

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
May 8, 2013, as approved

Special Presentation—Arlington County Board Member Libby Garvey discussed current issues, including the Columbia Pike trolley car proposal, and responded to audience questions.

Executive Board Business Meeting:

Board Members Present:

President Guy Land
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Director Jacob Gelbaum
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Joe Hartman
Director Mark Jones
Director Carrie Street

Board Members Absent:

Vice President Kent Duffy
Director Michelle Woolley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda provided by email on May 5th from President Land was approved by acclamation.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve April 10th minutes, second draft which includes changes from Directors Street and President Land, Vice President Duffy, and Treasurer Hilz, was moved, seconded, and passed 6-0. (Director Hartman was not present at that meeting and therefore abstained.)

Officer Reports

President Land

See email of April 28th, appended to these minutes, for President's Report.

Vice President Duffy

Absent, therefore no report.

Treasurer Hilz

Three monthly docs were provided in advance by email: Financial Report; AFB Profit and Loss Statement; and Checks Issued, which Treasurer Hilz discussed. There were no changes in our Certificates of Deposit this month.

Naomi Rivera, AFB distributor, is moving out of Fairlington, but can still do this job and would like to do so. Consensus among the Executive Board members present was that this is ok.

Secretary Dabbs

Our files here in the FCC have been updated, and minutes for 2011 and 2012 added. Tours available on request.

Voice Mail box—one call regarding our policy for AFB submissions not accepted for publication was discussed. Based on the consensus among the Executive Board, President Land will ask that the Editor indicate to those submitting articles whether or not they will be published, and if not, to provide a reason.

No electronic votes were taken this month.

Other:

None raised.

Unfinished Business

Fairlington-Shirlington Neighborhood Conservation Plan Update

Treasurer Hilz indicated that the plan update was presented to the County Board on April 20th by President Land. The County Board accepted the plan after about 45 minutes of discussion. President Land and Treasurer Hilz were very pleased with the reception by the County Board.

Activities for 2013 and Survey Responses

- *Fairlington Farmers Market Update*

A community meeting has been set up for May 20th to discuss a possible Farmer's Market in Fairlington; an agenda has been developed; and 3 possible approaches are to be discussed--full fledged, contractor operated, or community-supported agriculture. A variety of publicity is underway, including inclusion in the Fairlington Green newsletter.

- *Social Media Intern Update*

Per President Land, Vice President Duffy Kent has spoken to Kate Barton, who is willing to do the internship as a volunteer. President Land wants to check with Director Wooley regarding legal aspects of such an arrangement. The President and Vice President would meet with her, and asked the EB for approval to offer this opportunity on an unpaid basis if they think it will work. This would make it official, enable her to use it on her CV, etc. If they are uncomfortable or if she wants to be paid, we'd defer this internship until at least next year. Consensus among the EB was that this path would be ok.

- *Quaker Lane Parking Update*

President Land indicated that Vice President Kent has written, with Gretchen Fallon, an article for the AFB, soliciting opinions from the community, and that we'd also do another survey on this. If we get interest from the community, we should move forward. But if not, or if there is significant opposition to change, we should not move forward. The general consensus on this approach, but also that we need to discuss it at our July meeting.

New Business

Great American Bake Sale Request

President Land circulated an email from Cathy Malin asking for support for the Great American Bake Sale at the 4th of July celebration. Director Street mentioned that it's not an Arlington or Fairlington -based or -targeted charity. We'd discussed last year the idea of requiring that a community member make a presentation as a pre-condition for our charitable donations, but never reached a decision about such a policy. (President Land is hoping that we can use August meeting time to deal with the long list of left-over issues; there is general agreement on that.) We discussed donating this year, but telling her that we might change our policy over the next year. Director Gelbaum moved that we donate \$100 for this year to Great American Bake sale, Director Hartman seconded it, but with an amendment to explain that our policy might be changing in the future. The motion passed 7-0.

Capital Bikeshare Location

Director Hartman moved that Capital Bikeshare be requested to either remove the station from the bridge, or place it as described when they presented to FCA. (This would presumably result in there not being a station at 31st & Woodrow.) Discussion indicated that the same side of the bridge but on the North end is good; on the South end of the bridge, the 36th St. side is too dangerous due to the right turns onto 36th St., and the other side of the South end of the bridge is where the bus stops. Director Gelbaum seconded the motion, which passed 7-0. President Land will contact the head of the Arlington Bureau of Commuter Services, who oversees the Capital Bikeshare program, to discuss the relocation.

Neighborhood Conservation Fund Projects

Treasurer Hilz had sent an email to the EB transmitting his recommendation to submit, along with priority designations, the following projects from the updated Neighborhood Conservation Plan to be promoted for early funding consideration, in priority order. The Arlington County Neighborhood Conservation staff will evaluate the projects in priority order.

1. Remove invasive plants and install measures to reduce erosion along the section of Lucky Run stream on Walter Reed Drive from Arlington Mill Drive to South Wakefield Street.
2. Install a sidewalk along the east side of 31st Street South from the bus shelter across from the Shirlington House Apartments to South Randolph Street and replace the Cobra street lights with Carlyle lights along 31st Street South between South Woodrow Street and South Randolph Street.

Removal of the invasive plants and installing erosion control measures would be a significant visual and environmental improvement for this section of Lucky Run. The installation of a sidewalk along the east side of 31st Street and the replacement of the Cobra street lights would

improve pedestrian access and the quality of street lighting along 31st Street. The Cobra lights are the ones on telephone poles. Examples of the Carlyle street lights are along Quincy Street between Randolph Street and Campbell Avenue in front of the Shirlington Bus Transfer Station. These recommendations would be considered at the December meeting of the County Board, after staff evaluation. He made a motion to that effect, which was seconded and passed 7-0. Treasurer Hilz will draft a letter for President Land to send, reflecting this motion.

Park Shirlington Redevelopment Advisory Committee

President Land sought guidance from us regarding moving forward on this Advisory Committee (AC). The purpose of this AC is to advise FCA on our position regarding whatever gets proposed by developer. Two ideas which are mutually exclusive—include all who volunteered and let the numbers be winnowed down by attrition, or include only those who we assess will make the greatest contribution—have been suggested. General agreement was that we should include those who are perceived to be able to make the best contribution. Treasurer Hilz suggested that the AC should be a manageable number and that it should not be formed until after the developer files the site plan. President Land will consider these comments in appointing the AC members.

July Meeting Presentation

Not discussed due to lack of time.

Tee shirts

Treasurer Hilz indicated that we sold 11 at the Fairlington Villages Yard Sale. There is interest in children's sizes. We'd need to reorder prior to July 4 if we want to sell them.

Adjourn

President Land adjourned the meeting at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Dabbs
FCA Secretary

On Apr 28, 2013, at 9:05 PM, "Land, Guy" <guyland@arc.gov> wrote:

Let's call this an electronic version of my President's Report.

Bikeshare. As you recall from our email traffic earlier in the year, Michelle is our point person in dealing with Capital Bikeshare. She's been talking with Paul DeMaio intermittently over the past several months, though about the timing of the Fairlington stations rather than the location. She will be contacting him in the next few days to get a better understanding of why the locations are not what they told us back in the fall and what the thinking is behind installing the one at that dangerous location. As noted in my draft agenda, I expect this matter to be on the May agenda. Btw, yesterday around noon I saw several people standing around the station, seemingly studying how to pay for them. At that point there were 4 or 5 bikes in the rack. When I went back by mid-afternoon, there were only two. My guess is that the people I saw at noon actually rented a couple of bikes.

ConnectArlington. Residents along Abingdon Street received notices on their doors Saturday alerting to them to the fact that there would be fiber installation work done in their area. No timetable was given, but the implication was that it would be relatively soon. Not sure whether other parts of Fairlington have received similar notices.

Surveys. I have spent some time looking over the survey results, and I am excited by what they reveal. More than a hundred people gave us their contact info and expressed an interest in volunteering to help us with things. This is a great volunteer base, and shame on us if we can't turn that in to a nice bunch of "go-to" people for activities and, down the road, Board membership. While a few folks were interested in all sorts of things, the survey reveals that most people were interested in volunteering for only one or two things. I take that to mean that they actually looked at the question and thought about whether they were interested in helping.

I have gone through and separated out the "very interested," "somewhat interested" and "interested" responses from the "not interested" ones for most of the areas we asked about, and I've broken them out by topic for six of the topics we asked about. That will enable you to see contact info for all the people who are interested in helping with a specific topic. (Some people said they were very interested, but they didn't give us contact info.) Those of you who are working on one of these topics may want to reach out to all the people who expressed a willingness to volunteer. E.g., Carrie you may want to send an email to all those on the farmers market list (or I can do it if you would prefer) alerting them to the May 20 meeting. I encourage all of you to take a few minutes and look these over to see who all you may know of these potential volunteers. I'm probably going to do some targeted followup with some of them. This is too rich a resource to just sit there.

Fairlington 5K Run/Walk. If we're going to do this in the fall, then we probably need to get some serious planning underway now. By this email I'm asking Jacob and Joe to coordinate this. Key questions include potential cost, likely cosponsors if any, likely fee structure, proposed date(s), general concept of route, and important next steps. I would hope we could make a go/no go decision at the June meeting.

All Fairlington Swim Competition. I have asked Joe to be the lead on this. The major consideration is the availability of a North Fairlington pool to serve as the venue. As the May AFB points out, the FINS group is getting ready to launch, and we will need to coordinate in swim meet with them in order to get maximum participation. (But it need not be limited to just kids.)