

**Fairlington Citizens Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Fairlington Community Center  
3308 S Stafford St  
May 08, 2019**

**Board Members Present**

- Guy Land
- Ed Hilz
- Rebecca Sayres
- Jenn Davies Beck
- Sara Tuke Carr
- Christopher Weathers
- Samuel Wolbert

**Board Members Absent**

- Lindsay Willmann
- Kent Duffy

**Quorum Present?**

- Yes

**Residents or other Attendees Present?**

- Yes

**7:00-7:40PM**

**Special Presentation: Application for early childhood services, 4800 S. 31<sup>st</sup> St. Ray Arduini, Vice President, Avery Thurston Companies**

- Avery Thurston Companies, a local commercial real estate developer, is proposing to convert the Long & Foster Building located at 4800 S. 31<sup>st</sup> St into an early childcare center.
- Avery Thurston has completed approximately 50-60 early childcare facilities.
- The developer is meeting with the county regarding a special use permit application, determination feasibility, etc.
- The developer presented a conceptual plan to the FCA and members of the community.
- The existing structure is a two story 5,000 sqft. building plus or minus 2500 sqft. Thurston is proposing to add a two story addition to the left hand side of the structure (when facing the building from S. 31<sup>st</sup> St). The second story addition will not be visible from S. 31<sup>st</sup> St.
- The conceptual plan includes the creation of a drop-off driveway from S. 31<sup>st</sup> St. near the intersection with Buchanan to the main entrance to the building.
- The facility would provide services for approximately 150 children (infant to pre-school age). Hours of operations and other details to be determined as the project progresses.
- The developer would retain the property and lease the facility to a childcare provider occupant.
- The project is in the initial phases of development and has not been approved by the county.
- Q&A session with the community.

**7:40-8:40PM**

### **Special Presentation: Application for Montessori School and early childhood program, West Alexandria. Duncan Blair, counsel for Higher Ground**

- Duncan Blair, counsel for Higher Ground, spoke on behalf of the organization bringing a new Montessori School to West Alexandria.
- Mr. Blair reported to the FCA and community that a significant amount of time was spent with the City of Alexandria to alleviate traffic concerns with the implementation of the school.
- The school will be located in a mixed used development and have space on the first floor next to the Silver Diner. There will be an indoor play area on the first floor and classrooms on the above floors. The school will utilize public parks and is seeking authorization to share an interior courtyard park with a neighboring housing tenant.
- The school will accommodate children from 16 months to 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Parking is below grade. Pick-up and drop-off will enter from Beauregard and exit of King St or Beauregard at staggered times during typical school hours.
- A Higher Ground representative reported that security measures for off-grounds activities (the use of public parks, common areas, etc.) would be based off an urban schools security model and similar to the protocols implemented in Chicago and New York City.
- The school will offer a promotional inaugural rate as part of its opening.
- Tuition rates will be market based, financial aid is available.
- The school follows federal holidays and tries to plan breaks concurring with the local public schools.
- The school will offer free events for the community (CPR, parent classes, etc.).
- Q&A session with the community.

### **Call to Order**

- The Executive Board meeting was called to order by President Guy Land at 8:40 PM.

### **Approval of Agenda**

- There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda (with adjustments as needed) distributed by Guy Land by email and hard copy.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- There was unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the April meeting, distributed by email prior to May 8th.

### **Officer Reports**

- President
  - No report
- Vice President
  - No report/absent
- Treasurer
  - Treasurer's report was distributed by email.
- Secretary
  - The FCA received a call inquiring if a meeting would be held in regards to the county no longer recycling glass. President Land responded to the call via email noting there is no inclination for the FCA to pursue this change or hold a presentation regarding it.

### **Unfinished Business**

- Ornament Re-order
  - The board will hold off on an ornament re-order until the current inventory has depleted.
- Movie Night Rescheduling
  - There was unanimous consent to reschedule movie night to September 6<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.

### **New Business**

- Home and Garden Tour
  - Rebecca Sayres reported that the Home and Garden Tour is in need of a few additional volunteers, but otherwise is set.
- All Fairlington Bulletin Advertising Manager Position
  - The board unanimously consented to run an ad in the upcoming AFB for the potential opening of the advertising manager position. Jennifer Davies will reach out to Beth Andrews (the current advertising manager) to confirm her stated resignation and inquire how much longer she may be willing to fulfill the role. Ms. Davies will report back to the board via email.
- All Fairlington Bulletin Business Model
  - The board unanimously consented to hold a special working session on the current business model and way forward of the All Fairlington Bulletin.
  - President Land will conduct an online poll to select an amicable date for the session among board members.
- Walk Zone Improvements
  - Deferred due to time.
- Facebook Administration/Survey Results
  - Deferred due to time/and in Kent Duffy's absence.

### **Adjournment**

- President Land motioned to adjourn at 9:00pm, which was unanimously approved

Submitted by Rebecca Sayres, Board Secretary