

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board Meeting
Fairlington Community Center, Room 103
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
October 14, 2009, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Sam Anthony
Vice President Tom McNally
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Christine Chirichella
Director Stan Hanzel
Director Brenda Kriegel
Director Maureen Ryan

Board Member Absent:

Director Greg Van Hoey

Guest Speaker:

President Anthony introduced Mark Jinks, Deputy City Manager, City of Alexandria, who discussed city finances, real estate values and taxes, and current traffic projects. He described the decisions which led to the plans for new Department of Defense offices at the Mark Center site, and indicated that only 60% of those working there will be able to park there, so that there will be a need for an intense shuttle service to the subway. He also indicated that the City Council has withheld support for HOT lanes, and that their three pages of questions to VDOT have not been answered, noting that this is even less forthcoming than VDOT usually is. Mr. Jinks also noted that Alexandria may decide to join Arlington County's lawsuit, but that their interests regarding Shirlington Circle are somewhat different than Arlington County's.

In a question and answer period, the following questions were raised:

- Has Alexandria City Council considered all three traffic projects (Mark Center, HOT, and King/Beauregard) together? How many additional lanes will be created on King at Beauregard? Will this relieve or cause problems turning left into the shopping center when westbound on King St? What's the City doing about the fact that King/Beauregard will be a safety valve for the new DoD offices at Mark Center? Discussion followed of the existing and possible future configurations of the King/Beauregard intersection, and the additional traffic expected from the new DoD offices at Mark Center.
- What's the status of the recommended bus transfer station at the entrance to Bradlee Shopping Center? Jinks committed to finding out the status for FCA.
- What will be the shuttle route from Mark Center to King St? This has not been determined because the contract to figure this out has only just been signed. DoD is

now permitted to do free shuttles from federal buildings to the subway, a recent change in Metro policy.

Two meetings of potential interest to Fairlington residents were announced:

- Alexandria City HOT Lanes hearing, at City Council chambers, Saturday, October 17th at 9:30 am; and
- Agenda Alexandria will hold a meeting at the Holiday Inn on Monday, October 26th; cost is \$5.

After a short break, Michelle Marston, PTA Co-President for Abingdon Elementary School (AES), provided an update on AES and discussed items on a handout concerning opportunities for community involvement, including:

- Fall Festival on October 23rd; and
- A variety of options to contribute funds or books to AES.

Business Meeting

Call to Order: President Anthony called the meeting to order at 8:12 pm.

Communication update: Director Chirichella reported that our existing website will be active through this year. We have a web team, composed of Director Kriegel, Treasurer Hilz, President Anthony, and herself. She presented alternate designs for the logo design, which we discussed; the web team will pick 2-3 color options for our selection next month. Directors were asked to provide any further comments on the logo designs within one week.

Approval of minutes: Minutes from June (Anthony) and July and August were approved, 8-0. September minutes were presented in draft; directors were asked to provide any comments within one week.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Hilz provided the usual three reports on our financial situation, noting a drop in the cash balance, most likely due to fewer advertisers buying far in advance. He also noted the excellent cooperation between the Advertising Manager and the Editor of the AFB, such that when there are fewer advertising pages, fewer news pages are printed. We discussed our desire for a detailed discussion with the Advertising Manager, Beth Andrews, at our November meeting; President Anthony agreed to invite her and include this discussion on the agenda.

Ad Manager's report: None this month.

Fairlington Fun Night: President Anthony has been contacted by Paula Matthews in follow-up to the discussion at the May meeting about community events, and the need for community members to organize such events now that there are fewer County staff to do so. A Fairlington Fun Night has been planned for December 4th. We approved reimbursement of up to \$150 towards the food for this event, on presentation of receipts.

Fairlington Historical Society: Director Kriegel reported that the Historical Integrity Style Guide project is moving forward. They met with Mike Leventhal of Arlington County. They have interns and a volunteer architect lined up to develop the guidelines, which are intended to be a guide for the Condominium Associations, as well as citizens, as the FHS has no powers of enforcement.

Fairlington t-shirts/polos: Director Hanzel discussed options and quantities; there were a variety of opinions about how much we should invest in inventory and whether or not to make a significant profit on these sales. We requested that additional providers be consulted regarding potential costs, and that he obtain multiple bids.

Picnic Shelter, Neighborhood Conservation, and Shirlington update: Treasurer Hilz informed us of the nature of the sign for the Hilton Garden Inn in Shirlington. The current intent is an unlighted sign at ground level rather than a lighted sign at the top of the building, out of concern for the appearance from the Shirlington Condominium across the street. There was general consensus that the new plan is acceptable and appropriate.

2010 Election Slate: President Anthony presented the following slate for election at the December meeting, noting that Maureen and Greg are stepping down from their positions as Directors.

President Sam Anthony
Vice President Christine Chirichella
Secretary Stan Hanzel
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Carol Dabbs
Director Reed Franklin
Director Brenda Kriegel
Director Tom McNally
Director Bob Schaffer

November meeting: President Anthony announced a change in day for the November meeting to Thursday the 12th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., due to the federal holiday on the 11th, which would have been our meeting day. The guest speaker is County Board member Mary Hynes, who chairs Aviation Policy Committee, part of COG (Metropolitan Council of Governments). He proposed that we take up the spending plan as part of the agenda.

Adjournment: President Anthony adjourned the meeting at 9:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dabbs, Secretary