



Founders Park Community Association (FPCA) Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 28, 2019

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

The Alexandrian
480 King Street
Alexandria, VA

Agenda

- 5:30pm Registration Desk and Cash Bar Open with 'Happy Hour' prices
- 6:00pm Dinner Buffet Open, Social Time and an Opportunity to buy a FPCA T-Shirt
- 6:50pm Business Meeting
 - Welcome and Introduction President: Jeff Lipsky
 - Year End Summary Report President: Jeff Lipsky
 - Treasurer's Annual Report Treasurer: Beth Gross
 - FPCA Board Elections Nominating Committee: Mike Doyle
 - Guest Speaker Eleanor Breen (Alexandria Archaeologist)
 - Election Results Nominating Committee: Mike Doyle
 - Closing Comments President Elect 2019-2020
- 7:30pm Program Finishes

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Dear Members,

As the membership year winds down, we're fortunate to have many members participating in different ways. Your involvement has allowed us to succeed on many fronts this year. We encourage everyone to read our (your) story below and we'll be highlighting some of these at the annual meeting.

Thank you for your continued support of Founders Park Community Association – much appreciated!

Best

Your FPCA 2018-19 Board of Directors

Jeff Lipsky (President), Bridgett Taylor (Vice President), Beth Gross (Treasurer), Laura Thevenot (Secretary), Chris Wilson (CIO), Greg Golubin (Director), Sally Tamm (Director)



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Founders Park Community Association (FPCA) – Mission Statement

- Founders Park Community Association (FPCA) was incorporated in 1979 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit membership organization dedicated to improving and maintaining Founders Park and the quality of life in the Founders Park Area. FPCA works with the City of Alexandria and other civic groups to protect, preserve, and improve Founders Park's beautiful green space and to advocate for its continued designation as a passive park.

FPCA 2018-2019 Summary

- FPCA's Vision continues to be a "Trusted advocacy and stewardship organization enabled by community involvement". The strength of your association continues to be built on two factors:
 - 1) Excellence in Partnering with the City: our relationship with City Staff is strong.
 - 2) Community Involvement: members using their skills and interests to promote the park.
- Boosted membership from 131 last year to 144 this year -- a 10% increase.
- Member donations climbing; over the last three years, donations have increased over 200%.
- Developed an all-inclusive membership fee structure, saves many members money and allows a predictable cash flow to enable FPCA to continue our donations to the park.
- Launched a new redesigned 'easy-to-use' Founders Park web site.
- Aced the Adopt-A-Park clean-ups with a perfect score, earning FPCA \$983.04 in grant money.
- Partnering with the City to improve the grove; A further \$5000 donation to the City.
- Awesome Block Party on Quay Street with record number of 111 attendees.
- First time documentation of history of the land we call Founders Park.
- Commissioned FPCA T-Shirts to wear during our many events.



FPCA Annual Treasurer's Report

- The finances for FPCA are in great shape – thanks to all of you!
- The detailed financials are reviewed quarterly with the Board.
- For tax purposes, donation thank you letters were mailed in December of 2018.
- Due to your hard work at Saturday morning clean-ups, the City of Alexandria issued a check to FPCA for \$983.04.
- \$5,000 was approved by the Board to be donated to the City in 2019 to support the Adopt-a-Garden initiative.
- Our accounts were combined into one checking account making bookkeeping much easier.
- As of end of March, allowing for the donation to the City, there is approximately \$16,000 in our account.

FPCA Advocacy Committee Report

- The Advocacy Committee shares relevant information about issues impacting Founders Park and the surrounding area.
 - Committee members are Beth Gross (Chair), Mike Doyle, Jeff Lipsky, Nina Randolph, and Bridgett Taylor
 - Accomplishments
 - Monitoring City's scooter pilot program and its effect on Founders Park.
 - Members were surveyed about waterfront development issues of concern. Concerns were taken back to the Waterfront Commission.
 - Information was shared on new developments along the waterfront, including around the new interim park at the base of King Street.
- FPCA is represented on other City organizations and Commissions.
 - Waterfront Commission: Beth Gross
 - Ad-Hoc Monitoring Group on Waterfront Construction: Nina Randolph
 - Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations: Jeff Lipsky

FPCA Stewardship Committee Report

- The Stewardship Committee is responsible for issues related to the appearance, maintenance and improvement of the park.
 - Committee members are Sally Tamm (Chair), Beth Gross, Susan Howells, Margo Mehoke, Bridgett Taylor, and Laura Thevenot
 - Accomplishments:
 - It has been a satisfying year to see the “grove” garden begin its transformation!
 - Park Clean Ups/Adopt-a-Park
 - Held Saturday morning clean ups, April-November with many members participating.

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- City inspects the park from time to time and scores it on cleanliness; Received a check for \$983.04 which will be spent on park improvements.
- If you clean up on your own, let us know by emailing foundersparkalexandria@gmail.com, all cleanup efforts count toward Adopt-a-Park points.
- Adopt-a-Garden
 - We completed the first year of a 2 year Adopt-a-Garden program. Last May, overgrown shrubs were removed or pruned, native shrubs and perennials were planted and mulch spread.
 - Garden has been maintained by volunteers during clean up days and we had volunteers plant 200 daffodil bulbs.
 - The City, with Stewardship Committee's support, created a plan to install a dry river bed to control erosion, plant evergreen shrubs and perennials, and install mulch. Residual funds will be used to buy annuals for the beds flanking the garden. FPCA is donating \$5000 to fund this!

FPCA Social/Membership Committee Report

- The Social/Membership Committee is responsible for organizing meetings and social events, promotion of Founders Park and FPCA, recruiting new members and communications protocol with membership.
 - Committee members are Jeff Lipsky (Chair), Jeanne Bennett, Beth Gross, Greg Golubin, Cecilia Lewis, and Lesley Morgan
 - Accomplishments
 - 13 total social events throughout the year.
 - Ten regular monthly “get-togethers” with guest speakers ranging from Adopt-A-Garden project, Alex Renew’s Combined Sewer System, Waterfront Development, Windmill Hill Park design and the History of Founders Park.
 - Organized FPCA party during Alexandria Birthday Celebration in July.
 - Hosted Annual Block Party on Quay Street in October (with record 111 guests).
 - Designed FPCA T-shirts to wear with pride during our many sponsored events.
 - Commissioned 2-year long History of Founders Park study, produced a detailed archive of the land from the early 1600’s to present day.
 - Boosted membership to 144 members through a continuing culture of neighborhood inclusiveness!

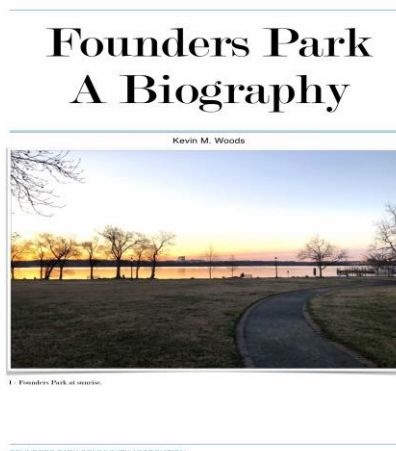


FPCA Governance Committee and IT Committee Reports

- The Governance Committee is responsible for the proper operations of the organization in compliance with the By-laws including conducting a periodic review of the By-laws.
 - Committee members are Chris Wilson (Chair), Jeff Lipsky and Bridgett Taylor
 - Accomplishments
 - By-laws are reviewed annually to ensure they continue to meet the association's needs and to check for opportunities for clarification/simplification.
 - By-laws updated December 2018.
- The IT Committee is responsible for selecting Information Technology (IT) solutions, reviewing documentation of IT procedures, training the IT solution administrators and ensuring IT solutions are efficient to operate in support of FPCA's mission statement and effective in communication of information to FPCA members, City Officials and the general public.
 - Committee members are Chris Wilson (Chair), Jim Novakoff and Amanda Wilkie
 - Accomplishments
 - Founders Park web site redesigned and launched in December 2018.
 - Established electronic on-line storage of all Association documents using DropBox.
 - Validated email communication process continues to be fit for purpose.
 - Assessed automated membership payments using PayPal – too expensive and complicated for typical once-year FPCA member transactions.

FPCA Web Site

- Have you tried the new Founders Park web site yet ?
 - Search for 'Founders Park Alexandria' in your browser
 - or
 - Type this link in <https://alexandriafounderspark.org>
- The members directory is posted on the new web site.
- The Biography of Founders Park is posted on the new web site.



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Thanks to the FPCA 2018-2019 Board for volunteering their time and having fun!

FPCA Board Elections for 2019-2020 Membership Year

- This year's Nominating Committee members were Jeff Lipsky (Chair), Howard Bergman, Cathleen Curtin, Mike Doyle and Bridgett Taylor
- Voting process (per By-laws)
 - Voting forms distributed at the Annual Meeting at the registration desk.
 - There is one ballot per paid FPCA household.
 - Ballots are private/secret, so there is no need to sign your name.
 - Indicate your vote by placing a check mark next to the name of the nominee.
 - Results will be announced later in this evening's meeting.
- The following are the Nominating Committee's recommendations:
 - President: Bridgett Taylor
 - VP & Treasurer: Beth Gross
 - Secretary: Sandra Carson
 - CIO: Jim Novakoff
 - Director: Charlie Allegrone
 - Director: Greg Golubin
 - Director: Jeff Hayden
 - Director: Sally Tamm
 - Director: Laura Thevenot

Biographical Sketches For Proposed Board Members:

- Bridgett Taylor (402 N. Lee)
 - Bridgett is currently Vice President of the Founders Park Board and has been an active member of the association for over 10 years. She has an extensive background in health policy with 25 years of government service.
- Beth Gross (124 Queen)
 - Beth has been a Professional School Counselor with Fairfax County Public Schools for 18 years. Prior to that, she worked in public relations in D.C. She currently serves on the FPCA Board as Treasurer and represents FPCA on the Waterfront Commission.
- Sandra Carson (127 Quay)
 - Sandra is Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences Director, Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Yale University. She recently resigned from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologist (ACOG) where she was Vice President of Education and adjunct professor of OB/GYN at the Warren Alpert Medical School, Brown University.

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- Jim Novakoff (106 Quay)
 - Jim is a senior manager and technical architect for Accenture, an Information Technology (IT) and Services company. He has worked in the IT field for over 20 years and currently serves as a member-at-large on the FPCA IT Committee.
- Charlie Allegrone (103 Queen)
 - Charlie is a retired Foreign Service Officer who worked with the State Department for 30 years. Prior to that he worked as a lawyer in DC and prior to that he was a Naval Officer. He has lived at 103 Queen Street for over 3 years and before moving to Queen Street he lived in another part of Old Town since 2002.
- Greg Golubin
 - Greg Golubin's passion for Founder's Park Preservation runs in his blood. Greg's Mother Patricia Golubin was a visionary in protecting and preserving the waterfront and instrumental in the founding of Founder's Park. Greg hopes to pass on his mother's legacy and visions of a beautiful waterfront Park and Community for many generations to come. Greg enjoys sharing in this incredible Community with his wife Cindy, his children Courtney and Garrett, and his grand-dog Chelsea.
- Jeff Hayden (300 Block N Lee)
 - Jeff is originally from Long Island, NY. Jeff spent the vast majority of his career in radiology imaging in a number of organizations around the Capitol Beltway including Inova Alexandria Hospital. Most recently, Jeff has been working as a Senior Project Manager for ICON - a clinical research organization.
- Sally Tamm (406 N. Lee)
 - Sally is a dental hygienist, retired from the University of Michigan Dental School, and a master gardener. Sally chairs the Stewardship Committee.
- Laura Thevenot (230 N. Union Street)
 - Laura has been the Chief Executive Officer of the American Society for Radiation Oncology for the last 17 years. She moved to Old Town overlooking the park in 2012.

Announcement Of Election Results

- FPCA 2019-2020 Board and Officer appointments effective June 1st 2019

Closing Comments

- From the President elect 2019-2020