

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
August 9, 2017, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Jonathan Ansley
Secretary Lindsay Willmann
Director Hugh Baumgardner
Director Jen Davies
Director Chris Weathers
Director Kent Duffy
Director Evan Harvey

Board Members Absent

Treasurer Ed Hilz

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:05. 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 July 12, distributed by email August 4.

Officer Reports

President

President Land mentioned the fall line-up and that, if the Board agrees, he'd like to move forward with the ACE presentation in September. For now, it is his inclination to schedule a presentation on the possibility of sound walls (as part of the HOT lanes project) later in the fall. He reached out to John Vihstadt (who asked to come to an upcoming FCA meeting to present), but has not heard back yet in terms of a date. Board members agreed that the ACE presentation in September seemed a good plan.

Vice President

Defer

Treasurer

Defer

Secretary

Defer

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

“Movie Night”

Secretary Willmann shared that the license is secured and paid for and that she will buy copy because it's cheaper (if no one has a copy to borrow). Director Davies mentioned doing a giveaway or contest for FCA's copy of the DVD. The application the county has been submitted, trash and recycling receptacles will be delivered and picked up by the county, and the generator may be easily reserved at a local shop in Arlington for pick-up. Concessions were discussed but we're not charging for ease of planning at this point. Director Weathers shared that their planning boxed popcorn and a drink to go with it. Director Davies asked about a beginning announcement that evening, and Secretary Willmann mentioned asking Funflicks for a microphone rental. Signboard will be put out ahead of the event. We will do two-sided signs to keep it simple and plan on getting them out the Tuesday before the next weekend. Director Weathers can help with the generator in addition to snacks. Should we notify residents about noise? The AFB was deemed adequate notice. Board members to bring extra flashlights to assist attendees. Secretary Willmann will be here as early as 6:30 or as late as 6:45 to set up.

Sustainable Landscaping Seminar

President Land feels positive about the short screening on sustainable/native landscaping. They would like to engage Parkfairfax, Fairlington Villages Grounds Committee, Virginia Cooperative Extension, and FCA as sponsors. They need \$100 for the rights to screen the film, and they'd like to show selected clips followed by a panel discussion of multiple perspectives on the topic. They would like to pay small stipends to each panel member. They are hoping to do this in September at the FCC right before the native plant sale in Parkfairfax. This would most likely be a Monday night event, with the exact time TBD. Board members are not sure about level of interest, which would be one hindrance to choosing to sponsor. Director Duffy thinks there will be a good amount of people ready to participate given the level of participation in grounds committees. Director Baumgardner motioned to pay the \$100 to act as sponsors, which was seconded by Director Weathers and passed unanimously.

Wakefield and King Intersection

President Land has corresponded with Bob Garbacz on trimming the hedge at the intersection. Bob has looked at it and does not think it needs trimmed or poses a safety issue, but wants to hear from the rest of the Board on what our consensus is and whether or not he should push back. Director Baumgardner said he thought it would be valuable in sharing the residents comments on feeling unsafe along with thanks for helping with the issue. Director Harvey agreed that it feels like an unsafe area when he crosses the street there with his kids. Director Duffy asked if it would be useful for one of us to meet him at the location to do a walk-through with him. Vice President Ansley mentioned a former meeting with Bob about another intersection, and noted that he mentioned some kind of barrier for the lane. There was no consensus among the residents so nothing was done. Director Davies asked what our recommendation would be, and Director Harvey noted that a lane barrier (i.e. bollards) to prevent people from using the shoulder as a slip lane would be ideal. The resulting consensus is that Guy will respond

with a solutions-oriented message that incorporates Directory Harvey's example and Director Duffy's offer to meet for a walk-through. He may mention the idea of a lane barrier as well.

Raccoon Issues

Director Davies noted they've caught three raccoons and that the most recent victim is recovering. She did notice trash ripped open in a ward without bins, but in wards that have been given bins the measures taken seem to be working. Fairlington Villages does not agree that it is fundamentally a trash issue, and contribute some of the recent increase on the construction at Abingdon. FCA will move forward by publishing an article to clear up misconceptions in the AFB.

Website Update

Matthew came to present the new website for final board approval. After some discussion, it was decided to make the Vice President's mailbox to be converted to a forward with the archive preserved. The President's email account will be preserved and the idea for an info@fairlington-fca.com was mentioned (which could be forwarded to the Secretary). Director Davies and Duffy mentioned the possibility of setting up officer mailboxes for continuity's sake, instead of having simple forwards where institutional records are lost to individualized email accounts. Matthew will backup the existing mailboxes and then we can discuss the creation of new mailboxes. Director Harvey asked if we're able to access metrics, and Matthew mentioned that would be possible. Director Harvey offered to help Vice President Ansley with reviewing website data.

Director Davies mentioned the possibility of a digital newsletter delivered to inboxes and the possibility of selling t-shirts and tote bags on the site. She noted that historic Fairlington prints for the 75th anniversary, and Secretary Willmann noted it would also be valuable to sell the book and perhaps watercolors or art prints. Matthew noted that this is a possibility and we'd have to decide whether we'd want a Paypal link from the site. Matthew will also check the new mailbox capacity and then we can decide whether or not to increase. He noted we can have 10 mailboxes at this new domain.

Fall Program Lineup

President Land did discuss meeting at Abingdon in October, but did not get a clear approval from Aji and the others from APS. Director Davies will also ask about it when school starts as well, but if it's not to work out then we can schedule VDOT sound walls that month. Director Harvey will confirm Eleanor for September. She offered to talk about any topic desired, so perhaps she can tie her presentation in with the sustainable gardening film. President Land has mixed feelings about whether or not that will help the film event, but perhaps a mention of it would be valuable. President Land noted we could try to slot John Vihstadt in November, particularly since he's up for re-election next year.

Adjourn

President Land motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Director Harvey and passed unanimously at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Willmann, Secretary