

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
November 13, 2013, as approved

Resident Comment Forum – Proposed Fairlington Farmers Market

President Land described the development of the Fairlington Farmers Market (FFM), and Lane Erwin described what is currently envisioned, and the research the committee has done to inform their decisions to date. Almost 20 community members commented or asked questions, many focusing on concerns about parking. During the course of the discussion, Lane Erwin clarified that the FFM is not yet a sure thing, as the County Board must approve it, and that there will be an opportunity to raise concerns with them during their deliberations. President Land provided the results of the 3 week survey FCA conducted, which received 175 responses, including 70% strongly supporting, 16% supporting, with 9.5% strongly opposing and 3.3% opposing.

Executive Board Business Meeting:

Board Members Present:

President Guy Land
Vice President Kent Duffy
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Jacob Gelbaum
Director Joe Hartman
Director Mark Jones
Director Carrie Street
Director Michelle Woolley

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:25 pm.

Approval of Agenda

There was consensus to accept the Agenda as emailed to us by the President, and we further agreed that items may be addressed out of order to meet our time constraints tonight.

Approval of Minutes

The President asked for unanimous consent to the October minutes, as emailed by the Secretary. Those minutes were approved by 9-0.

Officer Reports

President Land—The majority of President Land’s update is included in his emails to us on October 18 and 29.

Vice President Duffy—deferred due to time constraints tonight.

Treasurer Hilz

Treasurer Hilz had circulated the General Ledger, AFB Profit and Loss Statement, and FCA Bank Accounts to the Board in advance of the meeting. He also circulated an updated 2013 budget, noting that the information in the Budget Update provided the net cost of the 2012 Fairlington Day.

Secretary Dabbs

Voice Mail box—There have been the usual assortment of messages left; Dabbs or Land are responding or asking others to do so. Google Voice Mail working fine, and some of the transcriptions are amusing.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee—Vice President Duffy, Chair of this Committee, reported that all current members except Directors Gelbaum and Wooley are re-upping. Therefore we need 2 additional directors to have a full complement. Secretary Dabbs agreed to call Lisa Schwenger, who served on the FFM committee, to learn if she's interested.

Unfinished Business

Fairlington Farmers Market—Treasurer Hilz moved that the FCA board support Field to Table's application to Arlington County for a Special Use Permit for the Fairlington Farmers Market. Director Gelbaum seconded the motion. Director Jones moved that the motion be amended to add "And that the board reconsider the question not later than November 2014 with a view toward further advising the County in Association members' views." Treasurer Hilz indicated that he understands that Arlington County normally will re-consider such permits after 1 year, and would normally consult with local citizens' association as part of their process, and so accepted Director Jones' amendment to his motion. Vice President Duffy commented that including reconsideration in our motion is really a reminder to ourselves, and in some senses, is duplicative, but it does express our sense of community's wishes. President Land acknowledged the redundancy, but supported the idea of expressly obligating ourselves to contribute to the County Board's re-consideration at the one year point. While Treasurer Hilz mentioned that this might be interpreted as less than full endorsement, President Land and Secretary Dabbs indicated that they thought it captured our idea to support the FFM now, but also that we want to provide current info for the County Board's second review next year.

Director Gelbaum indicated that he didn't hear opposition to FFM from the community, but instead concerns about the overall parking situation in South Fairlington, to which President Land indicated his agreement, and he went on to predict that the same negative comments will be raised again next year. The comments reflects several parking problems—Meadows Court 2 has insufficient off-street parking, none of it designated for specific units (much like Fairlington Villages); the County has refused to extend Zone 11 parking restrictions to 7 days per week; and the Meadows management is not perceived to be sympathetic or helpful in response to the idea of allocating the 9 visitor spaces in

Court 3 for use by Court 2 residents. Treasurer Hilz favors FCA support for the reconsideration (after one year has elapsed, per regulations) by the County of making Zone 11 restrictions apply 7 days a week. Vice President Duffy suggested that parking pressures could be an important issue for the FCA Board to tackle in 2014.

No congestion is anticipated for the upcoming paper shred—it is more likely similar to FFM than to All Fairlington Day 2012, which substantively impacted Fairlington Green. President Land liked the ideas brought up of signs both indicating no FFM parking on the 3300 block of Stafford St across from the FCC, and signs suggesting parking for FFM on Utah Street and Quaker Lane.

The motion, as amended, passed 9-0.

President Land commended the entire committee for their diligent work, and Rob Swenes for his cooperation and guidance, and Director Street for her work as Committee FCA representative.

Fairlington 5K—Director Hartman has discussed the 5K with Abingdon School’s representative, Joe Reed, a PE teacher there, and they’ve decided on allocation of responsibilities. Hiring an organizing company would cost \$550 + 50 cents per runner. While a fee for registration is anticipated, Abingdon Elementary School (AES) is concerned about low income parents being able to participate. They may use a website for registration of participants, and possibly charge less for early registrants. Director Hartman will explore insurance for the event; because we must close roads and use police services, we may need to pay, but non-profits can get exoneration of up to \$4K per year. One possibility would be to seek sponsors, but this might compete with sponsorship for All Fairlington Day. Regarding publicity, we expressed a focus on Fairlington, or the AES catchment area, as opposed to advertising widely to the running community. A question to be resolved is how proceeds are to be allocated between AES and FCA. Our discussion indicated that we’d like not to lose money, but are ok with profit being made.

Director Gelbaum suggested that if we are able to make a small surplus, could perhaps do so with the understanding by AES PTA that it will be used for joint neighborhood events with them. Treasurer Hilz suggested that identifying costs sooner rather than later will help with budgeting for them; Director Gelbaum will try to have at least working estimates for our December meeting.

Santa Ride—discussion deferred in the interest of time. Watch the AFB for full information.

Fairlington Day, 2014—Director Jones indicated that we spent about \$3000 for this event in 2012; we will need sponsorships for 2014. We also need to pick the date, usually the same day as Arlington County neighborhood day, which has not yet designated by the County. Vice President Duffy indicated that he has an idea for a competition at the event. Treasurer Hilz indicated that the rides, etc. need to be pinned down in January.

New Business

Special Work Session—discussion deferred in the interest of time.

Fairlington T-Shirt Reorder—Director Street has received some information today, will be in touch by email. We will need to respond to her quickly, so we have new stock available to sell for Xmas gifts.

Adjourn

President Land adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Dabbs
FCA Secretary