

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
May 14, 2014, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Guy Land
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Mark Jones
Director Lisa Schwanger
Director Carrie Street

Members Absent:

Vice President Kent Duffy
Director Joe Hartman

Special Presentation –

Abingdon Capital Improvement Program Parents Coalition –
Jennifer Davies and Traci Gravelle, and
Abingdon PTA – Dan Branch

Comment Period – Abingdon Capital Improvement Program

Special Presentation – Del. Rob Krupicka

Public Comments:

Jim Huryz commented on unfunded mandates, asked if there was any relief on storm water treatment plans, and scooter registration.

Call to Order

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. President Land noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda distributed by President Land by email on May 9th was approved by consensus, as was his request to take up items out of order.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of our April meeting distributed on May 10th were approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

President--pass

Vice President –pass

Treasurer

Treasurer Hilz had circulated three budget documents to the board by email prior to the meeting:

- the General Ledger, January 1- April 15, 2014;
- AFB Profit and Loss Statement as of May 14, 2014; and
- FCA Bank Accounts, including Certificates of Deposit and our Checking Account.

Secretary

Electronic Votes—None since the April meeting.

Voicemails—We received 7 voicemails this month, which were referred to the appropriate Board member or AFB staff member.

Other--none

Unfinished Business

Fairlington 5K – not discussed due to lack of time.

Fairlington Day, 2014

Director Jones handed out the site plan, assignments chart, and list of groups which will have tables. He asked that Board members be here at 8:30-9:00 am and that we bring extra-long extension cords and coolers. The tee shirt table, which will also be the FCA administration table, will be fairly central. He plans to circulate during the event. Friday, Director Jones and Treasurer Hilz will get equipment and food and bring to FCC after 2 pm. Recycling has not been arranged; it fell through cracks, but he'll work on it before the event. Police, fire, and all vendors except the jewelry seller have gotten back to him. AFB will have sponsor names, but there may not be room for logos as well. We'll have ice tubs from Fairlington Villages. President Land asks that we make a point of thanking the sponsors who are there.

Fairlington Farmers Market—deferred, due to lack of time.

New Business

Abingdon Elementary Capital Improvement Program

President Land proposed wording of a resolution. Treasurer Hilz moved and Director Jones seconded the following wording: "Because Abingdon Elementary School is an important component of the Fairlington community, the Fairlington Citizens Association endorses the proposal for a \$30 million Capital Improvement Program as an endorsement of the long term vision for the school. The Fairlington Citizens Association encourages Arlington County School Board to advance the construction and renovation schedule to address the health, safety, and capacity issues at the Abingdon Elementary School in the 2014 bond proposal."

Discussion: Treasurer Hilz raised idea of possibly splitting the issue somehow so that renovation for safety and health be advanced, relative to construction to expand the number of student seats. President Land disagreed with the idea of opening with our bottom line, rather than what we would really like. Treasurer Hilz pointed out that we may not get an alternate solution if we don't indicate that we're open to negotiations. Director Schwanger indicated that she has the impression that it's more about financing limits than funding per se. Based on the debt ceiling for the schools, it seems like the overall proposal is already off the table. Director Schwanger suggested that we would perhaps risk losing the space as usable if the renovation isn't done. Treasurer Hilz mentioned that solving overcrowding is not an Abingdon issue—it's not our problem. President Land pointed out that FCA's job is keeping Fairlington happy, not APS happy. Director Street pointed out that the parents' group has come to us with the proposal including both the safety and health upgrades and the expansion. The motion passed 6-0.

Election of Executive Board member— not discussed due to lack of time.

T. C. Williams High School contribution— not discussed due to lack of time.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Dabbs
FCA Secretary