

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
January 12, 2022**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Jenn Davies Beck
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Ed Hilz
- Julie Butler
- Lydia Redway
- Paulin Leonida
- Donald Staren-Dolby
- Dianna Bentley

Board Members Absent

Quorum Present?

- Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

- virtual meeting live-streamed on FCA Facebook page
- Dianna Bentley (elected to FCA Board during meeting)

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

- no speaker presentation at this meeting

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:07 PM

- Note that Barbara Kinnen will be speaker in February meeting - School Board liaison for FCA
- Saturday, April 23 - Fairlington 5K Run/Walk - FCA a sponsor and benefits Abingdon and Cure for Ellie - planned for in-person

Call to Order - 7:11 PM

- Guy Land presided and noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

- There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda (with adjustments as needed) distributed by Guy Land by email and livestreamed.

Approval of Minutes

- December 2021 Minutes approved with change suggested by Director Hilz
- Secretary Clardy Chalmers to send out revised minutes

Election of Director

- 1 slot open after December meeting
- Dianna Bentley elected to open Director spot

Officer Reports

- President: Defers to later topics.
- Vice President: No report.
- Treasurer: Report previously submitted in writing and board's attention to be brought to the P&L statement - net income lower than anticipated
- Secretary, No report.

Unfinished Business

Diversity & Inclusion in Fairlington

- Director Redway helped lead trial run of toolkit provided by county for conversation with neighbors and it went well. Thought that is good to host conversations around the neighborhood. Toolkits made for 8-10 people. Put out on various channels and schedule as needed. Will keep eye on upcoming Fort Ward meeting. Flagged for budget conversation: multicultural event later this year if possible. Question about if Fairlington or greater Fairlington area in video for newsletter and article for February

Fairlington 5K

- April 23 and in-person
- permits submitted
- plan to notify all HOA presidents and Courtbridge I & II
- connect with Joe and Beth for volunteers
- street closures will be in the February newsletter

New Business

Standing Procedures and Practices, 2022

- Sent out by President
- Identical to previous and current dates changed
- President asks for consent - unanimous

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

- Officers selected as official delegates with proviso that it can be changed should interest be expressed by members of FCA board.
- Director Leonida, Director Redway, Director Bentley, Director Staren-Doby selected as alternates
- Meetings monthly except for summer
- Secretary needs to file formal notice and contact for association
- For Alexandria the official representative is Melanie Alvord (VP, Ward IV Director) of Fairlington Villages. President Land as alternate

Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

- Treasurer Hilz to serve as representative
- Important to be in meetings due to status - Ed to send out link to current NC plan for Fairlington
- Secretary Clardy Chalmers to be alternate

Appointment of Bylaws Committee

- Vice President Davies Beck, Director Butler, Secretary Clardy Chalmers selected

Appointment of Audit Committee

- Director Leonida, Director Redway, Treasurer Hilz selected

Community Service Activities, MLK Jr. Day

- Suggestion to further Arlington communications to FCA members for activities on the day. There are both in-person and virtual options being promoted by the county and the various departments.
- Suggestion from Director Staren-Doby: FCA blurb asking residents consider writing representatives and advocating for voting rights act. Noted that it is in keeping with spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and advocating for ability to people to participate in voting is non-partisan. Directors Butler and Staren-Doby to write up communication and send to

President Land for final cut.

STEM Preschool Fall Carnival

- Moved to next meeting

Spring and Summer Activities and Programs

- President Land to reach out to Katie Cristol and Paul Ferguson to present to FCA at future meetings.
- The county demographer is to also be invited to present to FCA once the census information is fully processed.
- Intention is to invite Elizabeth Bennet-Parker after Assembly session wraps up in Spring.
- There is still the question about future of Station 7. President Land reports there is nothing new to report as county is still thinking and if the county moves forward, FCA will slot it immediately for a meeting even if must be a special meeting. There are specific concerns from Fairlington Court about expansion of STEM or operating other business in backyard of neighbors.

Blood Drive Plan

- Secretary Chalmers to work with Childrens and volunteer coordinator on identifying dates for blood drives, 3 blood drives for the year (4 if no INOVA drive)
- Possible INOVA blood drive to be later in the year and located on the north side on a weekend.

2022 Draft Budget

- The totals need to be recalculated due to small change (blood drive).
- In most cases, everything is carried over 2021 actual, except for 4 of July Parade, Santa Ride, and Neighborhood Activities (those left as budgeted).
- There is nothing in tax payment section because for past several years refund has been applied to next year's tax bill. This is still unknown for 2021, but assumed it will remain the same.
- Multicultural event - if it happens, it could fall under neighborhood activities (already budgeted) and later be added as separate line item in future years.
- FCA is not renewing Survey Monkey and can reactivate the service later, if needed.
- Home Improvement Showcase for contractors not planned for 2022 because of continued COVID-19 issues. Director Butler proposes a showcase with design and decoration ideas for Fairlington units that are also DIY and/ or contractors. This could also take place virtually, which is not possible with the Home Improvement Showcase. Director Butler to think some more.
- Note by President Land that the budget assumes only 1 movie night and if a 2nd evening is planned, the budget will need to be amended to reflect that. Director Butler notes that

roadblocks against a second movie night are often daylight.

- Swag sold well at the farmer's market in 2021. Question of additional swag purchase, specifically of t-shirts, which were last purchased in 2018/ 2019. Treasurer Hilz asked to look back and check the amount. Question about more tote bags? Noted that they sold well, but at the discounted rate.
- Current swag count and check of bins needed before any purchase.
- President Land notes that if FCA purchases more swag, FCA will need a new place to store it. The FCC cannot continue to be used for a variety of reasons.
- Vice President Beck Davies notes that expense in terms of a functional way to take credit cards will be needed if swag sales move forward. Not only were sales lost, but the current system with PayPal is not sustainable. Square may be an option.
- The final tweaking and approval of the budget will take place at February FCA meeting.

President Land asks for unanimous consent to adjourn. Consent given. Meeting is adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers, Board Secretary