

MINUTES OF MEETING Noise Abatement Working Group (NAWG)

Date: March 15, 2022

Place: Community Center (and conference call), 7 p.m.

Co-coordinators: Melanie Alvord and Anne Wasowski

Attending: Tina Cady, Cheryl Chevalier, Rosabeth Cuppy, Mark Hatton, Kathleen Hendrix, Denice Hill, Debra Hinkle, Scott Hutchins, David Kaplan, Carol McCaffrey, Eric Miederhoff, Anne Sattgast, Susan Schoenberg, and Karen Olson Weaver

Goals:

- Advocate for Fairlington Villages with State and the City of Alexandria officials on current issues regarding perimeter sound abatement.
- See attachment for sample letters
- Please let Melanie know whom you contact and date, and the number of others you have recruited who have done outreach (if any)
- Research on feasibility of using landscaping and fencing to buffer noise around the perimeter
- ***The deadline for NAWG first phase recommendations impacting the FY 2023 budget is June 1.***

Government and Political Action

1. House Bill No. 632: If enacted, this legislation would amend the Code of Virginia to allow cities in VA pass ordinances controlling the noise level of car/motorcycle/truck exhaustion within their jurisdiction. The HB 632 has passed the Virginia House and Senate and now awaits the signature of the Governor.

Future Action, when, or if, the legislation is enacted:

- Request enactment by the Governor
- Request to City Council Members for the Exhaust Ordinance
- Contact Alexandria Police Department

2. **Action:** Contact John Lynch of VDOT regarding the trees that were cut during the road construction on King Street and the ramp off 395.

Committee Members: **Karen**

3. **Action:** Contact City of Alexandria regarding speed monitoring and request for trees around the perimeter. www.alexandriava.gov/Alex311, City Manager, Deputy City Manager, Director of Transportation & Environmental Services (T&ES)

Committee Members: **Anne**

Research on Perimeter Options

Criteria:

- Efficacy in sound abatement
- Determine where landscaping, particularly native plants, can be used effectively
- Determine areas where fencing may be required in addition to landscaping to increase efficacy
- Costs: Materials, installation, time
- Environmental impact
- Installation: Time and labor needs

4. **Action:** Research for information on landscaping to provide a buffer from the noise from highway.

Committee Members: **Carol, Debra, Karen, Holly**

Collaborate with the Grounds Committee and Mark Johnson

5. **Action:** Research information on noise abatement possibilities for fence along perimeter.

Companies, government agencies, other associations

Committee Members: **Susan, Carol, Debra (possibly Eric)**

Future Events

6. Next meeting: April 20, 7 p.m. at the Community Center

7. Perimeter Walk: April 23, 2022

Fairlington Villages Board of Directors, Grounds Committee, NAWG, Management, Interested residents.

Attached:

Contact information of public officials.

Samples of letters for public officials, et al.