



# CITY OF FALLS CHURCH

## AURORA HOUSE GIRLS' GROUP HOME CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### MEETING MINUTES

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:** *The Aurora House Citizens' Advisory Committee provides consultation to the Aurora House Manager regarding community resources and public awareness; advises the City Council and Arlington County Board of Aurora House's needs, budget, and services; and serves as community liaison through area organizations, civic groups, and other boards and commissions.*

**DATE OF MEETING:** July 14, 2016

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Aurora House

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** Julia Peterson at 7:05 p.m.

**THOSE PRESENT:**

<b><u>Commission Members</u></b> Jamie Heart French <u>  X  </u> Christina Goodwin <u>      </u> Linda Neighborgal <u>  X  </u> Julia Peterson, Chair <u>  X  </u> Judith Wheat <u>  X  </u>	<b><u>Staff</u></b> Rachel Kindell <u>      </u> Nancy Vincent <u>  X  </u> <b><u>City Council Liaison</u></b> Mary Beth Connelly <u>      </u>
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**Others Present:** None

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of May 10, 2016 were approved as amended.

**Old Business:**

**Group Home Manager recruitment:** An offer has been made and accepted for the new Group Home Manager pending the results of the background check. She has excellent experience in working with juveniles and trauma victims. The tentative start date is August 22.

**Aurora House utilization:** Members reviewed utilization statistics for June 2016. A total of 11 girls were served with an average daily population of 9.5.

**Scholarship application procedures:** Members discussed and agreed to the scholarship application process and reiterated the desire to review very carefully applications to attend a for-

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profit program including requiring a justification for attending a particular program.

**New Business:**

**Annual report:** Members decided to present a report to City Council in January 2017.

**Scholarship fundraiser:** The current balance in the scholarship account is approximately \$20,000. There needs to be an ongoing source of funds. A suggestion for a possible fundraising activity was asking restaurants such as the Pancake House or Clare and Don's to donate a percentage of their profits.

**Video calls:** It was suggested that on-call staff might explore using Skype or some other video calling while off site.

**New judge:** Staff should invite Judge Robb to tour the Aurora House. The end of August after the new Group Home Manager is onboard would be best.

SIGNATURE OF RECORDER:     Nancy Vincent