

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board Meeting
Fairlington Community Center, Arlington, Virginia
February 9, 2009, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Sam Anthony
Vice President Tom McNally
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Christine Chirichella
Director Stan Hanzel
Director Brenda Kriegel
Director Maureen Ryan
Director Greg Van Hoey

Presentation:

Dave Hundelt, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services, Bureau of Water, Sewer, and Streets provided information about the Arlington County water system, including sources and alternates, processing, distribution by gravity and pumping, quality testing and frequency, and water main breaks. His contact information for additional questions: dhundelt@arlington.va.us or 703-228-6539. Water emergencies may be reported to 703-228-6555.

Discussion followed, covering the following topics:

- pool water discharge into storm sewers (for which no new permits are being granted),
- sub-metering (discouraged),
- status of water mains in Fairlington (generally very good, made mostly of ductal iron),
- leak at top of Utah field (not drinking water—it has no fluoride content—believed to be a spring),
- sewer backups on Utah St (larger or more lines needed, but on hold until HOT lanes geography determined);
- the Alexandria portion of Fairlington is served by Alexandria’s water and sewer systems;
- Arlington uses about 25 million gallons of water daily, although with the change to low-flow toilets and showers, the daily total has not increased, despite population increase from 175,000 to 205,000.

Executive Board Call to Order: President Anthony called the meeting to order at 8:34 pm.

Preparation for HOT Lanes Public Hearing, 5–9 pm, February 11th; Minnie Howard School on Braddock Rd in Alexandria:

President Anthony explained how the meeting would be structured, with a presentation at 7 pm followed by up to 3 minute comments from the audience. While this not set up as a dialog, and there will not be responses to the comments at the hearing, responses will be posted later on the website for the project. Written comments may be submitted through 2/21. From 5–7 pm, there will be exhibits and staff available to answer questions. He mentioned that the Arlington County Board is reserving their

approval for the project pending answers to their questions regarding back-ups from on-ramps and conflicts between local and HOT traffic in Shirlington Circle.

Fairlington Green representatives indicated that they are very concerned about back-up from Shirlington Circle onto Quaker Lane, which is already occurring between 7:45 and 8:30 am; they question why the entrance to HOT would be at Shirlington Circle vs. Glebe Road, which is more commercial in nature than Fairlington and Parkfairfax neighborhoods which border Shirlington Circle. They are worried about noise, where noise barriers will be, and the appearance of noise barriers.

Pattie Clark of the Fairlington Historical Society indicated that they are concerned about what material will be used for sound barriers, and therefore how they will affect the appearance of our historical community.

Guy Land, President of Fairlington Villages, indicated that while they are generally favorable to noise barriers, they are also concerned about the appearance of the barriers and the character of the neighborhood. He plans to speak, representing those 1,700+ homeowners.

Director Kriegel questioned how the exit to Glebe Road and entrance to Shirlington would be handled on Shirlington Circle with more lanes and traffic signals.

Treasurer Hilz suggested that the more folks who speak at the hearing, the more effective our interventions can be; speakers can address a single issue or several.

President Anthony indicated that many of the Fairlington residents canvassed on Sunday the 8th were not aware of the HOT lanes project nor the upcoming public meeting, but Ms. Stacy, the President of Fairlington Green, indicated that as many as 20 of the 167 units in the Green will likely be present and many plan to speak at the hearing.

The board then moved to a discussion of themes and who might speak to which:

- Fairlington Green will focus on noise issues;
- Patty Clarke, for Fairlington Historical Society, will focus on design and materials of sound barriers; and
- Secretary Dabbs will focus on the disincentive to change travel to less popular times that payment at all hours will create, and the fact that the road was created with tax revenue.

Several people wondered where Parkfairfax leadership and residents stand on this issue; President Anthony will explore this.

Approval of Minutes: Approval of the of the January 14th minutes of the Monthly Meeting of the Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board was moved, seconded, and passed as edited with comments from Board members. Approval of the minutes of the January 29th meeting was moved, seconded, and passed 8-0-1, as amended by a comment from the floor.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hilz explained the January Treasurer's Report, AFB Profit and Loss Statement, and check register. Approval of the January 2009 Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed.

Ad Manager's Report: The spam problem which had originated from our website has been resolved. Ads continue to roll in during these difficult financial times.

Highlights of the Federation of Alexandria Civic Associations meeting (Anthony): With 17 persons in attendance, the 8 civic associations discussed the BRAC relocation of military personnel to Beauregard and Seminary road locations, which will greatly increase the daytime population of those areas. Dave Dexter will send Sam Anthony additional information; there is concern that the project will go ahead without input from the affected communities.

Highlights of the Arlington County Civic Federation meeting (Anthony, Dabbs): With about 60 persons in attendance, all members of the Arlington County Board presented their program and priorities for 2009, and answered questions from the ACCF board and from the floor.

Report on FCA Strategic Planning Meeting 1/29 (McNally): Vice President McNally explained the background of our strategy meeting, the brainstorming process we used, and the prioritized list of actions that resulted.

Speakers for future FCA meetings: The board decided that the March meeting needs to be a continuation of our planning process, so we will not have a speaker. At the meeting on April 8th, we will host Mark Jenks from the City of Alexandria, who will speak about the three major traffic projects near Fairlington that are under consideration—Braddock/King/Quaker; Beauregard/King; and adjustments for BRAC.

Adjournment: President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dabbs
Secretary