



VCA Board of Directors

July 2025 Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 1, 2025

Board Members Present: Kelli Emerick, M.A. Signorino, Matt Weber, Virginia Bader, Margaret Smith, Mary Ellen Rotondo,

Other Attendees: Kathleen Hankard, Jeffery Winbourne, Sean Hankard, Kelly Johnson, Lisa Aramony, Eugene Paul

Not Attending: Chris Goode, Josh Yasmin, Christian Adams

I. Executive Committee Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report - Matt Weber reported that the VCA's CD matures in September. Its current balance is 18,700.21
 - i. Dues collected this month amount to \$8,500
 - ii. MVCCA renewal \$90 will be paid this month.
 - iii. Dues: So far, 159 households have paid VCA dues already, bringing the total to 56%. We need to continue driving hard at all summer events to get more households to sign up. Goal is to get up to 70% by August 31 so we can fund all of our scheduled events and activities.
 - iv. Annual Budget: Working on the annual budget, capturing all expenses and anticipated expense increases, so the board can review and vote to approve the 25/26 budget by August 1.
- b. Membership- Kathleen Hankard has joined the Board to serve as the new Membership Chair. Mary Ellen and Kathleen will speak after the meeting about membership welcome kits and new Villamay households.
- c. Civic Affairs – Jeffrey Winbourne reported that
 - i. The County Supervisor - agreed to start a 5 year study of county-led solid waste removal with a goal of hiring a private party to begin solid waste removal in the county. This may result in an additional cost to residents.
 - ii. Boundary review for school boundaries. This study will go on for a few years. Mount Vernon Association participates with the County Education committee in this study.
 - iii. Environmental and regulatory development issues

Forever chemical PFA was discovered in Fort Belvoir water and was found to be the highest in the nation. Fairfax Water doesn't have this problem in its water. Another problem the county is facing is the development of Data Centers. Loudoun County has many more data centers than Fairfax. As more data centers are built, concerns about Availability of and Impact on drinking water and electricity.

- iv. Richmond Highway redevelopment:
 - i. Plans include razing the The Days Inn and building a 6-8 story building with 20-30 residential units and replacing The Moon Inn, across from Ford Dealership with a similar 6 story building with 20 residential units.
 - ii. Lidl: Application has been received from Lidl, German grocer, to add a new Lidl grocery store on N Kings Hwy and Richmond Hwy intersection, where Office Depot currently is.
 - iii. 495 Extended through lane. State of MD and City of Alexandria are opposed to this extension. it appears that VDOT is going to go ahead anyway. Environmental Impact study was never conducted. Review period ended June 30
- v. Free mental wellness consultation and free national park passes for 4th graders are offered by the county.
- d. Security - Sean Hankard reported that the National Night Out is planned for the first Tuesday in August. The board discussed having a neighborhood event on the national night out to highlight crime prevention activities. Other efforts that are under review include hosting a Neighborhood Watch training and, possibly setting up a car seat check (to be done by the fire department) for neighborhood families.
- e. Communications - Lisa Aramony reported that Julie Sandler is taking over emailing social event emails. Julie and Jake Sandler live on Laronde Court
- f. Community Park –
 - i. Most of park cleanup from the storms has been accomplished. Stumps in field and in house front lawn have been removed, brush piles have been removed.
 - ii. Trails are open again.
 - iii. Blackberries are ready to be picked. Over the course of working 20 hours in the park the last week of June, Steve gorged on blackberries. He says they are delicious.

- iv. Playground insurance discussions remain ongoing so no schedule for reinstall generated. Discussions occur weekly with Fairfax County Park Authority.
- v. Funds (\$230.50) were requested for purchase of chain saw for park maintenance. A motion was made to approve the funding request and the request was approved by the Board.

- g. Public Works – Eugene Paul reported that the neighborhood experienced power-loss a couple of times in June due to high winds and storms. One street light was broken in a storm.
- h. Social Affairs – Kelly reported that the July 4th event planning underway. One more pop-up tent is needed. Eugene offered to provide a tent.
The Event start time is 9:30 am; the UK household will host the US vs UK battle and a post-battle Pimms Cup celebration for their Villamay neighbors.

Kids will be encouraged to decorate bikes and scooters

- i. A July Happy Hour is scheduled for July 18th and will take place in Laronde Court
 - ii. The full schedule of events can be found on the Villamay Website.
- i. Restrictive Covenants Kelli reported that Chris Goode delivered the VCA's letter to Gatewood Dr dog owners, Woody and Dori, and had a phone conversation with Dori. Dori denied all allegations, claiming that there haven't been any incidents involving her dogs and that her dogs are well behaved and under her control at all times. Chris said a follow up conversation is needed; Kelli Emerick and Chris Goode will make a visit to the house to speak with Woody and Dori in person. Christian will follow up about the fence issue.

II. Adjourn

- a. At 8:29 pm a motion to adjourn was made and seconded

III. **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, August 6, 2025