

**Fairlington Citizens Association  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
Fairlington Community Center  
3308 S Stafford St  
September 13, 2017, as approved**

**Board Members Present**

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

**Board Members Absent**

Treasurer Ed Hilz  
Director Jen Davies

**Call to Order**

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 8:12. 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 August 9, distributed by email September 11.

**Officer Reports**

*President*

Defer

*Vice President*

Defer

*Treasurer*

Defer

*Secretary*

Defer

**Unfinished Business**

*FiOS*

Director Duffy shared a brief date on Fios installation, and said service turn-on dates are to be determined.

### *King and Wakefield Intersection*

President Land will be emailing his contact soon regarding the issue.

### **New Business**

#### *Nominating Committee*

President Land noted the bylaws specify the September meeting as the time to assemble a nominating committee for the upcoming election. Director Harvey, Director Weathers, and Vice President Ansley volunteered to form the committee once again this year.

#### *“Movie Night” Assessment*

President Land offered his congratulations to Board members for a successful event. Directors Harvey, Weathers and Vice President Ansley estimated between 100-150 people were in attendance. Residents seemed to enjoy it, and a variety of ages were present. Board members agree that recommending the installation of an outdoor outlet would be valuable for multiple events. In total, it was less than \$1000. If we planned another in the future, it would be nice to invite food trucks. Board members agreed that it would be an event we’d like to repeat, and mentioned the possibility of selling tote bags and t-shirts to offset some of the cost.

#### *Fairlington 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

President Land shared the Historical Society’s email that they do not have grand plans for the anniversary, but are happy to work with us on creating a few celebratory items and events. One of the considerations is the development of an online survey to gauge neighborhood interest in given possibilities. Whatever we decide, the Board needs to be prepared to share generally with the public in the November AFB (particularly if there is a survey involved). Board members mentioned a commemorative video or slideshow at movie night, a marching band from a local school at the market or another event (perhaps an event that coincides with the Farmer’s Market), and anniversary merchandise sold via paypal on the FCA website.

#### *Fall Program Lineup*

President Land is trying to get November nailed down with John Vihstadt’s staff but has not heard back yet. He is inclined to shift the date if needed to accommodate his schedule. In October, information on possible sound walls tied to the HOT lane project will be shared. His inclination is to keep December open for end-of-year business.

#### *Electronic Vote*

After the meeting, the Board unanimously approved a motion to make a donation of \$100 to Webster County Library in memory of President Land’s father, who’d recently passed away.

### **Adjourn**

President Land motioned to adjourn, which was seconded by Director Weathers and passed unanimously at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lindsay Willmann, Secretary

**Appendix I to 09/13/17 FCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

**Notes**

**Fairlington Citizens' Association Presentation by  
Arlingtonians for a Clean Environment**

**09/13/17**

**Fairlington Community Center 3308 S Stafford St**

President Land opened the presentation by welcoming the guest speaker and reviewing a few of the recent and upcoming events in the neighborhood. Director Harvey then formally introduce Eleanor Hodges, the representative of ACE sharing with attendees this evening.

Ms. Hodges began her presentation by explaining ACE's mission and vision. In general, their role is to find any way possible to improve the air, water and open spaces that exist in the county. Additionally, they encourage Arlingtonians to engage in a sustainable lifestyle and community.

She explained that ACE can provide resources for sustainability in the county, and connect individuals and neighborhoods with the programs they need to achieve their green goals. She reviewed some of the reasons it's important to be sustainable, including protecting natural resources, minimizing pollutants, and preserving nature.

Ms. Hodges then covered some of the stewardship projects they lead, including storm drain marking, stream and highway cleanups, and invasive plant removal. They are always looking for volunteers for these projects, and are happy to customize projects for groups if desired. She discussed some of the projects in more detail, especially the cleanup meetings and what they most often find when picking up litter (i.e. plastic bottles, bags and cigarette butts).

Their signature program, Energy Masters, is modeled after the Master Gardeners program and trains volunteers in energy efficiency techniques for homes. Volunteers are trained and provide 30 hours of volunteer service targeting low income families a year. Trainings are once a year for six weeks in the fall. The next training begins September 27th. They've trained about 170 volunteers in 7 years, and have helped about 700 families reduce their energy consumption.

Ms. Hodges then went over a few actions Fairlington residents can take, namely the Tree Canopy Fund, which allows Arlington residents to apply for a free tree to plant on private property by a contractor. Applications just opened for plantings in spring of 2018. Another, StormwaterWise, provides property owners with funding for projects that will reduce stormwater runoff from their property. Projects include rain gardens, pervious pavement installations, and conservation landscaping. That deadline is typically in April.

Another program ACE offers is the Northern Virginia Rain Barrel program, which allows Arlingtonians to build their own rain barrel in a workshop or order pre-made barrels. Prices are reduced from the typical retail value, and thousands have been sold over the years. Workshops and sales are offered March through

October. The Arlington Solar Co-op allows property owners to go solar as a group, which allows them to save about 30% off the start-up cost.

The county is also offering home energy rebates for energy efficient heating systems, water heaters, and duct covers. Residents can earn up to \$575 in rebates. Condo owners can also coordinate to secure a contractor discount to update some of the covered items. To be eligible, installation must have occurred within the last three months. More information can be found on both the ACE and Arlington County websites.

#### Q&A

Q: Are families that are not low income eligible for Energy Masters assistance?

A: ACE is still thinking about how they can expand their service, but have some details to work out. They have a party model as well where a resident can host a party that informs multiple homeowners at one time. They are very interested in working with condo-owners.

Q: Do you have any interface with the effort of Four Mile Run (the stream restoration in particular)?

A: Not directly, but we do have volunteers on the cleanup part. I know they are hoping to open up the channel to make it a proper stream again.

Q: What are the opportunities to do a group volunteer project?

A: We really talk to the group and customize the project for your needs. The easiest way to structure it is to go to a park and provide opportunities to clean up litter, rip out invasive plants, and then share information about the purpose of the activity. Often afterward there is food and a social hour. Now, the vast majority of storm drains have been marked so there is an opportunity to check on former markers to ensure we can reaffix those that have been ripped up. A popular area for cleanups is near Shirlington along Arlington Mill Drive.

Q: Do you do any work with the school system and the kids there?

A: We go into classrooms and talk about not littering, and advertise cleanups at the schools. The Scout troops also come out in large numbers. We're also working on a sustainability committee for APS that reports to Dr. Murphy for bigger issues. One of the things we're pushing for is recycling in the schools. There's a group called the Alice Ferguson foundation that holds an annual trash summit (and the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup) and are hoping to reduce litter (the key littering demographic is 25-40 year old males).

Q: Do you offer any grants for native plants (like the Tree Canopy program)?

A: The best resources for that are the Master Naturalist in Arlington who will do a consultation and help you choose plants, and Native Plant sales in the area. Stormwater Wise's website also has a lot of great resources about good plants for this area.

Q: Do you get involved with the movement to switch from plastic to paper?

A: A little bit - mostly we've talked about the bag tax (which taxes consumers 5 cents per bag if they choose to use one). The tricky part is it has to be approved in Richmond, and sometimes these bills die in

committee. There have also been styrofoam bans in a couple of communities (though not in Arlington). One thing that has been gaining traction is the Northern Virginia trash action group to focus attention on reducing the use of plastic water bottles.

Q: Isn't there a zero carbon initiative in Arlington County?

A: There's a group called Ready for 100, a nationwide initiative, that's hoping to get the country to commit to 100% renewable energy. In Arlington, they've mapped out how it would look for us to reach the goal, and are hoping this will be added as part of the 2018 County Board platform. The local Sierra Club is the point group on that, and would be a good point of contact for those interested in helping out.