LAFAYETTE VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024 ANNUAL MEETING
Mason District Government Center

October 15, 2024
7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Donna Jacobson	President
Adrian Sobie	Vice President
John Alexander	Treasurer
Gina Keating	Secretary
Dr. Julia Wray	Member at Large

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cheryl Ryefield	Newsletter Editor
Mike Nutbrown	Chair, Grounds Committee
Rick Jacobson	Co-Chair, Architectural Control Committee
Rebecca Just	Chair, Pool Committee
Dale Edwards	Property Manager, Sequoia Management
Chris Collins	Recording Secretary, Northern Virginia Minutes

CALL TO ORDER:

Mrs. Jacobson called the 2024 Annual Meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. She introduced the Board members and Mr. Edwards to the membership.

PROOF OF NOTICE:

Mrs. Jacobson confirmed that the 2024 Annual Meeting notice was mailed to all homeowners on record by Sequoia Management.

PROOF OF PROXIES:

Mr. Edwards stated that sixty-one proxies were received and confirmed a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING:

MOTION: Mrs. Jacobson moved, Mr. Alexander seconded, to approve the minutes of the 2023 Annual Meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

President's Report: Mrs. Jacobson thanked all Board and committee members for their service over the last year. She reported that the Board continues to address infrastructure issues in the community. Five retaining walls will be replaced in 2025, and erosion issues will be addressed. Fairfax County will be doing a $1 million stream and pond retrofit. Mrs. Jacobson also reported that the owners of 4020 Lafayette Village Drive will not be adding 3 attached dwellings as originally planned.

Treasurer's Report: Mr. Alexander reported that the association received a clean 2023 audit. The association currently has $10,000 in the money market accounts and $1 million in CD investments, earning an average of 4.3% in interest. In 2024, the association has spent $63,000 on various community projects. Mr. Alexander noted that the finances are in line with the budget.

Secretary's Report: Ms. Keating informed the membership that, as the Board Secretary, she is responsible for recording the minutes of all executive sessions as well as gathering updated content for the website. She noted that newsletters, Board meeting minutes and other information can be found there. Ms. Keating also encouraged everyone to sign up for NextDoor.com, as well as the LVCA email list.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Architectural Control Committee: Rick Jacobson reported that in 2024, there were forty-five requests, eighty-five questions and forty-four violations over the last year. Trash continues to be an issue in the community with improper bagging and trash being put out too early. Mr. Jacobson reminded everyone that the ACC guidelines and request forms are posted on the association's website and noted that there is no trash pick-up on Thanksgiving Day.

Communications Committee: Cheryl Ryefield reported that four newsletters were printed in 2024. The newsletter will be produced in digital format and emailed beginning with the December 2024 issue. Ms. Ryfield thanked the volunteers who have distributed the hard copies over the years.

Grounds Committee: Mike Nutbrown reported that the association received a grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry to plant trees in the community. Seven of the twenty trees were lost due to the dry spring. The association has added a watering service. The trees were under warranty and will be replaced this fall. Three retaining walls have been replaced this year, with more to be replaced in 2025. Mr. Nutbrown also reported that the committee is working on the removal of invasive vines.

Merrimac Trail Liaison Committee: There was no report.

Neighborhood Watch Committee: Mrs. Jacobson reported that the committee needs a chair and asked for volunteers. Mr. Sobie noted that the issue of vehicles being broken into continues to be of concern. He advised that residents should not keep anything of value in their cars and to be sure to lock them.

Pool and Recreation Committee: Rebecca Just reported that she had a new committee member during the 2024 pool season. The committee hosted four events at the pool. Ms. Just noted that the committee will continue advanced advertising efforts for pool events. She discussed some incidents over the summer of residents and their guests not following the pool rules, and the lifeguard not enforcing those rules. She noted that Atlantic Pools was called immediately and they came to the pool right away to address the issue. It was recommended that the committee meet with Atlantic Pools prior to the opening of the pool and provide them the community's pool rules and set expectations for lifeguards enforcing the rules.

Tot Lot Committee: Dr. Wray reported that she has been looking into renovating the tot lot and has communicated with a vendor recommended to her by Mr. Edwards. She noted that renovating a tot lot is very expensive and that the association may just replace some of the equipment. She stated that she is in the initial stages and will work with the Board on this project in 2025.

State & County Liaison Committee: Mrs. Jacobson reported that the biggest issue the committee has been focused on is the potential casino that Fairfax County would be eligible to host in the Tysons area (Senate Bill 675 in the Virginia State Assembly). The association is in support of the No Casino Coalition which is holding a forum on the issue on October 27th from 3:00 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. at McLean High School.

PRESENTATION OF THE 2024 BUDGET

Mr. Alexander presented the draft 2025 budget with a proposed 2% increase in assessments.

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:

Mrs. Jacobson stated that there are two Board positions open. Both she and Mr. Sobie are the only candidates running for their current Board positions. As there were no nominations from the floor, Mrs. Jacobson closed the elections.

Mrs. Jacobson and Mr. Sobie were elected to the 2025 Board by acclamation.

DRAWING OF DOOR PRIZE

Denise Schafer was the winner for the door prize.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A resident thanked the Board members for their continued service.

Mrs. Jacobson discussed the issue of children playing soccer on grassy area next to the Tot Lot.

can be a problem as the balls end up bouncing into the tot lot, and the grass is wearing thin. The Board discussed potential areas to designate as a soccer field.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Mrs. Jacobson moved, Mr. Sobie seconded, to adjourn the 2024 Annual Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

A brief organizational Board meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting.