

**Fairlington Citizens Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
September 11, 2024  
7:00 pm**

**Board Members Present**

- Guy Land
- Jennifer Davies
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Lydia Redway
- Scudder Wagg

**Board Members Absent**

- Paulin Leonida
- Julie Butler
- Sarah Hazlett

**Quorum Present?**

Yes

**Residents or other Attendees Present?**

Yes - 6

**Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A**

- Susan Cunningham, Arlington County Board member

**Regular FCA Meeting**

Welcome - 7:05 PM

- President Land welcomes and starts meeting

Resident Comments - n/a

Call to Order - 8:14 PM

- President Land

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved

## Officer Reports

- President: Deferred
- Vice President: No report - AFB business model will be sent via email - fire truck santa
- Treasurer: No report
- Secretary: No report

## Unfinished Business

### Arlington Zoning/ Permitting Issue

- President Land sent staff memo about proposed changes to be discussed at upcoming board meeting
- Questions about how to spread any sort of news that comes out of the October meeting - all platform approach
- Staff meeting Saturday, September 14. October 7 meeting for planning commission and afterwards it will go before the board, but not before October 19.

### Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

- Director Redway reports no major updates. Defers time.

### Fall Family Movie Night

- Director Butler still waiting on official permission from county
- Movie Night Plan: 7pm, September 21 - help needed 15 minutes before and clean up at the end/ Sunday morning

### Park Shirlington Mobile Market

- Vice President Davies will be signing MOU with Capital Area Food Bank making FCA the formal partner to operate the monthly food distribution in November
- Fairlington resident will be site manager with FCA as back up. Another resident also volunteered to do volunteer sign up.
- Distributions planned for first Wednesday of the month, 2:30-4:30.

### 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 Farmers Market

- The permit up for 5 year review and on county board agenda on October 19
- President Land would like to invite FFM to present to FCA in November
- Suggestion for FCA to send a letter in support of the market - President Land will draft the letter and send it to board for feedback/ approval.

#### All Fairlington Bulletin Business Model

- The current AFB has had its ups and downs through the pandemic and even more so afterwards.
- Issues: what is our break even? Are we making enough for it to be sustainable financially? What amount is the work worth, particularly for board and staff members? Online, hard copy, both? Pay for an editor in a new form?
- Motion for \$500 bonus to interim editor who stepped in the vacancy, seconded - vote unanimous to award bonus.
- Editor work going well so far, but this is not sustainable.
- Decision to hold Executive Session for a discussion about longer-term planning for AFB.

### **Adjourn**

- President Land adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 8:48pm

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers