimous consent to approve the agenda (with adjustments as needed) as distributed by President Land

Approval of Minutes

- December 2023 minutes - approved with noted adjustment

Officer Reports

- President: Report deferred until later topics.
- Vice President: No report
- Treasurer: Verbal update with recap of 2022. Loss in 2022 of a bit less than \$1000. \$8609.11 in account. Reminder about reimbursement request procedures.
- Secretary: No report

Unfinished Business

Community Service Activity - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- Secretary Chalmers updates the board about the planned activity on Monday, January 16, 2023. The garden activities have been planned by the Abingdon PTA and calls to volunteer have gone out in both the neighborhood and the school.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities

- Director Redway reports that final DEI discussion will be January 18 and then starting in February, the article of the month will start. 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7pm. The first article is about Black History Month.

Fairlington 5K

- President Land reports that county has tentatively approved the 5K for the final Saturday in April - April 29

Arlington County Permitting

- Director Bentley is trying to engage the county on the permit, however it seems to be a bit of a circle. The permit office says zoning approval is needed and the zoning office says that a permit is needed for variance. Director Bentley has written emails to both offices with the ombudsman on the emails. Similar permits were approved just 6 months ago and are no longer being approved. Perhaps it is a loss of institutional knowledge or change at the county level? There is a question if formal exemption can be granted to Fairlington such as what has been done for other neighborhoods, and if/ how this can/ should be done.

New Business

Standing Procedures and Practices, 2023

- President Land previously distributed updated version of practices and procedures. - Noted concern about number of meeting and worry that it may drive away volunteers. How to balance that with the needs of FCA? It may mean meetings not happening every month.
- Approved by 2023 board.

Appointment of Delegates and Alternates to Arlington County Civic Federation and Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations

- Officers a selected as official delegates to Arlington County Civic Federation with proviso that it can be changed should interest be expressed by members of FCA board. - Director Bentley, Director Delp, Director Redway, and Director Staren-Doby selected as alternates for Arlington.
- Official representative for Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations will be Melanie Alvord (President, Ward IV Director) of Fairlington Villages.
- President Land selected as alternate for Alexandria
- Secretary Chalmers will file formal notices and serve as contact for the association. - Treasurer Leonida will pay due for each federation.

Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Arlington Neighborhood Advisory Committee

- Ed Hilz requested to continue to represent FCA at ArNAC and is approved by the board to do so.
- Director Delp is selected as an alternate.
- Secretary Chalmers will inform the county of the 2023 delegate and alternate.

Appointment of Bylaws Committee

- Vice President Davies, Secretary Chalmers, and Director Bentley are selected for the committee.

Appointment of Audit Committee

- Treasurer Leonida, Director Redway, and Director Staren-Doby are selected for the committee.

2023 Draft Budget

- President Land distributes the 2021 and 2022 budget for discussion.
- President Land notes an increase in rates for the AFB printer last fall and that a 2023 discussion will be needed to address concerns for rates and payments. The contracts are no longer for the entire year.
- FCA needs to net \$1200 average per month in order to fund itself per the budget. - Swag will also be discussed for 2023. Do we want to order FCA gear for sale to coincide with the start of the farmers market?
- The historical society splits ornament income with FCA and there are still plenty of ornaments.
- Treasurer Leonida will sent out an updated draft and budget numbers.

Spring and Summer Activities and Programs

- President Land defers to future meetings.

Adjourn

- President Land adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers