

**Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, Inc.**  
**General Meeting Minutes, Virtual Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2022**

The meeting was called to order by Pete Benavage, co-chair, at 7:30 p.m., and a quorum was present by roll call.

**I. Presentation**

**A. Zoning Updates from the Planning and Zoning Staff**

Rob Kerns and Tony LaColla, members of the P&Z staff, provided information about the following items for three months.

May 3: EE Block 23; Alexandria Free Methodist Church; 500 Montgomery Street; 404 E. Windsor Ave.; Auxiliary Dwelling Units Zoning Text Amendments. June 7: Colvin Street garage; Landmark infrastructure (PC only); Lindsay Lexus DSUP Amendment; NPY Parking Garages Major Amendment; Perfect Pita (PC only); 1605-1611 Mt. Vernon Ave.-Hyundai SUP extension. June 23: PRGS CDD; AHDC Glebe & Mt. Vernon Amendment; 1101 King Street conversion; 1105 Vassar Road Subdivision; Practical Updates. Various questions were asked of the staff by AFCA members.

**II. Business Meeting**

**A. Minutes**

The minutes were deferred to the **next** AFCA meeting.

**B. Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

**C. Holmes Run Civic Association**

The association was accepted as a member.

**D. Boards, Commissions, and Committees**

1. Beaugard Design Advisory Committee (BDAC) has not met due to the need to fill a vacant position.
2. Duke Street in Motion *ad hoc* Committee: Erin Winograd reported that the draft report was completed but she was not satisfied with the guiding principles. Several associations will send a list of their concerns to Erin.
3. Report of the Nominating Committee: Tom Walczykowski reported that the committee has not completed its work at this time but should have nominations for co-chair and vice chair in two weeks.

#### **E. OTCA – Height Amendment Issue**

Steve Milone, OTCA, reported that there were changes in various affordable housing locations, possibility in many areas of the city. People should be tracking the locations. The city has available maps indicating, by zones, the types of housing acceptable. Seminary Hill Civic Association and Fairlington Citizens Association stated that they were interested in tracking potential development sites. P. Benavage suggested that Carter Flemming and Roy Byrd discuss possible strategies for dealing with these issues

### **III. Association Issues**

#### **A. Governance Committee**

As a result of a request by the Board, Roy Byrd reported that the Governance Committee was reviewing the structure of the co- and vice chair positions. The Committee will meet with the Board in May to discuss their suggestions and possibly bring the suggestions back to the members at the May meeting. If changes occur, they will be reported in October or November for a vote.

#### **B. Member Issues**

Melanie Alvord, Fairlington CA, reported that they are having problems with drag racing in their area. They are reaching out to the governor and the City Council to have drag racing prohibited. Erin Winograd, Wakefield-Tarleton, asked their police liaison to review the driving practices. The police noted that they do not have enough men to handle the problem. Pete Kilcullen, Porto Vecchio Condo, also had the same response from the Alexandria police.

Other associations noted concerns about ADUs.

Interest was expressed regarding the location and/or virtual plans for future meetings.

### **IV. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Judy Cooper

#### **Attendees:**

Judy Cooper, Brookville-eminary Valley CA; Roy Byrd, Tom Walczykowski, Clover -College Park CA; Melanie Alvord, Fairlington Citizens Assn.; Jeff Lipsky, Founders Park Community Assn.; John Fehrenbach, N. Ridge Citizens' Assn.; Steven Milone, Dave Olinger, Stafford Ward, Yvonne Callahan, Elizabeth Charles, Old Town CA; Bob Gronenberg, Parkfairfax Condo UOA; Peter Kilcullen, Porto Vecchio Condo; Carter Flemming, Seminary Hill Assn.; Jeanne Jacob, Seminary Ridge CA; Pete Benavage, Seminary West CA; Fran Vogel, Strawberry Hill CA; Erin Winograd, Wakefield-Tarleton CA; Dino Drudi, West Old Town Citizens Assn.