

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
May 10, 2023
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present

- Jennifer Davies Beck
- Paulin Leonida
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Julie Butler
- Todd Delp
- Lydia Redway

Board Members Absent

- Guy Land
- Donald Staren-Doby

Quorum Present?

Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

None (livestreamed over Facebook)

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

None (livestreamed over Facebook)

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:04 PM

- Vice President Davies Beck welcomes.

Resident Comments - None

Call to Order - 7:06 PM

- Vice President Davies Beck presides, notes by-laws requirements met and the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- approval of March 2023 minutes moved to June meeting

Officer Reports

- President: No report

- Vice President: No report

- Treasurer: no report, but notes that still learning the position

- Secretary: No report

Unfinished Business

Fairlington Building Permits/ Arlington County Permits

- Director Bentley did not hear back about buy-in from association presidents before FCA goes to the county. The question is how to approach it, as listening in to BZA meeting shows that the members are frustrated and an easier process needs to be made. If people think that the permit process is too burdensome or interferes, it will drive up unpermitted work.

- Question about permits was given to AFB editor for county board candidates due to interest and problems that come up related to permitting.

- President Bentley willing to write something as needed for July AFB. Also notes that email sent by local contractor about issue and he also wished to address the board, however due to online presence, it will happen in person next month.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Activities

- Director Redway reports that DEI is continuing with discussions of next steps. Guaranteed income pilot program in Arlington is of interest.

New Business

Fairlington SWAG

- Current budget does not have any swag items in it.
- Board members express interest in ordering t-shirts and dog bandanas. The t-shirts to be gray with green lettering.
- The order last time was for about 175 pieces of both kinds of t-shirts, plus kids items for \$1186.
- Treasurer Leonida will get possible costs.
- Suggestion for 2024: Old Navy early 2000s 4th of July flag t-shirts, but with Fairlington for next year! Maybe even a custom order!

Fourth of July Parade

- It can be held as county doesn't consider that the same as races even though it is the special events permit.
- Vice President Davies Beck has already reached out to the fire station for support of the parade.
- FCA provides financial support for parade and has set money (\$2500) aside for this. The question is how FCA wants to support the parade and the expectation is that FCA will be asked to contribute.
- Robust discussion about cost benefits of community event and how to bring the community together to celebrate while also watching costs. Popsicles, community contributions, etc.
- FCA is supportive of the parade and would like to contribute, but would like to communicate to the FV that we would prefer to see the money supporting other items (fife and drummer) vs. the food.

Pedestrian and Traffic Safety

- Director Delp reviews residents concerns about school crossing.
- Noted that it be hard to see that crossing and intersection remains a problem.
- Director Delp reached out to Arlington County, Department of Environmental Services, APS, etc. and waiting on response.

Historical Grant Fund

- There is not enough time to get the extensive grant application together.
- Fairlington Historical Society interested in trying for a grant next year, possibly with FCA as partner.
- Rumor has it that the grant will be back in part due to short timeline and good to have

something in the pocket in case that happens.

Parking Enforcement

- Resident complained about consistent parking of trucks and trailers on street behind county community center. Residents say vehicles don't belong to residents and some labeled as business/ commercial vehicles.
- What is FCA's role? Out of state tags do not mean the vehicle does not belong to a resident. FCA should point residents to mechanisms for residents and advocate if county is not responding appropriately or high numbers of complaints that need to be pointed out. (There is an online form that residents can fill out.)
- What is a commercial vehicle rule - does loophole still exist?

Blood Drive

- Secretary Chalmers to provide update at next meeting. At that time will hopefully have answers as to requirements for INOVA bus.

Adjourn

- Vice President adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers