# Charter for Noise Abatement Working Group (NAWG) Effective February 1, 2022

### BACKGROUND

As a result of numerous emails over the last few months, and comments and suggestions made by residents during the listening session on December 14, 2021 on-site next to Tennis Court 10 near the King Street fence area in Ward VI the Noise Abatement Working Group (NAWG) is established. A call for volunteers was announced in the February 2022 newsletter.

## **PURPOSE**

#### The NAWG will:

- 1. Research and coordinate with appropriate VDOT, Arlington County, and City of Alexandria offices responsible for noise, traffic, and traffic enforcement issues.
- 2. Identify sound/noise abatement companies in the DMV and analyze successful projects that these companies have implemented in similar communities.
- 3. Research and develop proposed noise abatement solutions to include fence type options, landscaping alternatives, combinations of both, etc. Solutions will include cost estimates, timelines, and phases, including options for different, but complimentary solutions for various perimeters of Fairlington Villages. The NAWG may wish to consult with the Grounds Committee on plantings that could alleviate noise in shaded areas, depending on any proposed fence options.
- 4. Reach out to neighboring complexes such as the Arlington Condominium, Park Shirlington Apts, Fairlington Court, Windgate, and others that may have solutions that they have successfully and unsuccessfully implemented to address noise and traffic issues.
- 5. Develop a communications plan to ensure transparency and clear open information throughout the community about this project.
- 6. Develop a strategy to ensure support from various county, city, and state leaders. This does not preclude residents from reaching out to elected and local / state governmental officials on their own prior to completion of a strategy for the NAWG on behalf of Fairlington Villages.

## LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP

Ward VI Director Melanie Alvord and At-Large Director Anne Wasowski will serve as co-coordinators of the NAWG. Membership is open to all interested Fairlington Villages owners and tenants.

To bring attention to noise concerns without delay, Fairlington Villages Board Leadership will (via letter) contact the Northern Virginia Division of VDOT to request a noise study and a review of signal phase and timing (SPaT) constructs along King Street between 30<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Streets South. This does not preclude

future requests from Board Leadership for similar studies along other perimeters or within Fairlington Villages.

#### **TIMELINE**

The NAWG will provide periodic written updates to the Board of Directors. These updates will be at least monthly starting with April 2022. NAWG first phase recommendations which would impact the FY 2023 budget must be provided to the Board of Directors by June 1, 2022.

### **MEETINGS**

Because of the pandemic and group size restrictions the co-coordinators will arrange virtual meetings unless CDC and Virginia Department of Health guidelines provide otherwise. The Fairlington Villages conference call number will be available. The schedule and notice of meetings shall be provided to management so that they may be announced on social media. The NAWG may transact some business electronically.

Outside meetings to view and achieve first-hand knowledge of the entire Fairlington Villages' perimeter may be scheduled periodically.

# **ADVISORY CAPACITY**

The NAWG serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. General Manager Greg Roby shall serve as management liaison. Operations Manager Mark Johnson will assist. The NAWG is authorized to consult with Management. All requests to management for information and assistance shall be made by the co-coordinators.

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