

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
February 12th, 2020, as Approved**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Jenn Davies Beck
- Ed Hilz
- Rebecca Sayres
- Julie Butler
- Kent Duffy
- Donald Staren-Doby
- Chris Weathers
- Samuel Wolbert

Board Members Absent

Quorum Present?

- Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

- Yes

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A (7:00pm-8:15pm)

- Edie Wilson, President, Shirlington Civic Association (SCA) addressed the Board.
 - Ms. Wilson noted that the SCA posted the Fairlington Civic Association (FCA)'s Home Remodeling Expo to their Facebook page.
 - Ms. Wilson raised concerns about statements made during the last Shirlington GLUP meeting hosted by the County's Planning Commission. Specifically, the SCA felt the County lacked an understanding of the "economic reality" and business models of Shirlington merchants. Ms. Wilson cited the statement that "Shirlington shouldn't have an active night life." as an example and noted that many restaurants would go out of business. Ms. Wilson also commented on the need for alleyways, insinuating that eliminating them was discussed during the Planning Commissions meeting.
 - Ms. Wilson noted that the SCA met with the co-chairs of the Planning Commission and submitted background comments to the County. Comments and concerns raised included:
 - SCA would like the County to address the parking situation (easy accessibility and visibility of available parking) in Shirlington.
 - SCA would like reinvestment to keep the Village of Shirlington aesthetically pleasing.
 - SCA expressed the importance of retaining Signature Theatre and noted that their lease will be coming up for renewal.

- SCA would like to ensure that the small retailers (UPS, Dogma, etc.) adjacent to where new development is being proposed will remain.
- Ms. Wilson engaged the FCA about the Board's concern on increased density. Guy Land, FCA President, expressed the Board's concern is not exclusively increased density to Shirlington, but the combined impact of it along with the Park Shirlington redevelopment and traffic. Mr. Land additionally cited development in Alexandria's West End and the King Street office building conversion to apartments as other contributing factors to traffic concerns.

Regular FCA Meeting (typically 8:15pm-9:00pm)

- Call to Order
 - 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 hard copy.
- Approval of Minutes
 - There was unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the January FCA meeting distributed by Rebecca Sayres via email.
- Officer Reports
 - President, No report.
 - Vice President, No report.
 - Treasurer, No report.
 - Secretary, No report.

Unfinished Business

- Bus Route Changes
 - Kent Duffy will draft a response to WAMATA regarding proposed changes to the 7Y and 22A/C bus service. The Board agrees that Arlington County and City of Alexandria should receive a copy of the final letter. Kent will circulate the draft to the Board via emails for comments.
- Shirlington GLUP Revisions
 - The Board agrees the FCA needs to draft a letter to the County stating its position on redevelopment in Shirlington following the next GLUP meeting.
- Home Remodeling Showcase
 - Chris Weathers will send an email out for volunteers for the day of the showcase. No other new updates.
- Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Arlington Neighborhood Conservation and Advisory Committee (NCAC)
 - The Board unanimously approves Ed Hilz as the NCAC representative and Rebecca Sayres as the alternate.
- 2020 Budget
 - The Board unanimously agrees to keep ornaments as a separate line item.
 - Motion to adopt the 2020 budget as amended; unanimously approved.
- *All Fairlington Bulletin* Business Model – Deferred due to time.
- 36th and Quaker Lane Intersection – Deferred due to time.

New Business

- Fairlington 5K
 - Jennifer Davies reports that Beth McGinn has been made aware that the FCA will be making a monetary contribution to the charity this year.
- 2019 FCA Financial Documents
 - Motion to send financial documents to the accountant to prepare the FCA's 2019 tax filing; unanimously approved.
- Park Shirlington Redevelopment
 - Guy Land reports that a formal application has not been submitted.
- Bylaws Committee
 - Kent Duffy (chair), Samuel Wolbert, Julie Butler
- Informal Board Dinner
 - Samuel Wolbert will take the lead on identifying a venue, date, and time for an informal Board gathering. Samuel will poll Board members on best dates/times and follow-up via email once a venue has been secured.
- Fire Station 7
 - Guy Land reported that he is actively engaging the County to set up a meeting regarding the future of Fire Station 7.
- Arlington Civic Federation Annual Banquet
 - Motion to cover the expense for any Board member wishing to attend the 2020 Arlington Civic Federation Annual Banquet, board members who commit to attending and later cannot make it will have to reimburse the FCA for the fee; unanimously approved.
- Family Movie Night – Deferred due to time.
- Meeting Presentation Logistics – Deferred due to time.
- Speed Zone – Deferred due to time.
- Spring and Summer Programs – Deferred due to time.
- Arts Outreach and Activities – Deferred due to time.

Adjournment

- President Land motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm, which was unanimously approved

Submitted by Rebecca Sayres, Board Secretary