**CHARTER**

**Ad Hoc Committee on Turf Care Alternatives**

**Effective October 13, 2023**

**Background**

At the September meeting of the Fairlington Villages Board, the directors decided against the funding of the fall lawn chemical applications. In cooperation with the Grounds Committee a decision was made to form a new ad hoc committee to research alternative lawn care practices.

**Purpose**

The committee will research lawn care alternatives to chemical applications, including but not limited to:

• Improving soil quality (Examples: amending and/or de-compacting soil, improving drainage).

• Ground cover alternatives for areas not conducive to healthy grass (shade, steep hillsides, heavy foot traffic).

• Impact from other communities dealing with challenges.

• Resources available from experts in residential lawn care (Arlington County naturalists, County Extension, Friends of Urban Agriculture, etc).

• Evaluating current turf treatment pilot areas in Fairlington Villages.

• Cost and practicality factors of using alternative fertilizer, weed and disease control practices

**Leadership and Membership**

The committee will be led by residents within Fairlington Villages in either a chairperson role or co-chair roles. A Board Member will be assigned by the Board President to serve as a liaison.

**Timeline**

The goal of this committee is to complete the review and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors by June 2024.

**Meetings**

Meetings will be held at least monthly, with any future subcommittees also meeting monthly. Minutes of the meeting shall be kept as required by the Virginia Condominium Act. The schedule, notice and minutes of meetings shall be provided to management for purposes of the record and so that they may be announced. Meetings may be held virtually via Zoom or in-person as determined by com. leadership.

**Advisory Capacity**

The committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors. Operations Manager Mark Johnson shall serve as management liaison. All requests for information and assistance shall be made by the committee chair(s).

Joe Torres

President

 CC: Board of Directors

General, Facilities, Operations, and Administrative Managers