

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board Meeting
Fairlington Community Center, Arlington, Virginia
May 13, 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 from Dinesh Tiwari, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Resources, Arlington County Government. Mr. Tiwari provided a wealth of information regarding the Fairlington Community Center and his Department's programs in this difficult financial environment. He explained the overall state of the Arlington County budget (~5% cut overall for FY 2010, compared to FY 2009), and how this would affect his department in terms of available budget and FTEs. Some ways that costs will be saved will be by reducing hours of community centers, like the FCC, by an hour or two each day, and increasing some fees (which currently cover 19% of costs, compared to 25% nationally) for county programs. In addition, he provided information about the upcoming Phase 2 of the renovations to the grounds, including undergrounding the utilities, for FCC, which will continue despite budget restrictions. He introduced us to Patrick Mallon, the new manager of the FCC, with whom we discussed ideas for neighborhood-centered and -led activities.

Executive Board Call to Order: President Anthony called the meeting to order at 8:40 pm.

Approval of February and March Minutes: Was deferred, as they have not been prepared for review and approval.

Approval of Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hilz explained the May Treasurer's Report, AFB Profit and Loss Statement, and check register, mentioning that prepaid ads for the AFB have increased, which is a good sign. Approval of the May 2009 Treasurer's Report was moved, seconded, and passed.

Expenditures: It was moved, seconded, and passed to spend \$70 for additional letters for our A-frame signs used to announce community events.

Tax Returns: Treasurer Hilz reported that both our Federal and State returns had been professionally prepared and submitted by a firm specializing in non-profit returns. He plans to pay our 2009 federal and state tax obligations in installments.

Recap of the 5/12 Walking Town Meeting: There was good participation, including during the reception. All 5 County Board members, the Fire Chief, several police representatives, the water and FCA Minutes, 09-05-13, as approved

sewer department, parks and recreation department, and the County manager were all present. Three of the Fairlington condo presidents spoke. The County is obliged to respond to the items on the matrix prepared in advance within 2 weeks. President Anthony and Director Hanzel will prepare and send thank you notes to the County officials who participated.

Fairlington Models: We discussed the cost proposal for restoration obtained by Michael Leventhal for restoring the Fairlington models; it looks reasonable to the Fairlington Historical Society, who has suggested that FCA and FHS each pay ½ of the costs, or \$1760. It is hoped that Arlington County will provide the labor for the restoration. Our conclusion was that we need to discuss this with FHS (after the home tour this weekend), including how our sponsorship would be acknowledged, and where the models would be placed in the FCC after restoration.

Spending Plan: Vice President McNally volunteered to develop a spending plan for the Executive Board. He plans to check with Fairlington Villages, FHS, and other condominiums. Director Hilz will send McNally copies of the spending reports from prior years.

Working Dinner at Ramparts: It was moved, seconded, and passed to reimburse the 4 directors who participated in the working dinner at Ramparts last month \$35 each.

Fairlingtonnews.com: Director Chirichella has been in touch with Neel Brown, who initiated the Fairlington blog. We agreed that she would invite him to the June meeting to make a brief presentation of his concept.

Street Lights Action Plan: Vice President McNally reported that most of the lights are still lit, and that Fairlington Villages has a list of lights that are not functioning, or functioning poorly. He'll get together with them.

Community Meetings Schedule: President Anthony provided us with information regarding upcoming meetings with Fairlington Villages, the Arlington County Civic Federation, the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, and a plan to meet with condo representatives at Ramparts.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dabbs
Secretary