

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Jennifer Davies
- Paulin Leonida
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Julie Butler
- Lydia Redway
- Scudder Wagg

Board Members Absent

- Sarah Hazlett

Quorum Present?

Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

Livestreamed on Facebook

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

- No speaker presentation

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:06 PM

- President Land welcomes, introduces board members

Resident Comments - none

Call to Order - 7:06 PM

- President Land presides

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- December minutes Approved

Election of Director

- Sarah Hazlett elected to vacant board position

Officer Reports

- President: a meeting was held with Alexandria representatives (Senator and Delegate) to General Assembly about proposed Monument Sports Complex - state must create entity to issue bonds and then city must do all permitting, etc. - both said a pre-condition for support is commitment to funding Metro, concerned about transportation, traffic, quality of life - Del inclined to no, Sen wants more info - FCA invited as neighboring civic association
- Vice President: No report
- Treasurer: No report
- Secretary: No report

Unfinished Business

Community Service Activity, MLK, Jr. Day of Service

- Abingdon PTA will be cleaning up grounds and garden.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities

- Did not meet during holidays and will meet next week to decide topics for upcoming months

Zoning Variance with Arlington County/ BZA Process

- No update expected until after the budget is approved and passed
- No updates expected until after Q2

New Business

Standing Procedures and Practices, 2024

- Slightly reworded in Standing Procedures and Practices to allow for more flexibility for meetings outside of the annual meeting
- When communicating via email, board members are requested to put FCA in subject and also if action required.

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

- Officers selected as official delegates to the Arlington County Civic Federation with proviso that it can be changed should interest be expressed by members of FCA board.

- Director Bentley, Director Hazlett, Director Redway, and Director Wagg selected as alternates for Arlington.
- Official representative for the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations will be President Land.
- Melanie Alvord (Ward VI Director) of Fairlington Villages selected as alternate for Alexandria.
- Question about what about disagreement between President Land and Ms. Alvord if positions differ on Alexandria projects. President Land is primary rep, however it is important to keep Alexandria residents informed.
- Secretary Chalmers will file formal notices and serve as contact for the FCA.
- Treasurer Leonida will pay due for each federation.

Appointment of Representative and Alternate to Arlington Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee

- Ed Hilz requested to continue to represent FCA at ArNAC and is approved by the board to do so.
- Director Wagg is selected as an alternate.
- Secretary Chalmers will inform the county of the 2024 delegate and alternate.

Appointment of Bylaws Committee

- Dianna Bentley, Jennifer Clardy Chalmers, Jennifer Davies

Appointment of Audit Committee

- Julie Butler, Sarah Hazlett, Paulin Leonida

Garden and Home Tour 2024

- The event is planned to return this year. More information to come as planning progresses.

Meeting enters executive session and ends streaming on FB

All Fairlington Bulletin Editor

- President Land to talk to the current Editor as final check for transition to new editor.

2024 Draft Budget

- Thus far ad rates did not cause fewer advertisers, however some are stopping just because they're not seeing any business from ads. Ad counts and ad rates need to be watched.
- Largest expense outside of AFB is the accountant. FCA will look to see if there are better alternative accounting firms.

Spring and Summer Activities and Programs

- Idea for programming and topics will be thought about and discussed at future meetings.
- A county board member will be sought as speaker after the budget is adopted.
- The possible Potomac yards arena is an area of interest and needs to be watched.
- A briefing by police is always welcomed by the community and will be sought again this year.

Adjourn

- President Land adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 9:03pm

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers