

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom Video Call & Facebook Live
June 9, 2021**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Jenn Davies Beck
- Chris Weathers
- Ed Hilz
- Julie Butler
- Lydia Redway
- Bobby Calise
- Paulin Leonida
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers

Board Members Absent

Quorum Present?

- Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

- Shelly-Ann Sinclair
- Christian

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

Samia Byrd, Arlington County Chief Race & Equity Officer

Regular FCA Meeting

Call to Order - 7:55 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 hard copy.

Approval of Minutes

- Treasurer Hilz notes that the New Business Item, Communications Plan, has incomplete information.
- Secretary Weathers agrees to complete the section with a revised May 2021 Minutes to be distributed

Officer Reports

- President, Defers.
- Vice President, No report.
- Treasurer, Report submitted electronically.
- Secretary, No report.

Unfinished Business

COVID Response

- VP Davies reminds the board that this was an item to be stricken from the unfinished business section during the May FCA Board Meeting

Racism & Inclusion Activities

Resident Survey

- Director Calise recommends that the url for the resident survey is posted in the July *AFB* and subsequently ended a week after that delivery as a final push for responses. Results would be published in the following (August) *AFB*.

Spring Outdoor Concert

- VP Davies reports that weather may be an issue. Looking for another volunteer to help on site. Field conditions will determine whether we can hold the event or not. The decision will most likely be made on the day of around 3 or 4 PM.
- President Land reports he will be available to help.
- VP Davies reports that the use permit only requires following current CDC guidelines.

Fourth of July Celebration

- President Land reports that there will be at least one fire truck and asks the board if Abingdon would be a manageable staging area. Director Butler submits that it should be manageable.
- Director Butler will put pinwheels together to go along with flags
- VP Davies & Director Butler will make sure bins are available for pick up
- Treasurer Hilz asked if we need to ask permission to use Abingdon Parking Lot. VP Davies will make sure that is acceptable, understanding that it is a holiday and it is not restricted for use. Treasurer Hilz asked if we will include Shirlington House like we do with Park Shirlington. Hilz all agree to contact Shirlington House and pass along the best person to contact to help coordinate their inclusion with the parade.
- President Land reminds the board that Fairlington Villages (FV) President Placek has reported that FV will plan to conduct the walking parade from the Firehouse to the FV community Center, may include a fife duo, and an ice cream truck.

- Board members discuss some of the difficulty of having a parade and a food truck where there may be some crowding with those who have not had an opportunity to get vaccinated with the COVID pandemic still in place.
- President Land will check in with further precautions that may be in place with FV and communicate concerns about the event occurring in the proposed manner.

New Business

Park Shirlington

- President Land suggests that FCA Board adopt a motion that supports the County/Owner in continuing affordable housing and the general plans for improvement in Park Shirlington
- Treasurer Hilz asks why there is a significant turnaround in this plan. President Land responded that the county had an idea for the use in the beginning, tax credit changes, and other factors played into it.
- President Land will send a draft for this motion to approve via email to the board.
- Director Redway expressed a concern about displacement of residents during renovation. President Land explained that there would be vacant units available during renovation work that can accommodate tenants.
- President Land asked the Owner to present the new direction for Park Shirlington in a board and/or a special meeting (perhaps at Abingdon ES) in the near future.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Statement Activities

- Director Redway reports that the committee has worked on a statement that is grounded in what the county is doing and is more about guidance for the board, rather than an initiative.
- Treasurer Hilz asks if the committee has considered asking the community for comments.
- Director Redway explains that there are complexities about this being a board and community statement.
- VP Davies further clarifies that this could be helpful for guidance in all the activities and actions the FCA board engages in. VP Davies mentions that other civic associations in Arlington have been having the same conversations and considerations.
- Treasurer Hilz argues that a resolution about diversity, equity and inclusion may not represent the community as a whole and feedback should be solicited before going forward.
- President Land comments that there is potential utility in having a statement that guides the FCA board.
- Treasurer Hilz agrees with President Land that we should draft principles for the board and express them to the community.
- VP Davies & President Land solidify that this may work best as an expression of the FCA board and will guide us as we engage the greater FCA community.
- Director Redway appreciates the differences discussed and also mentions that we need to consider the county's orientation on these matters.

- Secretary Weathers states that the FCA board is elected by the community and is in a rightful position to consider a resolution like this.
- Director Redway comments that 'guiding principles' is a good way to frame this.
- Treasurer Hilz asks for clarification on if this is something for the board to consider on this issue.
- VP Davies re-summarizes that this would be about how we consider our responses, actions, and events.
- President Land also offers a summary that this is a resolution for the FCA board, but is intended to have a greater effect on the FCA community over time.

Adjournment

- President Land seeks a motion to adjourn with unanimous consent; no objections
- Adjourned at 9:02 PM

Submitted by Chris Weathers, Board Secretary