

**Fairlington Citizens Association
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, VA
August 13, 2014, as approved**

Board Members Present

President Guy Land
Vice President Kent Duffy
Director Joe Hartman
Director Mark Jones
Director Carrie Street
Director Lisa Schwanger

Members Absent

Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz

Public Presentation

Portia Moore, a past Arlington County teacher and successful childcare business owner, has expressed interest in opening a STEM pre-school and an after-school program in the empty Frosty's location on Abingdon Street. She presented her curriculum and general business formula, including hours of operation, layout of classrooms and playground, and staffing. Questions were fielded about parking, drop off and pick up, possible distress caused to students by fire trucks next door, clientele, playground noise, and general effect on the neighborhood.

Call to Order

The Executive Board meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. President Land noted that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

There was a consensus to approve the meeting agenda distributed by President Land on August 9 by email, as there was for his request to take items out of order.

Approval of Minutes

Dabbs re-circulated July minutes on 8/13 which included edits from Christine Chrichella; these were unanimously approved by the Directors present.

Officer Reports

VP Duffy confirmed that the Arlington County Zoning staff (Aaron Shura) will conduct a briefing at the November FCA meeting.

The Secretary didn't make a report, due to unscheduled absence.

The Treasurer didn't make a report, due to his absence.

STEM Pre-School

President Land opened the floor to the discussion of the STEM pre-school. The school will target Fairlington but will have to expand the target area if the community doesn't fill the school. President Land expects a one-year trial through the use of a permit. The question was raised: Is the community amenable to this proposal. Vice President Duffy summarized that the question for FCA to address is whether or not we consider the use to be reasonable. Director Hartman lives nearby and sent email to poll his neighbors. Parking is the biggest concern (Frosty's had no impact on parking). The Fairlington Villages parking lot across the street is likely to be used when needed. It's not necessarily open to parking but likely no one would complain. Parking is available on the bridge as well. We add an amendment for a reviews in one a year. If parking is causing a problem we will revisit. A vote was taken to support this proposal, with a review after one-year, which passed 6-0.

Intergenerational Survey

Fairlington Court was originally left off the form, but this was fixed in the final version. After discussion to determine if we are in favor of a survey to find out what people want and need, using our Survey Monkey subscription and an insert in the September AFB funded by FCA, these actions were approved 6-0. The survey questionnaire includes needs of all generations, not only those who are aging in place; Michelle Wooley has assisted the Steering Committee on Intergenerational Strategies for Fairlington with access to the Moms Club for their input. A meeting

will be held at the Fairlington Community Center on September 13th for those needing help to fill out the survey and to answer questions.

School Board Committees regarding Abingdon renovation and Expansion
One Public Facility Review Community Representative

While these requests are unofficial at this time, President Land expects FCA to be asked to nominate two members for the Building Level Planning Committee. Members will assist in developing the concept design and creating the schematic design that is recommended to the School Board for approval. The commitment would require attending two meetings per month and would probably involve intense involvement for the first four or five months.

In addition, it is likely that one volunteer will also be requested for the Public Facility Review Committee. This would likely require one meeting per month. Issues would involve how the community would be impacted by additional traffic, parking spill-over from adjacent neighborhoods, etc.

VP Duffy is willing to be on the Review committee. Director Street isn't interested in serving on either committee. Treasurer Hilz might be interested given his longstanding work on the Neighborhood Conservation effort (later confirmed that he is not).

While the bond has not been passed yet by the voters of Arlington County, the assumption is that it will pass and therefore the planning work must start now to make it possible to finish the renovations and additions for the 2017 school year. There was consensus that we'll discuss our nominees for the BLPC online so that Director Hilz and Secretary Dabbs may participate.

Farmers Market

We discussed the approval of the FCC as an appropriate location for the farmers market. President Land will send a letter to remind the Arlington County Board of our endorsement of the application of Field to Table with a one-year review. We should look at the Arlington Mills proposal and conditions and what conditions there are between Field to Table and the County.

Park Shirlington

Home Properties has pulled out – see email from President Land of August 27. What is important to the community? We can only communicate in the AFB the same ambiguity we've been left with, which is as follows: Home Properties is changing its business strategy and pulling out of the Park Shirlington Development Project. Cathy Moy hasn't responded to President Land's inquiries requesting more information.

Santa Ride Event

There was unanimous agreement that the budget will remain the same as last year's \$100 and that the event will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on December 13, 2014. We need to be sure that only one door of the FCC building can be used for entry and exit. President Land will check with Michelle Wooley to see if she'll coordinate this event for us again this year.

Recycling Event

Director Duffy isn't available on weekends right now but would be willing to organize this event for November. Director Jones would take care of the event if it's only for paper, which appears to be easier. Director Street wasn't excited about a recycling event since there are various places and times in the county for this. Director Jones feels it might be good to hold this just after tax day if we do one. The general consensus was to push the event into 2015.

5K and Fairlington Day

There was discussion about holding Fairlington Day and the 5K, which we want to do again, on the same day. Director Duffy feels the dates for these two events were too close together this year and suggested that if the 5k is held annually, we might want to hold Fairlington Day in the fall. November was mentioned. Directors Jones and Street feel it's not a good idea to hold Fairlington Day every year, Director Hartman is willing to organize the 5K again. We might need to begin planning by the end of September in order to raise enough money for the event.

Adjourn A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and passed just prior to 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Schwanger, FCA Director