

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022
7:00 pm**

Board Members Present

- Guy Land
- Jennifer Davies Beck
- Jennifer Clardy Chalmers
- Dianna Bentley
- Paulin Leonida
- Lydia Redway
- Donald Staren-Doby

Board Members Absent

- Ed Hilz
- Julie Butler

Quorum Present?

Yes

Residents or other Attendees Present?

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Speaker Presentation and Resident Q&A

None

Regular FCA Meeting

Welcome - 7:05 PM

- President Land welcomes

Resident Comments - the Santa ride was nice and fun, especially when the kids sat in the engine

Call to Order - 7:08 PM

- President Land 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) distributed by President Land

Election of Officers and Directors for 2023

- Distribution of ballots
- Candidates for FCA Board introduce themselves - those not present are also presented
- Special Announcement before election: Thank you to Ed Hilz. President Land thanks Ed Hilz for his decades of service to Fairlington. Of note: Ed Hilz was instrumental in the creation of FCA in the 1970s and believed to be Treasurer for at least 20 years. He first appeared by name in AFB on April 1, 1983, as part of the nominating committee for officers and directors of FCA. Later he appeared in the records as Treasurer and has been a point of continuity for FCA for decades. Ed served as an anchor for FCA as an organization throughout the decades and an expert in Fairlington business. A profile of Ed and his service will appear in an upcoming issue of AFB.
- SB Squarepants not elected, as well as Rounder
- Election results and board members for 2023: Guy Land (President), Jennifer Davies Beck (Vice President), Paulin Leonida (Treasurer), Jennifer Clardy Chalmers (Secretary), Dianna Bentley, Julie Butler, Todd Delp, Donald Staren-Doby, Lydia Redway

Approval of Minutes

- November 2022 minutes - approved

Officer Reports

- President: Summary of 2022 activities offered for annual meeting.
 - Local elected officials spoke at FCA: Katie Cristol, Barbara Kanninen, Adam Ebbin and Elizabeth Bennett-Parker.
 - Police community presentation by Arlington County Police.
 - Focus also on real estate development around Fairlington and primary focus on Park Shirlington (keeping density and residents).
 - Head of Shirlington Library and several events at Fairlington Farmers Market over the summer, as well as connected to Abingdon PTA. The local library branch is more engaged in community and new partner.
 - DEI work really started to take off after patience and persistence. It continues to grow.
 - Activities and support in Fairlington: Family Movie Night, Santa Ride, 4th of July Parade, blood drives, Fairlington 5K, farmer's market, convener of Fairlington President's on quarterly basis

2023 activities and plans: MLK, Jr. Day of Service activity, DEI conversation, 5K permits submitted for April 29, hope to have demographer present the delayed 2020 census data, family movie night, more focus on music and arts, possible website overhaul, income may include more swag sales.

- Vice President: None
- Treasurer: Submitted electronically prior to meeting
- Secretary: None

Unfinished Business

Santa Fire Truck Ride

- Vice President Davies Beck reports feeling better about the relationship with Fire Station 9, after closure of 7 and pandemic. Need to look into a Santa suit due to size.
- Question about Abingdon as starting location (prior to closure started and ended at 7), however with more apparatus pieces, the school parking lot makes sense.
- 2023 plans for more engagement with Park Shirlington and cross promotion with Abingdon PTA.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

- Secretary Chalmers reports about plans for a service activity at Abingdon Elementary on MLK, Jr. Day. It is being coordinated with the Abingdon PTA and will involve the school garden. Details will be forthcoming in AFB and through Abingdon communications.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Fairlington

- Director Redway notes that the next discussion in January will also be the final discussion in the series. Suggestions for how to continue the DEI discussions range from book to article club on a monthly basis. The format should allow the conversations to keep going and have structure.

New Business

Arlington Permitting

- Director Bently and President Land have looked into permitting issues arising in Fairlington. Residents report problems with contractors getting permits. All that is being asked for is on the website of the county, but Fairlington is non-conforming in many ways. Not improvements that are triggering the state code, but instead county requests.

For example: a plat asked for by the county for interior work, egress window denied due to county specifications, and perhaps more. There is a question if Fairlington can get blanket variance due to non-conforming units. Unknown. Variance permits from the owner's local association board as well as county permits are needed for changes.

- How to continue to gather information and figure out what is needed - conversation with county and associations?

All Fairlington Bulletin

- President Land notes that in the relatively near future that the current business model of AFB will need to be thought about and addressed. Printing costs have greatly increased. Ad manager and editor rates need to be altered to come more in line with the work of the positions. Ad rates have also been unchanged. Perhaps raise some rates and keep others?

Social Media Strategies

- President Land: FCA will look at Social Media strategies in 2023. President Land to talk to Regine about maybe doing some in addition to her work as editor. Also, a resident that was here last time without time for the board has social media ideas and experience. Request to board to continue to think about the subject.

Spring Programs and Activities

- President Land notes to think about Spring program preferences. Finding a balance and time commitment, along with priorities will be discussed further at the January meeting.

Adjourn

President Land adjourns the meeting with no objections. Meeting is adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Submitted by Jennifer Clardy Chalmers