

Minutes
Fairlington Citizens Association Executive Board
Fairlington Community Center
3308 South Stafford Street
Arlington, Virginia
September 12, 2012, as approved

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

President Rosiland Jordan

Public meeting:

Presentation on Park Shirlington redevelopment by Home Properties, led by Catherine Moy, Director of Development

Business Meeting:

Call to Order:

Vice President Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 8:20 pm.

Minutes

It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the second draft of the minutes for March 14, 2012 (8-0) and the original draft for the July 11, 2012 (7-0-1). Director Land abstained on the July minutes, having been absent.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Hilz presented the Financial Report, which shows that we have turned a corner, moving to higher cash balances. The Profit and Loss Statement shows that commercial and mini-ad balances are increasing, and that profit increased about \$250 over the previous month. One CD turned over this month, and was renewed for 6 months. The General Ledger, showing checks issued between the July meeting and August 16th, was also reviewed with the Executive Board.

Notification of this meeting

We noted with interest that the AFB and our outdoor signs were mentioned during discussion at FCA's regular meeting today as members' primary sources for learning about the meeting.

Establish schedule for December elections/Nominations Committee

The Nominations Committee needs to be appointed today in order to meet deadlines in our By-Laws. Directors Duffy and Woolley and Treasurer Hilz volunteered to serve; presiding Vice President Pettigrew appointed Director Duffy to be Chair. Incumbents need to let the nominating committee know if they are interested in continuing to serve—a deadline to do so will be emailed from Director Duffy once he's figured out a schedule for the Committee.

Fairlington Tree proposal

Treasurer Hilz reported that over the years FCA funded the planting of 6 trees to commemorate Fairlington's 60 years, one of which has died. Five trees were planted when Fairlington celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1993. One tree was planted in 2003 for its 60th anniversary. FHS is willing to split \$200 cost with us to replace it, which would be \$100 from us through the Arlington County commemorative tree program. A motion to do so passed 8-0.

36th and Quaker Lane traffic control

We discussed communications problems with Fairlington Glen over the Alexandria City meetings concerning traffic control at the corner of 36th St and Quaker Lane. The President of Fairlington Glen, Ray Alexander indicated that he attended July Alexandria City meeting with several other Glen residents, which he had learned about from a notice on stop signs. Treasurer Hilz had sent him a notice about a June 12 meeting, but Alexander didn't receive that email. Treasurer Hilz attended the meeting. Having received no notice about the docket for July meeting, he asked for deferral of a decision to a later meeting, which the Alexandria Board agreed to, but they did hear from folks who were in attendance. The Board left with the idea of further studying the matter. Since that time, he's exchanged emails with President Jordan. Fairlington Glen is not taking a stand on this matter. Instead, Fairlington Glen residents will get memo from him NLT this Friday outlining the facts and encouraging expression of opinions and participation in the discussion to be held by Alexandria City in October.

The primary concern raised is about communication between FCA and the Fairlington Condominiums. The Alexandria Board was dealing with FCA as representatives of Fairlington. Allison Tribble mentioned that there was no communication from FCA to Fairlington Glen, and that the King/Quaker/Braddock studies by Alexandria City didn't even consider a no left turn from northbound Quaker Lane, now under discussion, as part of the fixes of that intersection. Director Duffy, having reviewed the emails, suggested that Alexandria City may have made up their mind with little coordination with Fairlington. He noted that if the City felt they were addressing a safety issue, the opportunity for input may be limited.

Treasurer Hilz explained the sequence from his perspective. The FCA Board didn't have a position, not having discussed it, and he apologized for not informing the Executive Board more forcefully at June and July meetings about the outcome of the June 12 meeting which was to (1) install a "No Left Turn" sign on Quaker Lane to prevent left turns from Quaker Lane onto South 36th Street, (2) paint a white "Box" on Quaker Lane to highlight the intersection, and (3) install "Do Not Block The Box" signs before the intersection.

Vice President Pettigrew suggested that we need to come to consensus on whether to ask for a further delay, which would only be needed if we're to have a unified position. The representatives present from Fairlington Glen both indicated that individual information and participation is preferable to an FCA or Fairlington Glen position on this issue.

Director Gelbaum suggested that it is incumbent on FCA to have positions, in consultation with relevant condo boards. Director Land disagrees, because these are FCA matters, not condominium board matters, which are limited to unit owner issues. In this case, Alexandria City is not affecting homeowner rights.

We reached a consensus for Vice President Pettigrew to get the information from Ray Alexander to Gretchen Fallon to make into an article for the October AFB.

Discussion had also suggested that participation by Fairlington Condo/Home Owner representatives would be increased if the meetings provided dinner.

Scheduling of Board work session (discussion)

This discussion was deferred due to the lateness of the hour.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Dabbs
FCA Secretary