

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
June 12, 2013, as approved

Special Presentation—Arlington County and Dominion Power officials presented information regarding their preparedness for emergencies and what residents can do to be prepared, and then responded to questions from Fairlington residents in attendance.

Executive Board Business Meeting:

Board Members Present:

President Guy Land
Vice President Kent Duffy
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Joe Hartman
Director Mark Jones
Director Carrie Street

Board Members Absent:

Director Jacob Gelbaum
Director Michelle Woolley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda provided by email on June 12th by President Land was approved without objection.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the second draft of the May 8th minutes, which includes changes from Treasurer Hilz, was approved without objection.

Officer Reports

President Land

The items he would have reported on are in the unfinished business agenda, and discussed there.

Vice President Duffy

Identifying a cheaper phone alternative for FCA is still in process. To clarify, there is no physical phone that rings; it's all electronic. Most systems to be considered can send an email to a designated account when there's a voicemail message. Treasurer Hilz will send Vice President Duffy the information needed to set this up.

The audit committee reviewed the 2012 FCA tax return, and found documentation to be good and “quite nice.”

Treasurer Hilz—see notes on docs

Four monthly docs were provided in advance by email, which Treasurer Hilz discussed as follows:

1. Financial Report—commercial pre-paid ads are up significantly, and we have the highest working balance since May of last year;
2. FCA Certificates of Deposit—he noted that two of these were renewed for one year terms since our last meeting.
3. AFB Profit and Loss Statement—this was a good month; our net profits are up in part because we’ve had enough ads to run a 32 page edition for each of April, May, and June of this year; and
4. Checks Issued—essentially as usual; he noted that the internet charge will increase a little next month.

In addition, Treasurer Hilz had provided us with a copy of the 2013 budget, and made the following comments about it:

- The income trend is good; we have almost as much net income this year as in all of 2012.
- The \$100 already spent for July 4th event was our donation to the Great American Bake Sale.
- Based on the electronic vote, Treasurer Hilz did place an order for tee shirts for July 4th.

He also indicated that he would like us to discuss compensation for the AFB Editor and our webmaster at the July meeting.

Secretary Dabbs

Voice Mail box—calls regarding other viewpoints from County Board members and requesting clarity of information on sandwich board signs were the only substantive calls this month.

Electronic vote on tee shirts—Director Street moved that we purchase the 20 adult and 18 kids shirts as outlined in Vice President Duffy’s email of 5/19/13, which, with taxes and shipping, was estimated to cost about \$500: 20 Adult shirts @ \$13.97/each: S=7, M=7, L=3, XL=3; and 18 Kids shirts @ \$8.70-\$9.45 each: 3 each of 2T/3T/4T and 3 each of Youth S/M/L. This motion passed with all officers and directors voting for it.

Other:

None raised.

Unfinished Business

Capital Bikeshare

President Land has been emailing with Paul deMaio of Capital Bikeshare about moving the station on bridge, and plans to discuss it by phone with him. Information on the Woodrow and FCC stations was sent today by email to the EB. He expressed concern about this issue in terms of reliability of communications with us—they don’t seem to be consistent. He’ll keep us informed of what happens.

Fairlington Farmers Market Update

Director Street reported that the meeting on May 20th had about 20 people, including Treasurer Hilz and Director Woolley. Mellissa Beene and Lane Erwin led the meeting; Lane is now taking the lead. They discussed three options (farmer's market, community supported agriculture, other) and collected contact information from those who attended. It's clear that the Field to Table experience should be used as a reference for this activity, but may not be fully applicable to Fairlington or Alexandria. There was concern about the crowding on Saturdays at FCC, which might rule it out as a site. Director Street doesn't plan to follow up on this issue in the future, and it's not clear what FCA involvement should be in future. She's ok with being the liaison, but doesn't plan to attend their bi-weekly meetings. President Land suggested that we not try to define precisely right now the relationship between FCA and whatever structure may evolve. President Land let us know that Ed Hurysz was escorted from that meeting for violating the code of conduct for meetings in county buildings. Not sure how this works for 2nd or 3rd offense.

Treasurer Hilz described the next meeting that he attended on this subject. Three committees were formed to explore 3 locations: FCC, 2 church parking lots across Quaker lane, and Abingdon Elementary School. Access to a bathroom would be key. He's on the committee exploring using the FCC, which plans to meet with Ward Foley of Arlington County next week.

Social Media Intern Update

Vice President Duffy reported that Kate Barton is on board, essentially volunteering in her intern position. Calling position an internship frames it in a way she can use on her resume when applying to college, etc. President Land has identified a couple of research topics for her to work on. She now has an FCA email address. She finished her exams yesterday, so will be available to cover events. Please keep Vice President Duffy aware of what we ask her to do or cover.

Quaker Lane Parking Update

As of last night, we had 15 responses to our survey, overwhelmingly in favor of relaxing restrictions so that non-commercial vehicles could park there overnight. We want to leave the survey up through early July. There has been a good Facebook discussion about it as well. This might be ready for July discussion at the public meeting; we can still flag it in the July issue of the AFB. It was suggested that Vice President Duffy contact Fairlington Glen and Fairlington Meadows presidents about this issue; Treasurer Hilz will provide their contact information.

New Business

Fourth of July Parade

For the last couple of years, we have simply made a contribution to the Fairlington Villages festivities. President Land moved that we approve a contribution of \$600 to FV to defray expenses, which was seconded and approved 7-0.

Fairlington 70th Anniversary Tree

President Land reported that a total of \$200 to Parks and Recreation Department would cover the cost of this tree, that he has asked FHS if they want to split the cost, and that they are willing to do so. Treasurer Hilz will send the funds, and arrange a tree planting in October. We have chosen

a new site near the replacement 60th anniversary tree. It was moved, seconded, and passed 7-0 that \$100 to be contributed towards this tree.

D&O Insurance Coverage

Treasure Hilz presented a summary of the proposals for such insurance that he has received in his package for this meeting. It proved a more extensive project than anticipated. Both crime and liability coverage were explored. Some companies won't write crime coverage if no outside auditor used, so they would be unsuitable for us. The EB was generally favorable to obtaining a crime policy, which is a backdoor way to protect ourselves in the same way that bonding the Treasurer would. It was suggested that the policy summaries for the top 2-3 contenders be sent around for us to review between meetings. We may be able to vote electronically in the interim, or we might need to discuss this in July.

Fairlington 5K—deferred due to lack of time.

President Land indicated that we might partner up with Abingdon PTA, which was also pursuing such an activity.

July meeting

President Land indicated that Congressman Jim Moran may or not be able to attend, and that his availability might cause us to need to move the date of the meeting. He will let us know what Walter Tejada indicates about availability of someone from the County Board to present the pro-streetcar perspective, as requested in his recent voicemail to us.

August meeting

We are assuming it will be held on the second Wednesday, and be an EB work meeting, without a public meeting.

Adjourn

President Land adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Dabbs
FCA Secretary