

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
October 10, 2012, as approved

Board Members Present:

President Rosiland Jordan
Vice President Bryan Pettigrew
Secretary Carol Dabbs
Treasurer Ed Hilz
Director Kent Duffy
Director Jacob Gelbaum
Director Mark Jones
Director Guy Land
Director Michelle Woolley

Public meeting:

Announcement of Arlington Police Crime Update meeting (Gretchen Fallon)
Reminder: Arlington County Leash Law/condo association contacts (Roz Jordan)
Presentation #1: Capital Bikeshare/Arlington County (Paul deMaio)
Presentation #2: Arlington County Bond Referenda/Department of Management and Finance
(Michelle Cowlan)
Visit from Virginia Delegate Rob Krupika

Executive Board Business Meeting:

Call to Order:

President Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:25 pm.

Minutes

It was moved, seconded, and passed (8-0-1) to approve the third draft of the minutes for September 12, 2012, with Quaker "Land" changed to Quaker "Lane." (President Jordan abstained, because she was not present at the September 12th meeting.)

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hilz provided Executive Board (EB) members with three documents, and commented on each:

- Financial Report, which shows that our working balance remains about the same;
- All Fairlington Bulletin (AFB) Profit and Loss Statement, which shows good profitability, similar to prior Octobers; and
- General Ledger, which shows disbursements including the expenses for the 9/12/12 meeting, and for the replacement commemorative tree (\$200).

Treasurer Hilz reminded us to submit receipts to him for reimbursement for FCA expenses.

Nominations Committee Report

Director Duffy reported that the recommended slate for the Executive Board for 2013 is as follows:

President: Guy Land; Vice President, Kent Duffy

Secretary: Carol Dabbs; Treasurer: Ed Hilz

Directors—Mark Jones, Michelle Woolley, and Jacob Gelbaum.

This would leave us with two vacancies. Director Duffy asked that we publicize these positions for which we do not currently have a nomination within Fairlington to encourage nominations from the floor at the December meeting.

Bylaws Committee report/discussion/vote schedule

Bylaws Committee chair Director Mark Jones led our discussion. We agreed (8-0) on a date and time for a follow-on meeting as Saturday, November 17th at 9:30 am. (This meeting will be cancelled if we reach agreement on the changes during the November 14th EB meeting.)

President Jordan agreed to seek a room reservation for this meeting, preferably in the FCC. (She reserved room 103 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm on the 17th.)

A Guide to Changes, identifying each of the changes recommended by the Bylaws Committee as Substantive, Clarifying, or Editing/Grammatical was provided to each director in order to assist in reviewing the more detailed explanations in the overall document distributed by Director Jones on October 5th by email. The Guide to Changes is appended to these minutes.

Request from Fairlington resident to join FCA delegation to ACCF

President Jordan discussed the request from Emily Samaha to serve as a member of the FCA delegation to the Arlington County Civic Federation. Treasurer Hilz pointed out that we have a vacant alternate slot on our delegation, and suggested that she be appointed as an alternate for the rest of this year as an introduction to ACCF. Director Land mentioned that she is very focused on topics of interest to her, and brings high energy to work she undertakes. We voted 7-0-1 approving her appointment through end of this calendar year. President Jordan will let Treasurer Hilz know when he should advise ACCF of this change in our delegation. She further committed to pointing out the responsibilities of delegates and alternates to represent the community at large when she contacts Ms Samaha.

Firetruck Santa

President Jordan asked for a volunteer to organize this event with the Fire Department, and Director Woolley agreed to do so. We agreed that we prefer Saturday December 15th for this, but that the date must be coordinated with the Fire Department. Director Land pointed out that we can probably borrow the Santa suit from Fairlington Villages. Last year, the staff of the fire station provided elves; Director Woolley will be able to bring one additional elf.

Discussion regarding parking spaces on Arlington County streets surrounding FCC

Concern has been raised that parking near the FCC is being restriped with fewer spaces than had been available previously. For example, workers didn't maximize spaces near bus stops, which could be moved toward corners, increasing the total parking spaces available. Director Duffy pointed out that the locations of parking spaces followed from where new curb cuts were made for ADA compliance for busses. President Jordan is working with County Board member Libby Garvey to find out where communication broke down and to determine what, if anything can be done about the changes. We would have liked to have encouraged the county to maximize the number of street parking spaces consistent with ADA requirements.

Fairlington-Shirlington Neighborhood Conservation Area (F-SNC)

Treasurer Hilz had distributed to us by email a report on needed improvements at bus stops in in F-SNC Area. Our discussion did not raise issues about it.

Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, possible student housing on campus

We had a discussion about this initial proposal, and our concerns. Apparently the dorms would be built where the Hess gas station and parking lot currently are. Our concerns include how this would change the school from its current character, and whether it might (by reducing parking available on campus) cause spillover parking in Fairlington. President Jordan would like to get Delegate Krupika involved in this discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Dabbs
FCA Secretary

Guide to Changes to FCA Bylaws Recommended by Committee,

10/10/11

SUBSTANTIVE

- A3S2, delete specification of FY
- A4S3, increase members to call special mtg 10 to 30 (of 4500)
- A5S2, option b, Nom Comm appointed from 45 days before Annual mtg to appointed at Sept EB meeting; widely distributed vs. AFB 20 days in advance.
- A5S5, directors also subject to removal for cause
- A6S1, adds duty of pres to consult (last sentence).
- A6S4, option a, adds accountant role and Treasurer bonding (continues language which we haven't been practicing)
- A7S3, adds electronic voting and recording in minutes
- A7S4, specifies open and closed meetings of EB
- A8S4, specifies BL committee reports to EB, not membership
- A10S1, specifies BL comm reccs BL amendments to EB.
- A10S4, changes approval of BL changes from EB to assoc.

CLARIFYING

- A2S1, include Alexandria explicitly
- A3S1, only adults are members, no dues or membership year
- A4S1, Asso must meet at least annually, meeting times determined by EB, notification method not specified
- A4S2, Annual meeting is a regular meeting of asso
- A4S4, quorum for Asso specified
- A4S5, voting of association specified
- A5S3, use ballot for elections
- A5S4, canvas membership but EB elects at next meeting.
- A8S2, committees specified to be non-decisional
- A8S3, adjusts timing of Auditing Comm rept to after tax return
- Multiple—AFB notification changed to less specific, enables use of better media as they become available
- Multiple—Officers and Directors are of the Association, vs EB
- Multiple—EB is EB of the Association, not separate org

EDITING AND GRAMMATICAL

- Organization becomes Association
- Will and must become shall
- A9 corrects to “*not*” inconsistent