

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND COUNCIL OF CO-OWNERS OF FAIRLINGTON MEADOWS
SOUTH FAIRLINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER
3308 S. Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22206
OCTOBER 23, 2013

- IN ATTENDANCE** John Thurber - President
Mary Ellen Finigan - 1st Vice President
Jacqueline Maguire - Secretary
Debbie Diener - Treasurer
Diane Thurber - Recording Secretary
Dwayne Frazier - Portfolio Manager, CMC
Richard Kuziomko - Condominium Division Director, CMC
Approximately 50 members of the Community
- CALL TO ORDER** Mr. Thurber called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- PRESIDENT'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** Mr. Thurber offered welcoming remarks and introduced the members of the Board of Directors and management representatives. Also recognized were Diane Thurber, Recording Secretary for the Board; Hannah Lipps, Editor of the Meadows Messenger newsletter; Jose Ramirez, Maintenance Assistant; and Mary Shea, Fairlington Green resident, and Ron Patterson, Fairlington Mews resident, Webmasters for the Association's website.
- AGENDA** Mr. Thurber presented the Meeting Agenda, which included completing Bylaw formalities; a comprehensive overview of the state of the Association; discussion of the 2014 proposed Budget; Committee reports; and the election of one Director.
- PROOF OF NOTICE** Notice of the meeting was effected by the following means: formal mailing from CMC with attachments, including President's Letter, President's Budget Report, Budget Summary, Agenda, and proxy card; prominent posting on Association's website; article in Meadows Messenger newsletter; and multi-media alert through Homeowner Link emergency notification service.
- QUORUM AND ROLL CALL** The registration process, including proxies, both printed and electronic, was sufficient to reach quorum of 55 percent. Mr. Thurber thanked the Court Chairs, who sent e-mails and canvassed their respective courts for proxies in advance of the meeting. Roll call was waived by the Board.
- READING AND APPROVAL OF 2012 MINUTES** Mr. Thurber made a MOTION that by GENERAL CONSENT oral reading of the minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting be waived and that said minutes be approved as submitted. No objection. Motion CARRIED.
- INSPECTORS OF THE ELECTION** Mr. Thurber made a MOTION that by GENERAL CONSENT Chuck Edwards and Brandi Quinlan be approved as Inspectors of the Election. No objection. Motion CARRIED.
- STATE OF THE ASSOCIATION** The state of the Association is very good. We have an Operating Budget of \$1million and are rebuilding our reserves to \$1.2million, which is the amount recommended by the Reserve Study, as well as the level where they were prior to our completing the sewer lateral relining. This healthy reserve permitted us to complete a major infrastructure project without a special assessment. A reserve account is required by law, but it is also a useful tool for the Board in preparing the Budget and for hedging against the unknown, such as excessive snowfall. Most co-owners pay their condo fees, and the

Board pursues the few who do not. We are all members of the Association, and the only way the Budget works is if everyone pays their fair share.

The buildings and the grounds look beautiful, thanks in large part to the efforts of the B&G Committee. Proactive maintenance of the buildings and facilities enhances curb appeal and retains the value of the units.

Community Management Corporation has been our management company for approximately twenty-five years now, and for the past several years has been performing very well. Issues with some past Property Managers were addressed, and we have since been receiving what the Board feels are top of the line Managers. The contract with CMC is up for renewal, and is being reviewed by the Board. Current Portfolio Manager Dwayne Frazier was acknowledged and thanked for his work on behalf of the Association. Division Director Tony Rouhani has been working with the Board in an advisory role, providing advice when needed. Mr. Rouhani is retiring, and the new Division Director is Richard Kuziomko. Mr. Kuziomko was present at the meeting; he was introduced to the attendees, and orally presented his background and qualifications.

The Board has hired a new Maintenance Manager, Craig Robbins, who will begin working on Monday. Mr. Robbins comes highly recommended, and the Board is looking forward to his joining the team.

The Board meets monthly, generally on the third Wednesday, at the South Fairlington Community Center. Residents are welcome to attend, to express concerns, ask questions, or simply to observe. All Board members travel for work, so residents should check the website if planning to attend a meeting to ensure it has not been rescheduled for lack of a quorum.

The Association's website contains all governing documents, rules, Board meeting minutes, contact information, Meadows Messenger newsletter, etc., as well as current notices and updates. Since it was instituted in 2005, it has received 28,000 visits. The Webmasters do a great job keeping the site updated and provide their services at no cost to the Association. If residents have questions, the website is a good first place to start. It is easy to navigate and user-friendly.

The Bylaws require that home improvements exceeding \$1,000.00 in cost receive prior approval from the Board. The Board will review the specs and the contract, and if there are no questions, will forward approval to the homeowner along with the contractor guidelines. This process assists residents because the Board may be able to offer advice from lessons learned, and it protects the property and the buildings from contractor abuses. The guidelines have helped minimize problems with contractors because they inform the homeowner that there are expectations and that they are responsible for meeting those expectations.

Q: It can cost more than \$1,000.00 just to refinish hardwood floors, and what about appliance replacements?

A: Simple appliance replacements don't need to be reported, but flooring, yes. The contractor will be bringing in trucks, running cords, etc.

Q: So the Board reviews the contract between the homeowner and the contractor? You want to comment on *that*?

A: Yes, the Board reviews proposals between the contractor and the homeowner. Our documents don't allow new penetrations through existing exterior walls; we may catch things like that in the proposal before they happen. We also keep a lookout for proposals that may involve load-bearing walls. Assuming there are no major problems, the request can be turned around very quickly.

Q: What if you do the work yourself and there is no contractor?

A: We would still like to see a proposal because it is still "a project." Homeowner may just send an e-mail detailing the scope of the work.

Q: Does the homeowner have to wait until the monthly Board meeting to present a proposal?

A: No, it can be dropped off at the Board President's home, or sent to our management representative via e-mail.

Unfortunately, there have been several incidents of vandalism in the neighborhood recently, including car break-ins, unit windows being smashed with bricks, and a squirrel shot and killed with what police believe may have been a 22-caliber rifle. We don't believe any of the crimes have been solved. If residents notice suspicious behavior, feel threatened, or *are* threatened, whether home or vehicle, they should contact police immediately. We like to feel that Fairlington is safe, but crime is a reality, so we must be vigilant.

Q: When are these activities taking place?

A: Mostly in the early morning hours.

Q: Have the police said anything about driving through more often?

A: We have asked them to do that, but we're not sure how much of a deterrent it is. They are very responsive when called, however.

We budget for 1.5 complete roof replacements per year, at a cost of between \$80,000.00 and \$100,000.00 each. Our buildings were constructed in 1942-1943, and some of the roofs are still the original material; slate will last a long time if it is treated properly. We now specifically require that the painters use a cherry picker for the dormer and upper trim work. We just completed two roof replacements (Courts 2 and 9); none were done last year, but we did do repairs on twenty-four buildings for a total expenditure of \$26,000.00, to replace loose and broken slates, trim and rotten wood. Katchmark has been doing most of our roof work. This year to date, we have spent \$204,027.00 on roofs, and we reserve \$30-\$40,000.00 for ongoing repairs. Our goal is to keep the roofs watertight and looking good. The earthquake in 2011 caused the faux chimneys to pull away, breaking the seal and causing water infiltration, and that required a lot of flashing repair. We discovered a few more during the heavy rains a couple weeks ago, and those repairs are underway. If residents have any more to report, they should contact Dwayne Frazier at CMC.

The Board has begun experimenting with composite wood for trim work, columns and dormers. It is basically plastic with a veneer that resembles wood, but it does not rot, like wood. We have discovered that, because of the way the dormers were built, water penetrates at the interface with the roof, remains there, and rots the wood, necessitating replacement. Water also gets into the columns, rotting them on the inside, causing them to split. Repairs are expensive and don't last long. In the long run, we hope the use of composite wood will save us money. We are taking small steps to evaluate its performance, but "so far, so good."

Q: The lower edge of the dormer rots?

A: You have the roof peak and the dormer window; the window is in front, and the boards come down at a slant. Where the wood interfaces with the roofline, the original flashing doesn't keep the water out. Even small amounts build up and that is where it's rotting. Composite wood can sit in the damp spot and not rot.

Q: If there has been a leak in the roof and there is damage to the ceiling inside the unit, does the Association fix the ceiling?

A: No, the interior of the unit is the responsibility of the homeowner; the Association is only responsible for the roof. We can't inspect the units on the inside, so we rely on residents to report any leaks. If there is a problem, they should let management know and a repair will be scheduled. Sometimes leaks are not reported for in excess of a year, and the Association would "go broke" if we were to pay for interior repairs. Again, interior repairs are the homeowners' responsibility.

We paint every year, so each unit is painted every fourth year, including trim, dormers and the black window well grates. The crew is in Court 3 now, and will also do Courts 14 and 15 this year. They are moving slowly, and we got a bit of a late start because of

the rain, but hopefully the work will be completed in the next several weeks. We moved the painting schedule to fall rather than summer because it was too hot for the workers, and we were not getting quality work. Fall is "more humane" for the workers, plus we don't have to worry as much about newly-planted materials in residents' patios. Next year's painting cycle will include Courts 4, 5 and 6.

Insurance companies nationwide are "hardening." Due to the many recent catastrophic weather events, it is not a good business to be in, as there are a lot of claims and pay-outs. Premiums are increasing nationwide, not just ours. We have been successful in the past at keeping insurance rates down with only a one-to-two percent increase per year; however, this year we are looking at an 8 percent increase. We continue to work with our USI agent, Theresa Melson, on how to keep premiums down. She shopped around and found us a better workman's compensation plan -- \$4,000.00 vs. \$6,000.00. Some companies offer packages that include mechanical, elevators, boilers, etc., but we don't need those coverages; she tailors the package to our needs to reduce premiums. Ms. Melson will be attending the November Board meeting to brief the Board on the increase and ways we can hold down premiums. Once we paid the \$10,000.00 deductible, insurance covered all building repairs when we had the fire two years ago. We pay \$70,000.00+ per year for insurance, but we cannot afford not to have it.

The Exterior Architectural Criteria are on the website, and represent the standards by which we maintain an attractive and uniform appearance. The document covers exterior doors, storm doors, patios, cable, exterior lighting, etc. Fairlington is a historic district, and that designation has value. Items that do not conform to the Colonial Revival architecture style ruin the historical look.

Q: Next year during the painting cycle, are residents allowed a choice of colors for their doors?

A: Yes. There are five Colonial colors from which to choose. They are on a board at the shop. Residents can look at them, pick a color, and let Mr. Frazier know so he can tell the painting foreman. It is not required to keep the exterior door color the same as it is currently.

A Reserve Study is required by law every five years, and the most recent one was completed in 2010. The study provides an assessment of our infrastructure, including condition of the buildings and other elements, such as the pool, fences, sidewalks, lighting, and parking lots. It is a valuable tool that helps the Board set priorities, and determine the amount to budget in reserves for maintenance and eventual replacement of each item.

There is \$12,000.00 in the Budget for snow removal, which the Board feels is a responsible amount. During the heavy snows of "Snowmageddon" two years ago, we spent \$60,000.00 on snow removal, and had budgeted only \$6,000.00 (reserves to the rescue). Hopefully, we will not have to spend too much on snow removal during the upcoming 2013-2014 winter season; funds not spent will be moved to reserves. Our snow removal contract is with Somerset, our landscaping contractor. We have found them to be very responsive. They plow the lots, and the maintenance crew clears the sidewalks.

All gutters are cleaned three times a year; ones that are known problems are cleaned more frequently. Leaves and pine needles clog gutters and drain pipes, so we are working to pull trees away from the buildings. If residents notice water cascading over the top of the gutter, they should report it to management, and the maintenance crew will be sent to clear it.

Q: As part of the cleaning, are the gutters inspected?

A: Yes. The older ones are attached with aluminum nails, but if they get packed with ice, they will pull away from the building at the roof's edge due to the weight of the ice. Again, residents should report this to management.

The playground is in good shape. Additional mulch was added in 2011, to meet the 9" standard for depth of cushioning material. The wooden beams around the perimeter were raised to accommodate the additional mulch.

In 2012, we re-stripped and re-stenciled the parking courts and performed crack repair; we will continue to do spot repairs as needed. The work was performed by Brothers Paving; they were responsive and did good quality work. When they complete a job and remove the forms, the turf is still in very good condition, saving us money on grounds repairs. Brothers also performs sidewalk repairs for us. Problem sidewalks adjacent to the parking lots were completed during the lot repairs; most of the current work is for inside walkways that have cracked or have become uneven due to tree roots.

B&G member Victor Slabinski was thanked for his efforts working with Comcast to get them to "clean up their act," and that "things are looking a lot better."

Q: By Mr. Slabinski: We have been successful getting the boxes fixed, but they still drape cables across the grounds. The Board advises residents to insist on getting the company to bury their cable, but since they have seven days after the installation to return and do so, how do we get them to do that? People don't care. What are we going to do about that?

A: Comcast signed a Service Agreement with us in 2008, in which they promised better workmanship, but many installations are performed by subcontractors. We just have to keep after them. They're a monopoly so they don't have to care.

It is a non-stop effort to repair fence capboards and gates. We spent over \$100,000.00 over four years staining the fences and replacing cracked and broken wood. Residents should report any problems with their fences to management. We have begun experimenting with 4" x 1" capboards made of composite wood. We are monitoring a small test area, and so far the squirrels have not chewed on it. We will continue to monitor performance.

B&G is on the forefront of two major projects in the B-buildings – carpeting and mailboxes. The first nine of the twenty-seven buildings have been re-carpeted, and work in the remaining eighteen will commence in the spring. The mailboxes will be replaced over the next two-to-three years with larger boxes.

DMA is our cleaning contractor for the B-buildings. The buildings are cleaned twice weekly, on Mondays and Thursdays. The Board feels that DMA is doing a good job and adhering to the terms of the contract.

- Ways in which residents can help themselves and the community:

1. Install window well covers; they are inexpensive and provide protection against water infiltration.
 2. Lower storm windows when it rains; otherwise, water gets into the sills and can cause inside damage. The painters are asked to ensure that the weep holes remain open, but residents should check them to be sure.
 3. Sign up for the Homeowner Link emergency notification service. The form is on the Association's website. This is subscription service that is provided at no additional cost to residents. The annual fee is the same regardless of whether one person or all 342 units are registered.
 4. Volunteer for a Committee.
 5. If trees are weighed down with snow, shake them gently; if encased in ice, leave them alone and let the ice melt slowly on its own.
 6. Water new shrubs and trees, to protect our investment in the landscaping. It is not necessary to water the lawns.
 7. Conserve water to keep the water bill as low as possible.
- "Water and Sewer" is one of our most expensive Budget items.
8. Put trash out only at the proper times.
 9. Keep patios clean and uncluttered – neighbors can see them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Pool By Committee Chair Erica Brown: Ms. Brown and her husband have been on the Committee for two years, and they hope everyone had a chance to visit the pool this summer. Operations went very well this year, due in large part to good, conscientious lifeguards, who listened when instructed to do something. Also thanked were Board members Farbstein, Maguire and Finigan, who assisted with the day-to-day monitoring, as well as Committee member Jamie Eckert, Victor Slabinski, who helped with the “games for children” social, and other volunteers who dished out ice cream and served pizza (the fourth social was the wine and cheese). Socials are announced by fliers on the bulletin boards near the tennis courts and in the pool breezeway, as well as in the Messenger. Notices are no longer delivered to each unit, as that was a lot of work and didn’t appear to increase attendance. The events were well attended, with at least twenty at each. Ms. Brown encouraged residents to volunteer for the Pool Committee next season; help with walking around and going through the “checklist” would be most welcome. Volunteering for the Pool Committee is not a difficult job, but for some reason, Ms. Brown feels that people are intimidated.

By Mr. Thurber: In 2011 we had no Pool Committee at all, and it fell entirely to the Board to operate the pool that season, so they were very grateful when the Browns volunteered. They have done a great job maintaining the operations of the pool and with social functions. The pool itself looked really good this year. We purchased a new Jacuzzi brand filter system. The pumps run 24/7 all summer; the old system lasted six years, but we hope this new one will last eight to ten. The outside shower was not draining properly, which necessitated our installing a new channel drain to help keep the deck drier. The whitecoat and furniture are both holding up well, and hopefully people will continue to be careful with the furniture. We have a few broken umbrella cables (caused by over-cranking) and also will have to do minor tile work on a few of the numbered tiles that are fading, but no major investments are anticipated for the pool for next year.

Q: Is there any talk about getting a hot tub at the pool?

A: No, primarily because of the expense and upkeep, plus the Board has not heard any discussion of it previously.

The tennis courts are in good shape. Co-Chair Ed Girovasi did a great job organizing the contract with Bishop’s to resurface the courts back in 2011. The cost for that work was \$11,000.00, and everyone is reminded that the courts are for tennis ONLY – they are not a dog run, a skateboard park, or a playground. The Committee makes sure the courts remain in good repair; the new surface should last 8+ years. John Stack also was acknowledged for his work as Co-Chair of the Recreation Committee.

Two new trash barrels have been placed on the property. A new trend seems to be that some dog owners are leaving small bags of dog feces randomly on the ground for disposal by others; hopefully, the new barrels will encourage pet owners to properly dispose of it themselves. We also will be installing a few small signs reminding dog owners that it is a violation of County ordinance to dispose of pet feces improperly. The signs will be placed in “strategic locations” and moved from time to time.

The Association sued both the installer and the product manufacturer for defective material in conjunction with the sewer lateral relining project. Our forty-two lines were jettted with material that created a new pipe-within-a-pipe, reducing infiltration of water and roots; however, four of the liners collapsed and had to be replaced completely, at great expense. Neither contractor was willing to help, nor were they interested in even coming to examine the problem liners. It has been a long fight, including four court appearances by the Board President, and the hiring of expert witnesses; however, we prevailed against both defendants and received judgments totaling \$151,000.00. One defendant has appealed to the State Supreme Court, and we will have to expend more for legal fees to defend that action; however, we hope to again prevail. In an effort to collect on the judgment against the manufacture, we have sought to

impound property and assets and have collected \$26,00.00 so far. Monies in the case being appealed have been placed in escrow, and if we prevail, those funds will be available to us.

Q: Have there been any failures since the last Annual Meeting?

A: No. Once the first failure was detected, the Board wondered how many more there might be, so we ran a camera through all the lines and discovered three more problems. It has been two years since that was undertaken, and we have been told that if it hasn't happened yet, it probably won't. The material in that batch was bad and was not allowed to firm up. The result was that the liner sagged and closed off the pipe, causing a backup. Of the three others discovered, one was split open and two were sagging.

Q: So there were four additional sewer line failures besides the four known?

A: No, just the four, total. We ran a camera down all forty-two. Others were fine, but we need to keep an eye on root infiltration at the interface, as that could still be a problem, but we're watching them.

Buildings and Grounds

By Committee Co-Chairs Chuck Edwards and Judi Garth: Somerset is our grounds contractor; their three-year contract is expiring, and the Committee recommends renewal. The Committee has been dictating when to mow and edge, and several times during the season we didn't have any work done, which saved us money. One change this year was weeding, which is now an ongoing (rather than a separate) process, and that is working better. Other services include: spring and fall plantings; trimming of ornamental trees (done in late August/early September); shrub trimming three times a year (final trimming to be performed prior to winter); inspecting and treating trees and shrubs for scale infestation and mites (done in late spring/early summer); lawn aeration and spot-seeding (recently completed); and three leaf removals (none completed yet). Areas that are re-seeded are covered with topsoil and straw so the seed doesn't blow away. We did not have any damaging storms this year, so there were not a lot of tree replacements, although several diseased evergreens and a large tree near the tennis courts were removed, and a tree in Court 6 needs major pruning. The street trees in the medians are cared for by Arlington County. It took the Committee months to get the trees on S. Stafford Street pruned, but it was finally completed, and was a good job. Residents may report dead or hanging branches to the Committee, who will in turn report them to the County. When the County removes a tree, they plant a new one and attach a gator bag; they then water the tree for one to two years until it is established. The spring planting this year was mostly to remove dead shrubs and plant replacements. Last year, liriopie was planted in areas where grass will not grow; it came back nicely this year, and helps prevent erosion. Other problem areas where the ground is all clay are covered with mulch. There will be a fall planting in November. Residents are asked to water any materials that are planted in front of their homes or in their court. Fall is a good time to plant because of the likelihood of rain, but if we don't receive any rain or snow, watering by residents is essential, until the ground freezes. If spigots are disconnected, a gallon jug can be used; simply pour the water slowly and allow it to seep into the ground. Watering instructions will be published in the next Messenger. The Committee worked in conjunction with the Glen to install matching black wrought iron fences and new grasses on both sides of the sidewalk adjacent to their tennis courts on S. Stafford Street, and the area looks much better. Residents are welcome to join the Committee. The next meeting is November 6; check the website for meeting dates and contact information.

Court Chairs

By Ms. Thurber: Described duties of the Court Chairs, which are to greet new residents, deliver the Welcome Packet, answer questions, issue Recreation ID cards, and canvass their respective courts to collect proxies in advance of the Annual Meeting. Introduced all Court Chairs and thanked them for their service. In closing offered a statement of appreciation to the Board of Directors.

**Meadows
Messenger**

Hannah Lipps is the new Editor of the Meadows Messenger newsletter. Ms. Lipps replaces former Editor Mary Ellen Finigan, who was thanked for her service. A distributor is needed for S. 35th Street. The Messenger is published quarterly, and the next edition will be out shortly.

BUDGET OVERVIEW Mr. Thurber formally introduced the proposed Budget. The Board is proposing an increase of only 2.8 percent again this year after annual increases over the past ten years ranging from 3.9 percent to 3.4 percent. Even while lowering the percentage of increases, we must keep up with the cost of labor, materials, and contracts, all of which continue to rise, plus we need to rebuild our reserves, which we tapped into for the sewer relining project. Income is based on monthly condo fees and projected interest on investments. The Board is very conservative about investing the reserve funds, as prescribed by law; unfortunately, CDs are not paying strong returns at this time, and as older ones mature, we have to settle for lower interest rates. Every line item in the Budget is arrived at using a methodology, and each is carefully analyzed. While the cost of some items is hard to predict, and therefore based on educated projections, the cost of other services is determined by fixed contracts and is known exactly; still others are based on averages. For example, while utility rates are known, we can't predict consumption, which can fluctuate based on residents' change of habits. For items that are variable and hard to project, the Budget numbers may err on the higher side. Seven categories comprise 68 percent of our Operating Budget, and those are: water and sewer, painting, grounds maintenance, management, insurance, trash removal and pool. The Board manages the contracts tightly in order to get the best value for the lowest responsible price. We always budget \$10,000.00 for the insurance deductible; many years it's zero, but sometimes we do have to pay it. Some of the amount we expend for legal fees is recouped if we prevail. Our condo fees continue to be among the lowest in all six villages plus North Fairlington, and we have had no special assessments recently.

**VOTE FOR ONE
DIRECTOR**

Earlier in the year, Debbie Diener agreed to complete the unexpired term of a departing Board member, and has been serving for the past six months. Ms. Diener previously served on the Board from 2005 to 2009. She was introduced by Mr. Thurber, who spoke very highly of her and asked the members to consider her for a full three-year term of office. Inspectors of the Election confirmed that there were no write-in nominations via proxy, and no nominations were received from the floor. Mr. Thurber made a MOTION that by GENERAL CONSENT Debbie Diener be elected to a position on the Board of Directors for a term of three years. No objection. Motion CARRIED. Following the Annual Meeting, the Board met briefly to discuss the assignment of Board positions, and it was agreed that each Board member would retain his or her current position.

OPEN FORUM:

Q: There is a lack of parking for residents of Court 2. They don't have assigned spaces, and now as a result of the County's repaving project, there is even less on-street parking. This facility [the FCC] is now being used increasingly; it is even rented out on weekends for parties. It is becoming unbearable.

A: There is a limit geographically to what can be done. We can't add an additional parking lot on the property.

Q: This won't be a problem just for Court 2 for very long. We will be losing more and more spaces as the County repaves the streets. This will impact other parts of the Meadows. For instance, you used to be able to park at bus stops, but now the entire length of a bus has been blocked off at each one, plus larger areas for crosswalks, fire hydrants, court entrances, etc.

A: FCA President Guy Land attended a Meadows Board meeting to discuss this and other issues. Concern was expressed about the seemingly random

placement of "No Parking" signs. We easily could get back several spaces if there was some standard applied as to where the signs are placed; it appears that they simply have been added to the nearest existing sign post. Residents are encouraged to report their concerns to the FCA, who works more closely with the County.

Q: Resident understands that the County will be "opening up spots along Quaker Lane."

A: The Board is aware that this is under consideration, but not that a decision has yet been made.

Q: In June, residents who use Verizon lost their landline service. CMC got involved, but it didn't seem like there was much they could do.

A: Residents should report all outages – telephone or Internet – to Verizon so that they can assess the nature and extent of the outage. The only way they will know is if everyone calls. Don't assume they know your service is out; keep calling. Board Member Debbie Diener stated that she spent hours making telephone calls and sending e-mails to Verizon when this incident occurred, and that this was their best advice. Mr. Thurber added that it was his understanding that squirrels had chewed through some of the telephone lines.

Q: Has there been any discussion of setting hours for use of the basketball court at the FCC? Sometimes there are people out there at 3:00 a.m., 5:00 a.m. Other County facilities have restrictions on hours of usage. Has the issue ever been raised with the County?

A: Not that the Board is aware of, but resident may want to contact the County's Department of Parks and Recreation. They may be leaving the lights on to deter crime.

VOTE ON BUDGET Mr. Thurber made a MOTION that by GENERAL CONSENT the proposed 2014 Budget for Fairlington Meadows be APPROVED as presented. No objection. Motion CARRIED. Mr. Thurber thanked those in attendance for their support of the Budget.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the meeting, Mr. Thurber made a MOTION that by GENERAL CONSENT the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. No objection. Motion CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Thurber
Recording Secretary