

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2023
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Julie Butler
- Todd Delp
- Lydia Redway

Board Members Absent

- Jennifer Davies Beck
- Paulin Leonida
- Donald Staren-Doby

Quorum Present?

Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

Yes - 4

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

- Topic: King Street Mobility
- Speaker: Sara Brandt-Vorel, Transportation Capital Project Manager, Department of Transportation & Environmental Services, City of Alexandria

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:08 PM

- President Land welcomes.

Resident Comments - none

Call to Order - 7:50 PM

- President Land presides

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- September 2023 minutes approved

Officer Reports

- President: Deferred
- Vice President: No report
- Treasurer: No report
- Secretary: No report

Unfinished Business

Fairlington Building Permits

- Director Bentley shared the latest email from the county amendment coordinator. County staff seem to believe that the fix can happen that is Fairlington specific, but timeline is unknown. She said will continue to ask for updates on a monthly basis.
- President Land will contact Mark Schwartz to ask for updates.
- The zoning issue remains a point of concern for residents and FCA believes residents need to continue to advocate for an amendment until the process is complete.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities

- Director Redway has been in touch with other civic associations who are also doing DEI and hoping to connect for a brainstorm. The Fairlington DEI group is meeting next week.

Blood Drive

- No updates.

Family Movie Night

- Director Butler says that looking ahead at the weather forecast, it looks likely to be postponed. The call will be made before FCA pays any penalties. It is currently unknown if FCA will reschedule for November or Spring 2024.

New Business

CPR Course

- Director Butler filled out the online form for Hands2Hearts and is waiting for a response. Once she receives a response, she will work to negotiate time and space.
- Perhaps it is also time to repeat the Narcan training.

Firetruck Santa

- Board votes to do Fire Truck Santa again this December.
- December 9 is the suggested date
- Vice President Davies Beck will follow up and other members will support her.

Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Update

- The Vision Zero annual review was released and Director Delp will look at it. He plans to stay in touch and follow the process, especially concerning the upcoming focus on Abingdon.

All Fairlington Bulletin Finances

- President Land requests all FCA board members reflect about the AFB and its future over the coming months. The printing costs have increased and the current revenue given the increased costs will not sustain FCA as it currently functions.
- All newsletters for remainder of 2023 will not be more than 28 pages due to costs
- The Ad Manager is pulling in even more ads, but not making as much as her predecessor or what she was expecting to make. The problem is with both the increase in printing costs and current ad structure. President Land notes that the ad rate has not been changed in a number of years.
- The Editor wishes to step down, but will stay on until a new editor is found.
- A popular columnist also notified FCA that she cannot keep doing the column about pet profiles.
- What does the future look like? Should AFB go completely online? Move to an edition every other month?
- Current ad rates should also be increased.
- Motion to approve 20% ad increase and \$100 more for inserts starting January 2024 by Secretary Chalmers. Seconded by Director Butler. Motion passes.
- Motion to approve \$200 total extra compensation for ad manager by Director Delp. Seconded by Director Bentley. Motion passes.

Adjourn

- President Land adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers