

**FORT LINCOLN CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S**

**MINUTES**

Date: November 18, 2021  
Time: 7:00 P.M.  
Via: FreeConferenceCall.com

Roy Pearson opened the meeting at 7:01 P.M.

Roll Call of Board Members:

**PRESENT:** Roy Pearson, Pineview Court; Dr. Anita Jones, Washington Overlook Apartments; Felicia Brown, The Jamison At Dakota Crossing; Dana Johnson, Wesley House Senior Apartments; Emma James, Summit Village; Mardjon Hedayati, Reserves At Dakota Crossing; Parraize Butler, The Village At Dakota Crossing; Natalie Carey, Dakota Crossing; Cynthia Cherry, Hillside II Condos (by proxy); Konyka Dunson, Cannon Village.

**\*ABSENT:** Linda Brooks, Vicksburg Senior Apartments; Anthony Hubbard, 35<sup>th</sup> Street; Curtis Townsend, Maple View Condos; Lidell Smith, Gettysburg Senior Apartments; Antoinette Bobo, Petersburg Senior Apartments; Doris Foreman, Fort Lincoln Senior Building; Lymar Curry, Banneker Ridge.

*\*If a Board Member is unable to attend a meeting, please send a text message, before the meeting, to FLCA Secretary, Felicia Brown (202/492-9530), with these words: "I, (your name) authorize Felicia Brown to vote my proxy at the (date) FLCA Board meeting."*

A quorum was declared.

1. There were *no corrections to the Minutes of October 21, 2021. A motion was made, and seconded, to approve the Minutes.* By unanimous vote of the Board members present, the motion was passed.
2. **Report from the President** - Roy Pearson

**Administrative Matters**

**Amendment to The ByLaws** – On October 25, 2021, an email was widely distributed to Fort Lincoln residents to provide notice that the Fort Lincoln Board of Directors would

be considering an Amendment to the ByLaws of the Fort Lincoln Civic Association, Inc. At its Board Meeting on Thursday, December 16, 2021, there was an explanation of the purpose of the proposed Amendment in the cover email.

A copy of the ByLaws, in their entirety, including the proposed Amendment, was also attached to the November 13, 2021, email. And it too, was widely circulated to Fort Lincoln residents.

The purpose of the proposed Amendment to the FLCA ByLaws is to address the fact that our current ByLaws only authorize us to meet virtually through the end of January 2022. Back in April of this year, when we amended the ByLaws to affirmatively authorize us to meet by email, and by video and audio conference, Roy Pearson thought we were all confident that by January of 2022 Covid-19 would be a thing of the past.

But that has not proven to be the case, and so the proposed Amendment is to Article V, Section I of the ByLaws. The first sentence of that Section currently states: “Until January 31, 2022 or sooner if the Board decides, in-person meetings of the Fort Lincoln Civic Association shall be suspended.” The proposed Amendment changes that sentence to read: “Until the Board decides otherwise, in-person meetings of the Fort Lincoln Civic Association shall be suspended.

That Amendment would give the Board the flexibility to, **at any time**, to switch to in-person meetings when Covid-19 permits. And it will also permit us to discuss whether we want to continue to the practice of having virtual meetings – even when Covid-19 is not a problem. Just like working from home, meeting by telephone and video teleconferencing has some advantages over having to find a place to meet, getting dressed, and walking or driving to an in-person meeting. And that is particularly true for Board Members who are not mobile. Our ByLaws require at least 30-day’s notice before the Amendment can be taken up. So, we will not discuss and vote on it until our December 16, 2021, meeting when the issue will be whether to potentially continue virtual meetings past January of 2022.

3. **D.C. Council Redistricting Process** – As Roy Pearson mentioned last month, the D.C. Council has begun a Redistricting Process. Redistricting is the process of drawing new boundary lines for all eight (8) wards in the City, as well as drawing new boundary lines for the Advisory Neighborhood Commissions (ANCs) and the Single Member Districts (SMDs) in the City. Those boundaries lines are re-drawn to reflect population changes in the City. In this case, it will be based on the new 2020 Census.

Roy Pearson thought it would be advisable to form a Special Committee to educate ourselves, and the Fort Lincoln community, on redistricting – particularly as it relates to boundaries for ANCs and SMDs. Because that is the part of redistricting that will directly affect Fort Lincoln. In terms of the timeline, the D.C. Council will be focused on re-drawing Ward boundaries until early next year. After they complete that process, they will then return to re-drawing ANC and SMD boundaries.

And by then, we want ourselves and this community to be educated, and ready to engage, to ensure that we get as many SMDs within Fort Lincoln as possible.

Roy Pearson invited Board Members who were interested to send him an email indicating their willingness to join this Special Committee on Redistricting. There really would not be much to do except read and educate ourselves over the next four (4) months, or so. So far, Roy Pearson has not received any emails from Board Members, but because of the importance of the issue, educational materials, about the redistricting process were included in the Board packet for this meeting.

4. **Report from the Treasurer** – Linda Brooks

The opening balance	\$2,583.03	As of October 16, 2021
	<40.00>	DCRA (reimbursed to Roy Pearson)
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	\$2,543.03	Ending balance as November 18, 2021

\*Eight Hundred and Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$850.00) earmarked for the Appellate Attorney for the Zoning Case.

5. **Nomination of Mardjon Hedayati for Reserves at Dakota Crossing** – Ms. Heyadati provided her resume and a statement of her interest in serving on the Board, and it was one of the attachments to the email of the Agenda for the Board’s Meeting. Ms. Heyadati will be the first deaf person to serve on the Board of the Fort Lincoln Civic Association. Although she was able to arrange a sign language interpreter (Ms. Siavous) to her home for the Board Meeting, Roy Pearson would like to encourage Board Members, who chair Committees, to reduce their Monthly Committee Reports to writing for circulation one week before each monthly Board meeting.

Reducing Monthly Committee Reports to writing is also important because Roy Pearson will be recommending to the Communications Committee that the website, they are working on, have a page dedicated to each FLCA committee. And on that page, Fort Lincoln residents should be able to find each Committee’s reports for this entire year. We must leave a paper trail for the Board Members who will follow us in office in the years to come.

*A motion was made, and seconded to approvd* her nomination and by acclamation. Ms. Heyadati was elected to represent Reserves at Dakota Crossing for the remainder of Adalis Morales’ term, which ends in May 2022.

6. **FLCA Committee Reports** – Roy Pearson indicated that in the interest of time, he requested that all chairpersons submit written Monthly Reports, so they could quickly

and orally summarize their reports so the meeting can be devoted to answering any questions or comments by Board Members. And we could also discuss and vote on any proposed Resolutions that the Committees may have submitted.

- A. **Finance/Fundraising Committee** – The Finance/Fundraising Committee has already prepared a budget that the Board acted on in September. And so, it has no current activities.
- B. **Planning & Zoning Committee** – The Chairperson of the Planning & Zoning Committee is working on the priorities they set two (2) months ago. They have one matter that requires consideration of, and a vote by the Board. And that is a Resolution regarding a study that is underway to consider the feasibility of relocating Fire Engine Company No. 26 from the 1300 Block of Rhode Island Avenue to the Lot next to the Hagans Cultural Center at 31<sup>st</sup> Place & Fort Lincoln Avenue.

The proposed Resolution was included in the Monthly Report of the Planning & Zoning Committee that was included in the Board packet that was emailed with the Agenda on November 13, 2021. And before then Roy Pearson thinks most, if not all Board Members, were copied by email discussing the best alternative location for the Fire Engine Company No. 26.

*A motion was made, and seconded, to approve FLCA Resolution Number 2021-1.*  
By unanimous vote of the Board members present, the motion was passed.

- C. **Communications Committee** - The Chairperson of the Communications Committee submitted a written Monthly Report of their three (3) priorities: 1) focusing on the contents and design of the website, 2) the seed money for the website, and 3) soliciting charitable donations for funding the website on an on-going basis.
- D. **Education Committee/Youth Committee** – Chairpersons of both the Education Committee and Youth Committee have joined forces to make a commitment to their priorities for the term of this year. Dr. Anita Jones stated that they wanted to adopt the Friendship Public Charter School (Woodridge Campus) because we currently do not have our own campus at this time. So, in the meeting last month, Dr. Jones proposed Friendship Woodridge because it's five (5) minutes away and a lot of young people in this area and in the community attend this school. But there was also a recommendation to possibly consider Langdon Elementary School. When Dr. Jones was out and about a few weeks ago, Langdon was such a perfect distance away from Fort Lincoln that Friendship Woodridge was, so they wanted to adopt Friendship Woodridge. Friendship Woodridge is aware of the students in their school who are in need. Our committees want to make donations to the teachers as well. The Education Committee nor the Youth Committee were not able to submit their proposed resolution to be voted upon by the Board Members at the Board Meeting. And so Committee member will (and encourage others to) make personal donations to Friendship Public Charter School.

E. **Roads, Grounds, and Recreation Committee** – The Acting Chairperson of this Committee submitted a written report with the three (3) priorities for that Committee: updating the 3<sup>rd</sup> Exit from the Shops at Dakota Crossing.

1. **A 3<sup>rd</sup> Exit From the Shops at Dakota Crossing** - The Congress passed a more than ONE TRILLION AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,000,000,000.00) Infrastructure Bill. An hundreds of millions of dollars are coming to the District of Columbia for roads, grounds, and bridges and the like. The newly nominated Director of the D.C. Department of Transportation will be holding meetings in each Ward to hear suggestions. The FLCA has already directly communicated with him and with the D.C. Council, Committee on Transportation and Environment -- asking them to prioritize additional exits from The Shops at Dakota Crossing. This is really a *win-win* and we have been able to get the D.C. Federation Civic Association to sign on because everybody goes to Costco. So, everyone is familiar with the problem exiting from The Shops at Dakota Crossing presents. The nominee for Director of DDOT had committed to escalating this priority to the Deputy Mayor of Transportation and Economic Development before the Infrastructure Bill even passed and so this should be in the budget.

Committee Chair Roy Pearson also spoke with the Costco Warehouse Manager, Mike Hall, who had great ideas about low-cost ways about building additional exits by reconfiguring two (2) of the current entrances as exits out of the shopping center. But that would largely be the responsibility of the shopping center itself since most of the land is in the shopping center. Mr. Hall did not think that Costco, Chic-Fil-A and the other big box stores would have a problem putting up the necessary funds.

2. **Fort Lincoln Campus** - Another priority is monitoring the revitalization of the Hagans Cultural Center and Fort Lincoln Park, as well as the construction of the community center and the Early Childhood Education Center. The Committee sent a four (4) page letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) and asked them to respond with answers and post those questions and answers to the website so that everybody in Fort Lincoln will have access to critical information regarding the project.
3. **Bus Routes in Fort Lincoln** - The \$1.2T Infrastructure package will also fund Metro through 2030, and Chairman Pearson thinks there will be a push to expand bus service and thinks, that a minimum, the Committee should consider whether to push to expand bus service nearer to The Jamison at Dakota Crossing. Some thought consideration should be given to whether the FLCA should continue to push to restore the B8, B9 service. Does the Fort Lincoln community continue to have a need for additional bus service when so many folks are working from home?

F. **Public Health Committee** – There is no chairman. There was a general discussion about a clinic in Maryland that agreed to come out and administer booster shots at

two (2) of the senior apartment buildings in Fort Lincoln. Felicia Brown is looking into Covid vaccines for children at The Jamison at Dakota Crossing who are ages 5 – 11.

**G. Public Safety & Emergency Management Services Committee** – The Chairperson’s written monthly report states that Sgt Harrison Grubbs of the 5<sup>th</sup> District, Metropolitan Police Department, submitted statistics for criminal incidents for the Fort Lincoln community for the past 30 days. Sgt. Grubbs has agreed to the Committee’s request to provide us with statistics one (1) week before our Board Meeting. Since the Board Meeting, the Chairperson has written an email to Sgt. Grubbs asking that he add the time for these events. A listing of the criminal events for the past 30 days are as follows:

- Offense: Theft from Auto  
Location: 3100 Banneker Drive N.E.  
Date: 11/3/21
  
- Offense: Motor Vehicle Theft  
Location: 2350 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.  
Date: 10/30/21
  
- Offense: Theft from Auto  
Location: 2350 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.  
Date: 10/29/21
  
- Offense: Theft  
Location: 3750 Jamison Street, N.E.  
Date: 10/28/21
  
- Offense: Theft  
Location: 2470 Market Street, N.E.  
Date: 10/28/21
  
- Offense: Robbery  
Location: 2350 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.  
Date: 10/24/21
  
- Offense: Motor Vehicle Theft  
Location: 3176 Bladensburg Road, N.E.  
Date: 10/24/21
  
- Offense: Theft  
Location: 3829 Commodore Joshua Barney Drive, N.E.  
Date: 10/21/21

- Offense: Motor Vehicle Theft  
Location: 2350 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.  
Date: 10/19/21
- Offense: Theft from Auto  
Location: 3750 Jamison Street, N.E.  
Date: 10/18/21
- Offense: Motor Vehicle Theft  
Location: 2350 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.  
Date: 10/16/21
- Offense: Theft  
Location: 2470 Market Street, N.E.  
Date: 10/13/21
- Offense: Theft  
Location: 2470 Market Street, N.E.  
Date: 10/11/21
- Offense: Theft from Auto  
Location: 3145 Berry Road, N.E.  
Date: 10/11/21
- Offense: Motor Vehicle Theft  
Location: 2350 South Dakota Avenue, N.E.  
Date: 10/9/21
- Offense: Theft  
Location: 2470 Market Street, N.E.  
Date: 10/9/21

Natalie Carey provided the link for *Everbridge* app, which provides real time alerts of criminal alerts in the District of Columbia to interested Board Members. The Chairperson subscribed to this app and received real time alerts for all quadrants of the city in these categories: crime advisories, traffic advisories, utilities repairs/road closures, WMATA Advisories, DDOT Traffic Advisories/Bridge and Tunnel Inspections, Fire Department Advisories Crash Activities, Wind Advisories, Lane Closures, Silver Alerts, and Hypothermia Alerts.

Mardjon Heyadati will join the Public Safety and Emergency Management Services Committee along with Mike Bowman (tenant at The Jamison). Mike Bowman is also on the Board of Director of the newly formed The Jamison at Dakota Crossing Tenant

Association (TJADCTA). *We are still actively seeking members to join our committee. **Public safety** is a huge priority and really should not be left to only a few people.*

H. **Seniors Affairs Committee** – Linda Brooks, Chair, reported that she still is running into considerable difficulty in recruiting members for this committee.

I. **Social Committee** – Natalie Carey, the newly confirmed Chair of the Social Committee gave an oral report. She expects the Committee to prioritize: (1) deciding on the number of regular events each the FLCA will hold - whether monthly or quarterly and (2) confirming the membership of the committee. As President, Roy has already pre-approved membership on the Social Committee for the representatives of the larger housing clusters, who likely put on social events of their own (Parraize Butler, Konyka Dunson, and whoever replaces the current representative at Banneker Ridge). As well as Felicia Brown, because of the outstanding outdoor social area at The Jamison at Dakota Crossing. Additionally, last month, Roy prepared a committee report with suggestions, modeled after the activities of other D.C. civic associations, for the Committee to consider. Natalie will reach out to the pre-approved Board members and look at the past Committee reports for ideas. Natalie heads the Social Committee for Dakota Crossing. During months when they do not have a meeting they have had neighborhood block parties, a Spring Fling, outdoor movie nights and a holiday party. And on months they do have a meeting they have had pizza and soda, or other refreshments at the 5<sup>th</sup> District Police Station or Ivy City Tavern. This year they are having a holiday party at Penn Royal Station in Mt. Rainier. In past years, it has been held at Ivy City Tavern, Stable, Expresso and Provost in D.C. They make a concerted effort to support local restaurants.

## 7. **New Business**

**Google Sheets** – Some FLCA documents are getting organized by using Google Sheets. At this time, use is restricted to only the Communications Committee. Natalie Carey is developing and implementing this first phase of our automated filing system.

Lamar Curry is actively recruiting a replacement for himself at Banneker Ridge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.