

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
12/14/16, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Jonathan Ansley
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Secretary Lindsay Willmann
Director Hugh Baumgardner
Director Kent Duffy
Director Chris Weathers
Director Evan Harvey

Board Members Absent

None

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:08. President Land presided and noted the presence of a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda distributed by President Land by email and hard copy.

Approval of Minutes

There was unanimous consent to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 9, distributed by email June 5 with suggested edits.

Election of Officers and Directors for 2017

Vice President Ansley gave an overview of the election process as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Candidates were presented to those in attendance. Members of the Board took time to introduce themselves and share their motivation for running for the Board with residents. Secretary Willmann counted the votes with the assistance of Brittany Harris, resident.

Officers Nominated:

Guy Land, President
Jonathan Ansley, Vice President
Ed Hilz, Treasurer
Lindsay Willmann, Secretary

Directors Nominated:

Chris Weathers

Evan Harvey

Kent Duffy

Jen Davies

Hugh Baumgardner

Four residents were in attendance, along with all eight Board members. Twelve ballots were cast in total. After ballots were cast, each member of the Board received 12 votes, leading to a re-election with current members and the election of Jen Davies as Director.

Officer Reports

President

Explained that this meeting acts as the official annual meeting for the FCA during which time officers and directors are elected. After the ballots were cast, President Land gave an overview of issues FCA has been active in this year. First, the 395 HOT lane project was one of significant interest this year. In late spring or early summer, some Fairlington residents will receive a ballot so they can vote whether or not they would like sound walls installed along the highway bordering Fairlington. The project at King Street and Walter Reed is moving forward and a briefing session will occur in the next couple of weeks. FCA will engage in any flashpoint decisions that emerge, but the city has approved all needed permits and decisions at this point. Director Duffy has been the point person on changes to the Metro/ART bus routes in the 2018-2019 time frame. As a result of conversations with the FCA and Fairlington residents, the County is planning to add an ART bus route to better accommodate the needs of South Fairlington. FCA has also been working with VDOT on plans for construction on the King Street bridge and will continue to communicate with officials to ensure residents are informed. This year, we had Christian Dorsey (Arlington County Board member) and Senator Adam Ebbin (Virginia General Assembly) visit and speak with residents. We had a representative in the discussion of County land use and had a speaker from the committee early in the year. We hosted four listening sessions with Fairlington Villages regarding Abingdon school construction to keep neighbors up to date with developments there. FCA has also been active in discussion surrounding Fairlington Park renovations. It is unclear whether it will be closed for the year or if construction will be done in phases, but either way they will move forward with the project in spring 2017. FCA has been active in discussions with the Neighborhood Conservation Program and 31st Street updates have been approved to begin in 2018. Jen Davies and President Land have been active in conversations on changes to Four Mile Run Park, and have talked about holding a joint listening session with the County. This gives residents a chance to say what uses of playground and other equipment they'd like to see. The County Health Director, who happens to be a Fairlington resident, spoke this summer to address resident concerns about Zika virus. FCA also contributed \$1,000 in sponsorship of the Farmer's Market this year given our view that it enriches the community. President Land also reflected on the numerous events throughout the year that FCA sponsors (Fourth of July parade, Santa Ride, Home Improvement Showcase, Fairlington 5K), and their positive impact on resident life. The Home Improvement Showcase, in particular, was a huge success and generated unprecedented interest in the community. This year, we are hoping to link the Showcase with the Home and Garden Tour to give residents an opportunity to interface with contractors who renovated the units on the tour. FCA

was also very active in informing the community on FIOS installation and brought the HOAs together to discuss implementation. President Land mentioned the pre-construction Alexandria Gateway project will be held December 21st from 3:30-4:30 (4600 King Street).

Vice President

Deferred

Treasurer

Treasurer Hilz explained that FCA's income comes primarily from ads in the All Fairlington Bulletin. This year we have about \$4,000 more total income than last year. Accounting fees have increased by about \$1400. We spent \$4,500 more this year for the ad manager's compensation, \$6,000 more this year for the AFB editor's compensation, and AFB printing costs were \$4,000 less this year. Donations increased by about \$1,000 this year. The resupply of t-shirts and new supply of tote bags was another expenditure. Our net income is about \$5,000 less than at this time last year (not including December).

Secretary

Deferred

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Neighborhood Conservation Project (Abingdon Sidewalk)

The Neighborhood Conservation Program is bond funded and approved every 2 years. There is \$12 million allotted out of the bond for neighborhood conservation. To receive funds, you have to survey all residents in the neighborhood and draft a plan summarizing survey results and needs. Sidewalk completion on 31st Street to Shirlington and replace the current lighting is close to receiving the Board's approval. This project would also include significant landscaping in the area, including the removal of invasive plants currently growing there. The recommendations of the Neighborhood Conservation Board are forwarded to the County Board for approval. The next project for the pipeline is to install a sidewalk on a short stretch of Abingdon Street between 31st St and 31st Rd across from the fire station. The plan is to bump out the curb, replace the current stairway with one built at grade (in accordance with ADA regulations). Treasurer Hilz will share information on the impact of the project on plantings in North Fairlington with the Board next month.

Home Renovation Seminar

The format will be changing this year to dedicate the auditorium to seminars as opposed to tables with contractors and vendors. Seminar type classes will be set up in the multi-purpose room for sessions that are general contract heavy. Sessions will probably be 45 minutes in length and then individual time with the contractor will be held in room 103 after the presentation. Every session would begin on the hour. Invitations to prior contractors are out and a call for suggestions from Fairlington residents will be put out in the January AFB. Something the Board will have to address is population control, because occupation guidelines must be upheld this year (the County is very concerned about this issue). We'll publish a schedule in the AFB to inform people and have it ready to go on March 4, the day of the seminar. The fee for contractors/presenters has not been determined but will cover expenses for the rooms at a minimum with a goal of meeting or exceeding what we made last year.

FCC Staff Meal

Director Duffy mentioned we could plan on providing a meal for the FCC staff sometime in January.

Adjourn

Director Duffy motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Director Harvey and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Willmann, Secretary