

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
10/11/17, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Evan Harvey
Director Chris Weathers
Director Jen Davies
Director Hugh Baumgardner
Director Kent Duffy

Board Members Absent

Vice President Jonathan Ansley
Secretary Lindsay Willmann

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 8:30 pm. 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 September 13, distributed by email last weekend.

Officer Reports

President

Defer

Vice President

Defer

Treasurer

Treasurer Hilz reported the Budget Update looks good. The Actual total for the selected expense categories is \$6,502 compared to the Budget of \$13,610. He also indicated that the P&L is headed in the right direction. In 2016, the net income at the end of the third quarter was \$4,562 and in 2017, it is \$13,514. Ad revenue has dropped off a bit.

Secretary

Defer

Unfinished Business

FIOS

Director Duffy shared that on the south side, Arbor is online and ready for customers. Meadows is still 56 days out, and each subsequent condo association will be turned on one by one. On the north side, they are still in the design phase. It may be up and running spring 2018.

New Business

Fairlington 5K

Director Davies updated the board on 5K business. Permit applications are submitted and the date is provisionally approved (4/28/18). Kent Duffy motioned for approval, which was seconded by Director Harvey.

Santa on the Firetruck

President Land noted a coordinator from FCA is needed to lead the project. Sherry Weathers was mentioned as a possible candidate. He also mentioned the need to select a date. Board members chose Saturday 12/16 but confirmation from the fire station is needed.

Home Improvement Showcase

Director Weathers shared an update on the showcase. He will put in a request with the FCC for dates (Saturdays in Jan-Feb 2018 are preferred). He suggested a format change from 2017 but noted the structure of the show depends on room(s) that we reserve.

Affordable Housing Developer

No new update since their email. The board may have to schedule a future community briefing if project is moving forward.

Survey Monkey Subscription Renewal

President Land recommended subscription renewal which is approximately \$200. Asked if we can use it to poll residents about preferences for celebrating the 75th anniversary. Noted it may also be used to determine how residents find out about FCA meetings.

Newsletter editorial

President Land gave an update on AFB publication efforts, noting that Christine Chirichella is staying engaged and is listed as “editor.” President Land approved periodic \$500 monthly ad hoc payments.

Adjourn

President Land motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by

Respectfully submitted,
Lindsay Willmann, Secretary

Appendix I to 10/11/17 FCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Notes
Fairlington Citizens' Association Presentation by
Geoff Vetter, 395 Express Lanes Project Lead, AECOME
October 11, 2017
Fairlington Community Center 3308 S Stafford St

President Land began the evening with announcements and Board member introductions. He then introduced Geoff Vetter, the 395 Express Lanes project lead for AECOM, who proceeded to share a project overview with residents.

The project will encompass 8 miles from Edsall Road to the 14th street bridge. It will include areas in Arlington, Alexandria and Fairfax County. He then reviewed a few key dates for the project:

- Summer 2017 - Draft Noise Abatement Decision Report (NADR)
- Fall 2017 - NADR finalized and approved; ballot sent to residents (mailed 9/27/17)
- Southbound side first; northbound side later

Regarding sound walls, Mr. Vetter explained that voting will be limited to some “benefited” residents. A volume of 66 decibels is considered an affected threshold. 50% of residents must participate for the vote to count, otherwise subsequent votes will be required.

The benefits are it will reduce noise by more than 5 decibels in areas where noise exceeds abatement of 67 decibels. Votes are scored using the following procedure:

- Owner & Resident (5) > Non-Resident Owner (3) > Renter (2)

Those considered impacted by increased sound but not benefited by sound walls are households in which noise abatement does not exceed 67 decibels, but the wall equals only a 5 decibel decrease in noise reduction. Residents in this category will have votes scored accordingly:

- Owner and Resident (3) > Non-Resident Owner (2) > Renter (1)

Mr. Vetter shared a sound wall diagram that showed the walls are installed 25 feet above grade. President Land asked if any analysis of trees that will come down has been completed? VDOT responded that the area 10 feet in front and behind the wall would have to be cut (which amounts to 20 feet of clear cut). Currently, no landscaping or tree replanting is planned. VDOT would negotiate with Fairlington Villages before asserting eminent domain.

Mr. Vetter then opened the floor for questions, and shared that more information can be found at

- www.395expresslanes.com
- www.facebook.com/395expresslanes

Q&A

Q: How long will it take to build each wall segment?

A: That is TBD.

Q: How much of the view and sunlight would be blocked?

Q: How much maintenance and access to wall will be required?

Q: Will residents be informed of potential destructive impact in vote letter?

A: There is not much detail in the letter.

Q: Letters already went out; are owners getting good info?

A: Possible remedy: owner votes can be changed

Q: Can VDOT meet with most affected owners (King & 30th, FV)?

Q: Is there a way to get more info to residents (website, FCA, etc)?

Comment: The process seems to have been designed for SFHs, not condos

Q: Is there any relief from Arlington County on potential property devaluation?

A: VDOT: Studies inconclusive on property value impacts

Q: What is the expected construction rollout? Will some segments go up because of a yes vote, and others not, because of a no vote?

A: VDOT: Wall requires drains and drainage. Design mods done with Fairlington Villages after vote (January) but HOA has no vote. Then, a preview of some wall designs will be available. They will try to maintain consistency with other sound walls. If adjacent neighborhoods have drastically different votes, the wall may be split.