

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
September 15, 2015, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Director Jonathan Ansley
Director Gretchen Fallon
Director Mark Jones
Director Chris Weathers

Board Members Absent

Vice President Kent Duffy
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Joe Hartman

Special Presentation – Proposed Alexandria Gateway Development
Danny Abramson, co-owner, Abramson Properties

Public Comment Period -- (speakers limited to 3 minutes each)
No comments

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. President Land noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

There was unanimous consent to approve the agenda distributed by President Land by email on September 13th, as there was to take items out of order.

Approval of Minutes

Secretary Dabbs provided a draft of the August minutes on September 13th by email. These minutes were unanimously approved by the officers and directors present.

Officer Reports

President—deferred due to lack of time

Vice President--absent

Treasurer

Treasurer Hilz circulated the General Ledger January-June on September 11th. Other portions of the usual reports will be provided after September 20th.

Secretary

Voicemails in July and August have concerned mini-ads, tee shirts, contacting Board Members, condo matters, a lockout, and multiple hang-ups. All were referred to appropriate resources.

Notes from the Executive Session on August 11 were circulated to Board members on September 13th.

We approved, by electronic vote of 9-0, the following Guidelines for Conduct on the Fairlington Appreciation Society Facebook Group.

- The purpose of the group remains the same as when it was started; that is, to appreciate the neighborhood by sharing experiences, goodwill, and information with fellow members about life in Fairlington. Selling and exchange of personal items is fine. Occasional gripes are also OK, so long as the discussion remains civil and above board. Good-natured humor is welcome, too.
- What are not acceptable are attacks on individuals or groups (gender, race, religion, orientation, politics, etc.) or profanity. Please, don't be rude. Also, this group is not a channel for direct business advertising.
- The moderators reserve the option to delete posts and comments that are slanderous, an overt sales pitch, or otherwise nasty. We'll also remove members from the group for repeated, egregious posts and comments.
- Open discussions remain welcome. Please keep the posts civil and remember the group's intent: to help and share with fellow Fairlingtonians.

Other Reports

Community Facilities Study

Director Fallon referred to her email about the 9/9 meeting. If interested, weekly checking on the county website documents page for this effort can be useful. Their next meeting will be on 9/24. We may want to consider an info meeting for the Fairlington community later on in this process. President Land thinks John Milliken (chair) could explain what gets decided well.

South Arlington Working Group

Michelle Wooley is the FCA representative to this group. There is a meeting tomorrow night to consider final recommendations for where to site a new South Arlington Elementary School. It is likely that we'll need to do a community briefing at a future date. We'll likely put an article about this in the November AFB.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Nominating Committee

President Land pointed out that our Bylaws call for selection of members of this committee no later than the September regular meeting of the Executive Board. The president names the chair; Vice-President Duffy is willing to do this again. Others on committee should be canvassing to find multiple candidates. Director Ansley indicated his willingness to serve; President Land suggested that Director Weathers also serve, as this is an opportunity to reach out to the community. There was consensus to appoint Vice President Duffy and Directors Ansley and Weathers to the Nominating Committee.

Abingdon Use Permit

President Land moved that the Board indicate FCA support for the Use Permit and Conditions as currently proposed for Abingdon Elementary School expansion and renovation. The preservation of green space, monitoring of surrounding buildings, and replacement of commemorative trees are all important to nearby neighbors and included in the proposed Use Conditions. Director Jones seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Fairlington Farmers Market (FFM)

President Land pointed out that we need to take a position prior to next FCA Board meeting in order to be able to weigh in prior to the County Board where the renewal of the Use Permit is to be considered. An online survey is under development, and will likely go live by Monday of next week. This can be flagged on the FFM listserv and Director Fallon can flag it on the FCA Facebook page. Preliminary analysis of results can be one by Oct 3-4; although can leave survey open longer to get a more complete picture. Renewal will likely be for multiple years. His plan is to take an electronic vote in time for letter to be sent by October 7th.

All Fairlington Bulletin Editor/Other Costs

Director Fallon sent a summary of the process for choosing an editor to us by email again this week. Initially there were five persons who expressed interest; two dropped out almost immediately. All were asked to write a story on a short deadline.

Director Fallon moved that we hire Bob Bradley for a four month trial at \$1000/month. Dabbs seconded; the motion passed 6-0.

Other adjustments to our AFB budget we're pursuing include printing costs; Global has identified changes to President Land that can be made which would lower costs by \$200-300 per month, other than changing the paper stock or size. Director Fallon plans to investigate other options on paper/sizes.

Home Renovation Expo

Director Weathers shared the following ideas about this potential event:

- Showcase for organizations/companies in room 118, so folks can pop in before or after seminars.
- Seminars conducted by vendors used for education of home owners, with repeat sessions to allow homeowners to rotate among the seminars.
- Content of Seminars would focus on processes (kitchen, bath, flooring), ideas for different models, return on investments, permitting, etc.

- Most likely timing is January or February.
- Registration would be online to assure in advance that we're between minimum and maximum numbers we can accommodate.

Board Consensus was to continue to think about this in the next month or two.

Fall Meeting Schedule—deferred due to lack of time

Alexandria Gateway Statement

President Land may craft a statement for Board consideration at our October meeting, which would be prior to the November meetings of the Alexandria Planning Committee/City Council where the Alexandria Gateway proposal will be considered.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Dabbs, Secretary