

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2024
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present

- Jennifer Davies
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Julie Butler
- Sarah Hazlett
- Lydia Redway
- Scudder Wagg

Board Members Absent

- Guy Land
- Paulin Leonida

Quorum Present?

Yes - virtual meeting

Residents or other Attendees Present?

Stephanie Hopkins shopkins@arlingtonva.us

Jessica Arias 202-644-9837 jarias@capitalareafoodbank.org

Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

- No speaker presentation - Guest speakers to topics attending meeting

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:05 PM

- Vice President Davies welcomes and starts meeting

Resident Comments - n/a

Call to Order - 7:06 PM

- Vice President Davies presides

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes circulated and will be approved at next meeting

Officer Reports

- President: No report
- Vice President: No report
- Treasurer: Submitted electronically
- Secretary: No report

Unfinished Business

Park Shirlington Mobile Market

- Capital Area Food Bank approached Arlington to put up another market and asked where need is. Park Shirlington has high rates of SNAP participants. Food insecurity in Arlington is higher than at the peak of the pandemic. Between 8-9% of Arlington has a referral to AFAC.
- Abingdon PTA was originally supposed to be in charge of the monthly food mobile market, but reverted back to school staff. That is too much to be able to continue because of drop and distribution times.
- Capital Area Food Bank would also like to change market hours to later to help accessibility. The time for the food drop could also change if market hours changed. (2 hour window for food delivery)
- Market management includes food delivery, distribution, line management, data collection and delivery.
- FCA can help message out to help facilitate finding new coordinator, as well as volunteers, keep on radar, etc.
- Next market date is set for the first week of September.

Arlington Zoning/ Permitting Issue

- Director Bentley reports no updates outside we should get an update about the schedule very soon.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Director Redway reports no major updates. Reiterates that DEI listserv would be good for volunteers for the mobile food market.

Spring Family Movie Night

- Spring Family Movie Night rained out!
- The money rolls over for up to 1.5 years, so FCA is still good to go for the fall. Maybe keep Star Wars theme and advertise in late summer in AFB.
- Suggested Date: September 21

King Street Improvements

- FCA letter sent.
- Option selected by Alexandria and over the summer it will start going through the process of approval. Director Redway wrote about briefing for last AFB. Question about next actions and it is something FCA would like to advocate for, as well as perhaps ask Alexandria to present.
- Director Wagg explains option chosen. The access road will change, forcing much traffic to turn at lights. However there are not crosswalks on every side of intersections in spite of focus on pedestrian safety and FCA will watch that aspect.
- Motion to support this option via letter and with possible questions about crosswalks made and passes.

New Business

Fairlington July 4

- FCA can have tent in parking lot and sell swag.
- Vice President Davies, Secretary Chalmers and Director Wagg volunteer to set up and staff tent.

Presentations at FCA meetings

- FCA to invite county board member for early fall meeting
- Arlington County Police to also be invited and will try to get Alexandria City Police for fall presentation

WMATA Bus Proposal

- Director Wagg previously sent out notes in a letter about the proposed changes and suggests letter sent to WMATA with companion letter to Arlington County as well as Alexandria City to help solve drop in service to Fairlington and Park Shirlington.
- FCA would need to respond fairly quickly because the plan from Metro is to implement changes next year.
- Motion passed to send letter about service impacts, with focus on Park Shirlington

Adjourn

- Vice President Davies adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 8:56pm

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers