

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Virtual Meeting
March 9, 2022**

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

- Ed Hilz
- Julie Butler

Quorum Present?

- Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

- virtual meeting recorded for later viewing
- Jennifer Toussaint

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

- Jennifer Toussaint, Chief Animal Control Officer, Animal Welfare League of Arlington

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:15 PM

- President Land welcomes
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- Board introductions

Resident Comments

- none

Call to Order - 8:02 PM

- President Land presides and notes the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- February 2022 minutes approved

Officer Reports

- President: Report deferred.
- Vice President: No report.
- Treasurer: Electronic report submitted. No oral report.
- Secretary: No report.

Unfinished Business

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities

- Director Redway reports the first dialogue will take place on March 10. She will report on how it goes and the way forward from that point.

Fairlington 5K

- Vice President Davies Beck reports nothing new from the Fairlington 5K. The various requests are moving through the system. It is noted that items were submitted last December and the process takes a long time.
- The Fairlington 5K will need to contact HOAs and Courtbridge to distribute information through the various channels regarding road closures, etc.

Blood Drive Plan

- Secretary Clardy Chalmers reports date May 2 date just set for blood drive. Mondays are the hardest days for blood drives, per Children's experiences, however Fairlington has enough of a turnout that it is confident that it can overcome that. Sara Rasmussen has agreed to volunteer as coordinator again.
- The opening day at the Farmers Market is the day before and it could be promoted there, in particular for reserve slots.
- President Land notes that carriers for AFB deliver Friday to Tuesday, so any May announcement will be old. Deadline this week for current AFB.
- This is an opportunity to test how promotion goes beyond Fairlington.

- Next dates will be set within the next month or so.

New Business

2021 Financial Statements

- Treasurer Hilz submitted statements electronically prior to the meeting. Statements are used for filing taxes.
- Director Leonida has checked over the statements and says they are correct.
- Unanimous consent given for using the statements.

Fairlington Farmers Market Contribution

- FCA has a tradition of being one of the market's sponsors. FCA helped to get the market started.
- \$1000 contribution is asked of sponsors
- Farm to Table working to get SNAP eligibility (an issue from beginning) and may have book reading from Fairlington author.
- Unanimous consent for contribution by FCA to the Fairlington Farmers Market.

T-Shirt Sales

- The question of if swag sales should continue at market is posed.
- Board members note that the current payment system is onerous and cannot continue. It was a stop-gap solution for 2021 and going forward needs to be set up in a way that makes sense for both sides (board members selling swag and farmers market customers buying swag)
- Desire is there to continue the sales, but under improved systems.
- Director Leonida will put together information on Square for the April FCA meeting.
- PayPal will continue to be used for ads, as that system works well for the parties involved. The problem was the addition of swag.
- Ornaments: a number of sales via PayPal seem to have been missed. Director Leonida will put a list together and send it to President Land for communication. It is hoped most of the orders can be picked up at the Fairlington Villages condo office.

Multi-Unit Building Permits

- State building code issue (safety) and not zoning issue, however many units in Fairlington fall under it
- Unknown if Arlington has any flexibility
- Is there a possibility for FCA to help carve out an exception for Fairlington in state code?
- Has come up in numerous renovations
- 2017 article in AFB

- Director Bentley to check with county for more details
- More information helpful

Fairlington Arts Activities

- There is currently artwork in Shirlington along Four Mile Run, which is a great location and attractive for both people passing by, as well as the neighborhood.
- President Lands asks if there are ways to bring more art to Fairlington, similar to what is currently on display in Shirlington next to the trail. The resident survey from last year indicated an interest in focus on the arts
- Idea: put a call in AFB for help in visibility for arts in Fairlington to connect people?

Zoom/ Facebook

- A need noted for more people to have access for when emergencies happen or problems arrive.
- Director Staren-Dobey volunteers to coordinate with Director Butler.
- It is planned in May to begin with in-person meetings.

NCAC Program

- Secretary Chalmers reports that the NCAC sent around request for civic associations presidents to send a letter of support for funding.
- Fairlington projects have been previously funded through NCAC and support for other neighborhoods in Arlington is positive.
- Secretary Chalmers will circulate the information to FCA board members. If there are no objections or concerns, President Land will write a letter of support.

Adjourn

President Land asks for unanimous consent to adjourn. Consent given. Meeting is adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers, Board Secretary