

# FAIRFAX DEMOCRATS



## Fairfax County Democratic Committee—General Body Meeting

Meeting Minutes March 22, 2022

### **I. Call to Order**

- A. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

### **II. Electronic Meeting Instructions**

- A. The chair reviewed new virtual meeting instructions. Meeting participants will use red and green check mark buttons under “Reactions” (Zoom) to indicate disagreement and agreement with the topic of discussion.

### **III. Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

- A. The January meeting minutes corrections: Spelling correction for Alice Foltz.
- B. The Agenda for the March 2022 meeting agenda was approved without objection. The February meeting minutes were also approved, after the correction.

### **IV. Approval of New Members**

- A. D. Press requested that district chairs to confirm all names have been vetted. Braddock, Dranesville, Mason, Springfield, Hunter Mill chairs confirmed. Sully did not, however the chair confirmed Sully’s vetting process.
- B. New and associate members were voted in unanimously.

### **V. Introduction of Special Guests**

- A. Jennifer Carroll Foy gave a presentation to discuss her run for the state Senate for the newly formed 33<sup>rd</sup> district.

### **VI. Treasurer’s Report**

- A. The treasurer reviewed the end of fiscal year budget.

### **VII. Chair’s Report**

- A. The Chair reviewed the updated proposed budget and discussed areas of expense increase. Fundraising expenses have increased primarily due to hiring a Finance Director. District assessments have increased.
- B. The Chair answered various questions from members of the committee regarding reducing credit card fees, Finance Director position and salary, and leasing agreement negotiation.
- C. The budget was approved without objection.

### **VIII. Vice Chairs’, Committees, and Caucus Reports**

- A. P. Jameson: Regional chairs discussed upcoming activities surrounding the elections
- B. S. Salim (Finance): First in-person, in-door event, “Road from Richmond” on April 9<sup>th</sup>

### **IX. New Business**

- A. Resolution on Affordable Housing
  - 1. N. Dell (State & Local Affairs) discussed the need for additional affordable housing in Fairfax County, support for the Fairfax Board of Supervisors increasing the production goal from

5,000 to 10,000, and next steps for the committee to support this effort. Members are encouraged to testify before the BOS in support of affordable housing.

2. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.
- B. Resolution on Democratic Senators and Local Mitigation of COVID-19
  1. G. Schoradt spoke in favor of the motion to accept the resolution.
  2. Motion to adopt the resolution carried.
- C. Decision on whether FCDC will endorse in the Town of Herndon elections
  1. C. del Aguila spoke in favor of the motion to accept the resolution.
  2. Mayor Sheila Olem (Town of Herndon) spoke against the resolution.
  3. Several FCDC members and guests discussed the pros and cons of the resolution. Comments are as follows (not comprehensive):
    - a) Jennifer Adeli (in favor) spoke of the impact of town policies; residents depend on information on candidates.
    - b) Eric Boll (against) insisted that candidates should not be “lazy” and put in work to gain support of residents.
    - c) Pradip Dhakal (in favor) discussed collaboration of the town of Herndon with ICE to identify possible immigrants.
    - d) Jerrold Foltz (against) shared that an FCDC is meddling in town politics.
    - e) Heidi Meisenheimer (in favor) shared that an endorsement will ensure voters are informed about candidates that represent Democratic values.
    - f) Charles Anderson (against) discussed nonpartisan efforts that have gone forth without the need for party endorsements.
  4. The motion to endorse failed.
- D. Resolution Supporting 2022 Special Elections for the House of Delegates (requires 2/3 majority to pass)
  1. S. Spitz spoke in favor of the resolution.
  2. The motion to adopt the resolution was carried.

**X. Announcements**

- A. There were multiple announcements from members.

**XI. Adjournment**

- A. Meeting adjourned at 9:33 PM