LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, October 7, 2013 Mason District Government Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, Virginia 22003

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Carl Iddings President
John Alexander Vice President
J. Gaston Secretary

Angela Cutter Member at Large

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

DJ Terreri Treasurer

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jay Jarvis Grounds Committee Chair
Angela Cutter Architectural Committee Chair

Lisa Connoly Pool Committee Chair Linda Boone Fairfax Federation Delegate

Dale Edwards Property Manager, Sequoia Management Chris Collins Recording Secretary, Minute-By-Minute

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Iddings called the 2013 Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Senator Dave Marsden

Senator Marsden addressed the community and discussed several things that he will be working on during the off season, particularly education. He also discussed a potential budget amendment that would cut teachers. He will be working on a bill that would reduce life sentences being served by juveniles. He noted that we may see a focus on tax credits relating to industries. There will be Medicaid expansions to address with that could create over 30,000 jobs in the healthcare industry.

Mr. Mike Collins

Mr. Mike Collins introduced himself as Congressman Connelly's new Outreach Director. He noted that the congressman's offices are open for business despite the government shutdown. He stated that the congressman, along with Congressman Moran, spearheaded

recent efforts for retroactive pay for furloughed employees. Lastly, he informed the community about an open season health fair on November 23 for federal employees and retirees.

Supervisor Penny Gross

Ms. Gross discussed two hot topics - the library reorganization and the studio apartment proposals. Both issues have currently been put on hold until more work is done on the proposals. Disposal of library books has been stopped and an ad hoc committee has been established to look at that policy. More community meetings will be held to discuss the library reorganization and get feedback from the community. The Board has asked for a report from the library board in time for its next meeting to be held on November 19.

Ms. Gross informed the community that the proposed studio apartments will be aimed at lower income residents and are "no bedroom" units. New construction will potentially start in the Tysons area, Annandale, and Merrifield. The Board will be doing more outreach on this proposal and will have more information in March.

Lastly, Ms. Gross discussed parking in the county, particularly in townhouse communities. She noted that parking requirements are something that residents need to pay attention to.

PROOF OF NOTICE:

Mr. Edwards provided proof of notice.

PROOF OF PROXIES:

Mr. Edwards reported that there were 46 proxies, or members present and a quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2013 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING:

MOTION: A motion was made from the floor, and Mr. Gaston seconded, to approve the minutes of the May 2013 Semi-Annual meeting as presented. The motion passed by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2012 ANNUAL MEETING:

MOTION: Mr. Jarvis moved, and was seconded from the floor, to approve the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting as presented. The motion passed by acclamation.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

<u>President's Report:</u> Mr. Iddings reported that property values and sales are up and that homes are selling quickly. He noted that the Board and committees are working hard to keep the community looking nice and in good financial shape. He discussed the issue of residents converting basements into apartments, and shared that he has been reporting residents violating this covenant to Fairfax County.

Mr. Iddings discussed the abandoned property at 7842 Ashley Glen. He reported that the mortgage holder, Bank of America, has not been cooperative. Some repairs have been made by the county. The association's attorney has begun foreclosure proceedings. There is a January 23 court date set.

Mr. Iddings also discussed the property at 4020 Lafayette Village Drive. The association is in discussions with the owner regarding having first right of refusal when they decide to sell the property.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Mr. Iddings reported that the treasurer's report and the draft budget were published in the latest issue of the newsletter. He noted that there is close to \$850,000 in members' equity, \$532,000 in reserves, and \$250,000 in unappropriated homeowners' equity.

<u>Secretary's Report</u>: Mr. Gaston discussed the upcoming paving project that he will be working on. The association has hired an engineering company (Falcon Group) to oversee the project. They have begun the process of coring to determine the condition of the pavement. They will prepare a bid package, and then find a company to do the work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Control Committee: Ms. Cutter noted that there are residents that are still not following the guidelines and have been making compliance difficult. She stated that the committee added the window replacement permission requirement this year. She reminded the community that if trees are approved for removal, they will need to be replaced with other trees. There is an extensive approved tree and shrub list on the website.

<u>Communications Committee</u>: Mr. Iddings reported that the October/November newsletter has gone out. He also reported that about \$2,000 has been spent on newsletters and web maintenance over the past two years.

<u>Finance Committee</u>: Mr. Iddings reported that there was a reserve study done at the beginning of 2013. The draft budget was included in the recent issue of the newsletter. The association received a clean audit for 2012. The committee has drafted a financial plan for the association that will be adopted by the end of the year. The association is more aggressively investing in money market funds and government securities.

<u>Grounds Committee</u>: Mr. Jarvis reported that trees have been a big item lately for the committee. There will be many removed in the coming month. The committee will be eliminating white pines. He noted that the community garden is doing well and will be expanded.

<u>Neighborhood Watch Committee</u>: Mr. Iddings reported that crime in the area has been down. He also reported that the committee is looking for a chair, as Fred Saah has moved out of the community.

<u>Pool and Recreation Committee</u>: Ms. Conoly reported that there was good attendance and good staff at the pool this summer. There were two swim under the stars events, and two cookouts. Each was attended by at least 40 people. The association has made the following improvements: new roof, gutters, and downspouts installed on the pool house, bike rack installed, and a new pool cover purchased. The contract with Atlantic is ending and pool management companies will be researched. Management is currently getting costs for a concrete pad to be installed on the pool deck to serve as a picnic area.

<u>Fairfax Federation:</u> Linda Boone reported that her report was included in the newsletter.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

There are 2 open slots on the Board. The two candidates for the Board are John Alexander and Jay Jarvis. The candidates gave brief statements.

Election Results:

MOTION: It was moved, and seconded from the floor, to close the nominations and approve the slated candidates by acclamation. Mr. Alexander and Mr. Jarvis were elected by acclamation.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Ms. Boone moved, Mr. Jarvis seconded, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Federation has expended considerable time and effort to garner public input for the reorganization plan for public libraries in the county, including the Beta Plan offered at Burke and Reston Regional Libraries, and

Whereas, the Federation has formed an ad hoc committee to research and study the Strategic Plan for the libraries during the next 10 years, and

Whereas, LVCA wishes the Federation to have a statement from this community that libraries are a critical part of the government services provided to residents of the County, and

Whereas, LVCA wishes the Federation to also be aware that the community is changing how it views libraries and how residents access information from the libraries, and **Whereas,** LVCA supports the activities and efforts of our local library, George Mason Regional Library, and

Whereas, LVCA wishes the Federation to continue to research and study modernizing our public library system but with additional community outreach and input, Therefore be it resolved: LVCA, at its Annual Meeting, conveys support for the Federation's current efforts to ensure that future public libraries are modern with updated technology, offer easy access to a wide range of information, and support changing community needs, and be it further resolved, that LVCA will continue to work with the Federation to offer community input about the issues surrounding the modernization of the libraries I Fairfax County and the impacts on residents.

The motion passed by acclamation.

MOTION: Ms. Boone moved, and there was a second from the floor to approve the following resolution:

Whereas, the Federation has spent considerable time researching and discussing the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning's (DPZ) proposed change to the Zoning Ordinance to permit "Residential Studios" in all residential areas under "Special Exception" rules, and

Whereas, the federation submitted many questions to the DPZ and met with representatives of the organization about implementing such affordable housing, and Whereas, only selected changes have been made to the original ordinance by DPZ and Whereas, other communities, many in Mason District, have raised significant issues specifically about how such housing may change the character of established neighborhoods, and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors has now delayed the public hearing about the RSUs until February 2014, and

Whereas, the Federation has approved a resolution that summarizes the most significant issues regarding RSUs,

Therefore be it resolved, that LVCA, at its Annual Meeting, is concerned about the implementation of RSUs in Fairfax County as described in the proposed Zoning Ordinance change, and, be it resolved that LVCA supports the Federation's resolution regarding the changes and conditions precedent that must be met before the Federation can unconditionally support the Zoning Ordinance change, and be it resolved that LVCA will continue to work with the Federation to provide community input regarding the impact of RSUs on neighborhoods. **The motion passed by acclamation.**

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: it was moved and seconded from the floor to adjourn the 2013 Annual Meeting at 9:20 p.m. The motion passed by acclamation.

These minutes, having been reviewed and properly approved by the LVCA Board of Directors during the 2014 Annual meeting held October 6, 2014, are hereby submitted as DRAFT.

Respectfully,

ATTEST: J. Gaston, Secretary