

Minutes
Executive Session, Fairlington Citizens Association
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
February 8, 2012, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Rosiland Jordan
Vice President Bryan Pettigrew
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Kent Duffy
Director Jacob Gelbaum
Director Mark Jones
Director Guy Land

PART ONE: (60-90 minutes)

Capt. Brett Butler of the Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) and Lt. Shirley Mammarella of the Alexandria Police Department (APD) were guest speakers.

Some of the issues they spoke about were:

- Current crime statistics over the past year in ACPD District 3 and APD Sector 3. They will entertain questions about noteworthy criminal activity that was published in the police blotter.
- Traffic safety and parking enforcement issues.
- Jurisdictional and mutual aid issues of ACPD and APD since parts of the community fall both in Arlington County and the City of Alexandria.
- “Who to call” in case of an emergency or non-emergency inquiry and who may respond.

Their presentations were followed by audience Q&A.

PART TWO: Short FCA Board business meeting

Minutes approval -- Secretary Dabbs/Director Duffy—President Jordan asked that Board members advise Secretary Dabbs re: approval/edits of the Minutes of the January 11 and January 24th meetings NLT Sunday February 12th, and that approval or changes be recorded in these minutes. Both sets of minutes were approved as circulated 8-0, by email.

Treasurer's reports – Treasurer Hilz—distributed copies of his reports which had been circulated by email. President Jordan asked that Board members advise Secretary Dabbs re: approval/edits of these reports NLT Sunday February 12th, and that approval or changes be recorded in these minutes. These reports were approved as circulated 8-0, by email.

All-Fairlington Bulletin (AFB) Issues

President Jordan reviewed some prior problems with AFB articles and information included/not in each issue.

She also explained her reaction to recent emails on this subject, which we discussed.

We also reviewed the by-laws authorities regarding the AFB; Director Duffy stressed the lack of clarity in the By Laws regarding the authority of the Officers absent Board action. We considered procedures we'd like to have in place to approve editorial content. We regard this as especially important because the audience for AFB goes considerably beyond Fairlington residents; it's our face to the broader community, including local government bodies. Therefore, we want to assure that editorial content is complete, correct, and reflects the sense of the Board. Treasurer Hilz asked that we consider our next steps.

Vice-President Pettigrew emphasized that we need to continue this discussion on strategic communications. President Jordan indicated she does want to have a meeting next week, as she suggested this afternoon in an email; she's thinking that the AFB editor needs to be in that meeting.

President Jordan indicated that she'll be in touch directly with the editor, and we talked about the message she'll convey.

Director Gelbaum summarized the sense of the Board.

Fairlington Day meeting update – President Jordan

Deferred due to lack of time

Other updates/new business

Deferred due to lack of time

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.