



# FENWICK PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION

## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

**LOCATION:** Thomas Jefferson Library, Meeting Room

**DATE:** 7/13/26, 7:00PM

| FPCA WEBSITE                                                                      | FPCA MEMBERSHIP DUES                                                              | FPCA FACEBOOK GROUP                                                                 |
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### I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. **FPCA Mission Statement** - Our neighborhood rocks and we want to foster and grow the community.
- B. **Meeting recording disclaimer** - *Please be advised that this meeting will be recorded and transcribed. By participating, you consent to your voice and video being captured. Meeting recordings will be used strictly for documentation and FPCA records, which will be stored securely.*

### II. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

- A. **Vice President** - Andrew Mitchell
  - 1. **Letter from President** (by Chad Ramsey) - read during meeting, included in Meeting Minutes
  - 2. **Neighborhood Block Party event recap** - great turnout, special thanks to Italian Store for food donations
  - 3. **Street Repairs by VDOT**; <https://my.vdot.virginia.gov/> or call 1-800-FOR-ROAD - keep submitting tickets for street repairs
- B. **Treasurer** - Nick Orrison
  - 1. **Membership update** - 16 members, 1 double-payment (refund will be issued), several people paying membership dues this evening

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2. **FPCA accounts** - \$1,555.25 balance, expenses \$379.11 expenses (majority for Neighborhood Block Party), \$9.64 electronic payment processing fees
3. **Tax filings status update** - three years of filings due to IRS (2023, 2024, 2025), to be sent via certified mail (1 package with outstanding filings) & persistent follow-up with IRS, once filings are complete FPCA will be in "good standing"
4. **New FPCA bank provider** - United Bank, previous FPCA bank account closed (\$0.10 remaining in account), Will Vaughn

C. **Secretary** - Caitie Duncan

1. **FPCA website & Facebook group** - sync'd information between platforms, Facebook group has over 100 members (goal to add more paid membership to FPCA), ability to add Community Calendar to your preferred digital calendar
2. **PLAYGROUND Meetup & SNACK Share event recap** - positive feedback from attendees that were excited to have a kid-centered event, great weather, Tyler Park recent improvements, repeat this event in August

III. **CALEDAR OF EVENTS**

- A. **Neighborhood Happy Hour** - second Tuesday of every month @ El Tio
- B. **Fall Fete** - Saturday, October 3; 4:00 - 7:00PM; sponsored by Urban Cottage, family-friendly event on Adams Lane (road closed between Rogers Drive and Lawrence Drive)
- C. **November general meeting** - TBD, Thomas Jefferson Library, 7:00PM
- D. **Lights, Sights, and Holiday Nights** - neighborhood outdoor holiday display contest & caroling; December, TBD

IV. **FPCA BUSINESS**

- A. **Summer neighborhood yard sale** - social media poll to generate neighborhood interest
- B. **Halloween road closure** - previous years Elmwood has been blocked off between Rogers and Lawrence for a celebration, Richard Fields volunteered to coordinate efforts, submit signatures & paperwork to county by end of August, parking cars on the street for holiday will slow down traffic

V. **ADJOURNMENT & NEW NEIGHBORS**

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# Letter from the President

## Chad Ramsey, FPCA President

First, thank you for being here tonight, and thank you for your involvement in our community. Unfortunately, I'm out of town for work and couldn't join you in person, but I wanted to share a few thoughts.

My wife and I have loved living in Fenwick Park since we moved here four and a half years ago. From the beginning, we've been struck by what makes this neighborhood special: friendly neighbors, a strong sense of community, and people who genuinely care about the place they call home.

Serving on the FPCA board has been one small way of giving back to a community that has given us so much. None of us on the board claim to have all the answers, and we certainly didn't create what makes Fenwick Park such a wonderful place. We have simply tried to follow in the footsteps of the many leaders, volunteers, and neighbors who came before us and invested their time and energy in building the community we enjoy today.

One of our goals has been to modernize some of the FPCA's communications and financial systems. It may not be the most exciting work, there are no ribbon cuttings for improved recordkeeping, but we're trying to make sure that when the next generation of volunteers steps forward, they inherit an organization that is easy to manage and ready for the future.

I'm particularly proud of the FPCA Cares initiative suggested by one of our neighbors, and the way folks have shown up for one another. At a time when it can sometimes feel like communities are becoming less connected, it has been encouraging to see Fenwick Park continue to prove otherwise.

Like many of you, I've been a little sad to see longtime neighborhood fixtures change. The departure of Original Pancake House marks the end of an era, and in my case, the end of an alarming number of pancakes consumed over the years. But neighborhoods

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evolve, and I'm hopeful that whatever comes next will become part of the next chapter of our community's story.

I'm so glad to see progress on some of the road repairs we've been advocating for. There is still more work to be done, and we will continue pushing for improvements, but it is encouraging to see that persistence can pay off.

This year has also reminded us that communities are defined not only by places, but by people. We have lost neighbors who were taken from us far too soon. Their absence is felt, and our thoughts remain with their families and friends.

Most importantly, I want to encourage everyone to stay involved. The FPCA is not only the board, it's all of us. If you have ideas, concerns, suggestions, or simply want to learn more about what's happening in the neighborhood, please reach out anytime at [hello@fenwickpark.org](mailto:hello@fenwickpark.org). We genuinely want to hear from you.

And if we've never met, I hope we will soon. Chances are good you'll find me outside pulling weeds with limited success while your dog enthusiastically rolls around on our front lawn.

Thank you again for being part of Fenwick Park. It is a privilege to serve this community, and I look forward to meeting many more of you in the months and years ahead.

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