

**FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS**  
**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

7:00–8:30 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Margaret Rhodes (Chair)  
Kristen K.  
Cynthia P.  
Michele M.  
Sara C.  
Pat Y.  
Chuck E.  
Adrian H.  
Ed H.  
Gavin  
Shirley W.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Charles Monfort  
Claudia  
Frona Adelson  
Joe Spytek

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

John Rosenberg, Minutes Services

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Rhodes called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Margaret R. **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the December 6 agenda. It was **SECONDED** by Charles M. and **PASSED** without objection.

**LANDSCAPING ISSUES**

1. Updates
  - a. Landscaping

Margaret R. reported on replacement plantings, weeding, pruning, and leaf removal.

- b. Stormwater

Margaret R. talked about progress on the Stormwater Tax Credit Program, noting that one additional hour of litter pick-up is needed by January to fulfill the litter requirement. She thanked Michele M. for having single-handedly completed the storm drain marking, as well as various other B&G members for picking up litter and reducing invasive species.

c. Donated Trees

An update was given on the status of donated trees, including EcoAction Arlington's holly, Arlington County's bald cypress, loalaire's dogwood, Shirin's Eastern red cedar, Margaret's sycamore and maple. Charles M. discussed Lancaster's plantings for the pool area.

d. Lesser celandine removal

Kirsten K. reported on the effort to remove lesser celandine.

2. Issues for Decision

a. Screening of EV chargers

Kirsten K. provided an update on the status of the EV chargers and the need for screening of the electrical panels and the blocking of the light coming from headlights of charging cars. Joe S. shared that the emergency circuit breaker must remain visible from the chargers, which will impact how high the screening bushes can be in front of the panels.

b. Chimney Caps

Discussion ensued regarding the installation of chimney caps. Joe S. noted the presence of 150 chimneys. A question was raised about using metallic caps as opposed to ceramic, though metallic, while more aesthetically pleasing and appropriate for the community, may be vulnerable to squirrel intrusion, weathering, and degradation from bird droppings.

It was decided to table the matter pending further information.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Margaret R. **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the November 2023 B&G as well as November stormwater meeting minutes, with various attendee-list adjustments. It was **SECONDED** by Charles M. and **PASSED** without objection.

**OPEN FORUM**

Residents raised questions about the status of plantings and their care, lawn sprinklers, as well as the association's responsibility for maintaining the traffic islands along Quaker Lane.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hearing no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 3, 2024**  
**7:00–8:30 pm**

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Respectfully submitted by Minutes Services.

