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**General Membership Meeting**



**Thursday, December 14, 2006**

**7:30 p.m.**

Packard Center Main Conference Room  
4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

*Please note this is the second Thursday of the Month.*

**Guest Speaker: The Honorable Dana Kauffman**  
Lee District Supervisor and Past Chairman of the  
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
(WMATA)

**Topic: METRO**



**Upcoming Membership Meetings**

**January 18, 2007 7:30 p.m.**

**Guest Speakers: Dr. Richard Moniuszko,**  
Deputy Superintendent, and  
**Deidra McLaughlin,** Chief Financial Officer  
Fairfax County Public Schools

**Topic: Education in Fairfax County**

**February 15, 2007 7:30 p.m.**

**March 29, 2007 7:30 p.m.**

(Please note this will be the last Thursday of the month.)



**Federation Board Meetings**

All Board meetings at the Packard Center.

**December 21, 2006 7:30 p.m.**

**January 25, 2007 7:30 p.m.**



*President's Message*

The **NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING** is **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th**, at **7:30 pm** at the **Packard Center**. Please note this is the **second Thursday** of the month to accommodate the holidays. The meeting will feature guest speaker **Lee District Supervisor Dana Kauffman** who will present a program on **METRO**.

At our **November 16th** membership meeting, our **2007 Legislative Program** was reviewed, debated, amended and adopted. I subsequently presented the Program to the Board of Supervisors at their November 20th public hearing. At the conclusion of my testimony, **County Attorney David Bobzien** was directed by **Board Chairman Gerry Connolly** to present a copy of the report on the "Dillon Rule" that his office created as a result of our Legislative Program testimony and follow up questioning by **Springfield Supervisor Elaine McConnell** the previous year. I will present the 2007 Legislative Program to the Northern Virginia state delegation on January 6, 2007.

I am pleased to report that **Sharon Ivy Weiss** is the Federation appointment to the **Criminal Justice Advisory Board**, and **Doug Denny** is our appointment to the **Tysons Land Use Task Force**.

Don't forget to submit nominations for the Federation **Citizen of the Year Awards**. The Banquet will be held Sunday, **March 11, 2007**. A nomination form is enclosed and available on our website. This is one of the premier events in the county, so give some thought to a deserving individual and submit his or her nomination.

Looking ahead, we will have a program on **Fairfax County Public Schools** at our **January 18th** Membership Meeting. Our program guests will include **Dr. Richard Moniuszko**, Deputy Superintendent, and **Deidra McLaughlin**, Chief Financial Officer. As the school system accounts for more than 50% of the county expenditures, the 2007-08 budget will be very interesting. We are planning a **February 15th** membership program on **Growth** with **Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins** and the Council of Governments. Our **March 29th** membership meeting will be with **County Executive Tony Griffin**, who will discuss the upcoming **County Budget**. Our **April 19th** membership meeting will feature "Tourism in Fairfax County-FX Marks the Spot," and **Jamestown 2007**. On **May 17th**, we will have a "Report From Richmond" with **Delegates Steve Shannon** and **Vince Callahan** (invited). We will wrap up the year on **June 21st** with a **Picnic** and **Chairman Connolly** giving a "State of the County" presentation. Our Human Services Committee continues to work on the **Emergency Preparedness Forum** in the Spring with time and place to be determined.

Please check the website **www.FairfaxFederation.org** and sign up for email blasts or schedule changes including inclement weather cancellations. As always, if you would like to become involved with, or have questions about, the Federation, please contact me.

*Happy Holidays!*

*John Jennison, President*  
FedPres@FairfaxFederation.org (703) 591-5586

## Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Membership Meeting of November 16, 2006

### DRAFT MINUTES

(for approval at the December 14, 2006 membership meeting)

The meeting of FCFCA was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (Attendance list is attached to file copy.) President John Jennison reported on the previous month's dinner forum on immigration, co-sponsored with the Fairfax Committee of 100, and thanked Bill Hanks for coordinating the event. He also reported on the pro and con forum on the Marriage Amendment referendum, which the Federation also co-sponsored with the Fairfax Committee of 100. About one hundred persons attended. The speakers in favor were Mrs. Victoria Cobb and Delegate Bob Marshall. Those against were Doug Koelemay and Jim Dyke.

Because this evening's program concerned the Federation's legislative package, there was no guest speaker, and President John Jennison proceeded to the business portion of the meeting.

### Business Meeting

a. President John Jennison reviewed the year's calendar. The December 14 membership meeting will be on Metro, with Supervisor Dana Kauffman, former chair of the WMATA Board. The January speaker will be on the proposed Fairfax County Public Schools budget. The February 15 meeting will be on the Council of Governments and growth issues. The March 29 meeting will be on the county budget with county executive Tony Griffin. The April 19 meeting will be on tourism in Fairfax, with a speaker from FXVA and a presentation on Virginia 2007 (the celebration of the 400th Jamestown anniversary) by Sally Ormsby and Esther Ferington. May 17 will be the Report from Richmond on the legislative session and on June 21, Gerald Connolly, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, will speak on the state of the county. Election of officers will also be held at the May meeting.

b. The minutes for the October 18 membership meeting were approved unanimously, as amended.

c. The 2006-07 budget will be considered after the handoff between the previous and new Treasurers.

d. President John Jennison introduced Sally Ormsby, chair of the Legislative Committee, who presented the proposed Federation legislative package for 2006-07. Bill Hanks moved the addition of a measure on legislative branch redistricting and asked that it be tabled until the end of the discussion. Each item of the draft legislative package was discussed. The package seeks power for the county (from the state) to "prohibit" dangerous weapons on county property; this was changed to "regulate" on an 11 to 9 vote.

Sally Ormsby presented the proposed 2007 Legislative Program, including several items from Fairfax County's 2007 legislative program, some of which were added to the Federation package after discussion. Bill Hanks's motion regarding redistricting was discussed and it was decided to investigate the issue with a view to including a proposal next year. We will also revisit adequate compensation for state and local elected officials for next year's legislative package. The priorities were approved unanimously. The entire package, as amended, then passed unanimously. President John Jennison thanked Sally Ormsby for her work.

e. Charles Dane reported for the Education Committee that the new school administration building has been named Gatehouse Administrative Center One, rather than honoring any individual by name, as the Education Committee had hoped the School Board would do. He also reported that the school system is planning for pandemic flu and recognizes that such a flu would require school closures; it is investigating its practical capability of teaching at a distance.

f. Tania Hossain reported for the Human Services Committee on the plans in progress for an emergency preparedness forum sponsored by the Federation. The forum will be part of the Federation's application for a homeland security grant and will include a workshop, perhaps with stations, on assembling emergency kits. The main focus will be outreach to seniors and information about sheltering in place, but citizens associations representatives are also encouraged to attend.

g. Flint Webb reported for the Environment Committee on the proposed state implementation plan (SIP) to meet the 8-hour ozone standard, which primarily involves consumer products and seems likely to be approved. The Environment Committee is working on a resolution on global climate change.

h. Steve DelBianco reported for the Land Use Committee on the proposed "shape factor" for approving house lots. This has been studied for two years by the Planning Commission staff, but is now on the fast track. It has received considerable media coverage. The staff reviewed 625 irregularly shaped lots approved in 2001 and 2002, of which the overwhelming majority were designed to maximize lot yield. The proposed rule is to require that the perimeter squared, divided by the area, be less than or equal to 35. This is similar to shape factors used in New England. This rule would have affected 8 percent of the 625 irregular lots in the study. Builders and developers object to the rule. Steve DelBianco proposed supporting the rule. Of those present, 21 voted to support it, with no votes in opposition.

i. Roger Hoskins reported for the Transportation Committee that the Transportation Advisory Commission has not met yet to tackle transit-oriented development.

j. Tania Hossain reported that she had attended a meeting by the Tysonstunnel.org group, which is encouraging citizen activism in favor of a tunnel for the Metro line running through Tysons Corner. According to the group, there is still a year before the FTA funds the project, which allows time to work toward the tunnel alternative. Roger Hoskins agreed that the Transportation Committee will look at this one-year effort and report back.

k. Art Wells reported for Braddock District that the Taste of Braddock, showcasing fifteen local restaurants, will be December 7 at Supervisor Bulova's office at the Kings Park Library. The Braddock District Council has met three times on the expansion of George Mason University and a Braddock-GMU forum has now started. A separate group is working on the GMU sign issue. The council has also held meetings on the future of Braddock and a summary will be made available.

l. Art Wells also noted that the audit group for the Federation is being lined up and needs a copy of the previous audit. Sally Ormsby volunteered to check for a file copy.

m. John Birch from the Mason District spoke on his work on identifying citizens associations throughout the district, mapping to find boundaries, and attempting to resuscitate old associations that may have become moribund.

n. Sally Ormsby reported that the Providence District Council meeting was postponed a week due to Thanksgiving, and the next meeting will be on the schools.

o. Sally Ormsby also reported that the Citizen of the Year banquet will be March 11, meaning that the deadline for nominations should be no later than January 15. President John Jennison will be identifying a speaker.

**Next Membership Meeting:** December 14, 2006, Metro, Fairfax County Supervisor and WMATA Board member Dana Kauffman

**Next Board Meeting:** November 30, 2006.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations**

**PROPOSED RESOLUTION**

**CARBON DIOXIDE REDUCTION**

*(for adoption at the December 14, 2006 membership meeting)*

**WHEREAS**, production and removal of the Earth's carbon is unbalanced. The human use of coal, petroleum and natural gas has released large amounts of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from geological deposits to the atmosphere. Clearing of forests and plowing of grasslands for agriculture has also released CO<sub>2</sub> from plants and soil. The rate of release is far larger than can be balanced by the biological and geological processes that naturally remove CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere and store it in terrestrial and marine reservoirs as part of the Earth's carbon cycle<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> in the atmosphere is higher now than it has been at any time in history according to glacial ice cores dating back 420,000 years, and perhaps the past 20 million years<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of atmospheric global warming gases, particularly CO<sub>2</sub>; and

**WHEREAS**, CO<sub>2</sub> is a known greenhouse gas, which means that it is transparent to solar radiation but retains the heat radiated from the earth and atmosphere into space; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States was the largest emitter of CO<sub>2</sub> from fossil fuels in 2002 (23% of the world's emissions), and approximately 25% of the cumulative global fossil fuel emissions between 1751 and 2002<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 30% of North American fossil fuel emissions are offset by CO<sub>2</sub> removal sinks including forest re-growth, fire suppression, and agricultural soil conservation<sup>1</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, many measures that reduce emissions and increase CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration have significant co-benefits in terms of economic efficiency, environmental management and energy security; and

**WHEREAS**, recently documented impacts of climate disruption include global sea level increases since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and IPCC estimates projected additional increases of sea level over the current century<sup>2</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has recognized that warmer ocean temperatures are likely to cause increases in the frequency of tropical storm events, and others have also linked the warmer temperatures to increases in hurricane intensity; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last 45 years, losses from catastrophic floods and significant weather events have increased by a factor of 18, and most resulting material losses are uninsured; and

**WHEREAS**, heat waves kill more people than any other natural disaster and affect disproportionately the elderly, children and the urban poor; and

**WHEREAS**, warmer temperatures will increase the frequency and intensity of heat waves, cause fluctuations in weather patterns and extend the range of tropical diseases and their vectors, including, for example, mosquitoes carrying malaria and west Nile virus; and

**WHEREAS**, many leading US companies have adopted GHG reduction programs to demonstrate corporate social responsibility and have publicly expressed preference for the US to adopt precise and mandatory emissions targets and timetables as a means of remaining competitive in the international marketplace; and

**WHEREAS**, green buildings consume from 30% to 40 % less energy than conventional buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1990, the population of Fairfax County has grown by more than 27% percent to approximately 1.1 million today; and

**WHEREAS**, over 200 local governments throughout the United States are adopting emissions reduction targets and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax County has been a leader in reducing pollution in the Washington Metropolitan Area by:

- Committing to purchasing 5.7 million kilowatt hours of power from renewable sources (5% of the County's total load),
- Purchasing 90 hybrid vehicles including one with a plug-in conversion kit,
- Fitting 95 diesel vehicles with automatic idling shutdown and horsepower reductions,
- Funding free Fairfax Connector rides on ozone Code Red days, and
- Committing to increasing the tree canopy, thereby increasing the CO<sub>2</sub> sinks in the county.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (the Federation) commends the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for several of its recent actions to improve air quality and to address climate warming, including:

a. Taking measures to increase tree cover in the county. The Federation encourages the Board to expand these programs and to recognize in every land use action that mature trees reduce the ground level temperature that reduces air conditioning power demands, filters pollutants from the air, add to aesthetic value and sequester carbon dioxide; and

b. Purchasing hybrid vehicles and automatic idling shutdown and reduced horsepower measures for County diesel vehicles. The Federation encourages the Board to expand the program and to adopt an average fuel efficiency standard for County vehicles, including buses and trucks; and

c. Providing leadership in the region by committing to the use of renewable energy sources. The Federation encourages the Board to expand this program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Federation asks the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors to take further deliberate steps to reduce the County's CO<sub>2</sub> emissions such as:

a. Supporting educational initiatives that promote acceptance of the County's emissions reduction measures and invite public participation from every sector of the County; and

b. Modifying engineering standards for new construction to encourage the use of the Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) technologies to reduce energy consumption and/or encourage distributive energy production; and

c. Adopting a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) program to encourage transit and non-motorized transit use, to discourage private vehicle travel, and to provide improved pedestrian and bicycle access to transit, work and other daily activities.

**REFERENCES**

1. US Climate Change Science Program, The First State of the Carbon Cycle Report (SOCCR): The North American Carbon Budget and Implications for the Global Carbon Cycle (Draft for Public Review), September 2006.
2. IPCC, *Climate Change 2001, The Scientific Basis*, ([http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc\\_tar](http://www.grida.no/climate/ipcc_tar)).

## Fairfax County Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (ITPAC) Summary Report

November 2, 2006

The meeting of the Information Technology Policy Committee (ITPAC) was called to order at 8:15 a.m. on November 2, 2006. The agenda included updates on the "311-Call Center Customer Relationship Management (CRM)" project and the Land Information Accessibility Advisory Group.

According to Felicia Pickett, Fairfax County Department of Information Technology staff, the 311 Call Center is a countywide undertaking to provide citizens and visitors with an efficient means of obtaining information from the appropriate county source with a minimum of aggravation. Some of the most significant objectives are to provide callers with the desired information by routing to the correct county office for information or service requests as well as reduce the large amount of non-emergency calls made to the 911 emergency call center (presently approximately 50%). For example, a citizen calling to report a backed up sewer would not have to navigate the county's organization to obtain help, but would be routed to an individual who would identify the proper county office for action. The CRM project would also take a significant load off of 911 personnel who presently must re-route non-emergency callers.

The reduction in calls is expected to be significant – for their CRM systems, Baltimore's 911 operators experienced a 42% reduction in non-emergency calls, Chicago experienced 15%, Austin 33% and Houston 35%. Tourists and other non-county residents who wish to obtain information on what to do, where to stay and eat, and other activities will be able to access the CRM by dialing a regular telephone number. The contract was awarded in October and a pilot CRM of limited capability is scheduled to begin in January 2007. By July 2007, the project is scheduled to have expanded to include all county services.

A second presentation was given by Mr. Walter Alcorn, Chairman of the Land Information Accessibility Advisory Group (LIAAG) and At-Large Planning Commissioner. He reported a draft report is being developed. Since the Federation provides a dedicated representative to the LIAAG, the details of his briefing will be left for his separate report. However, at this ITPAC meeting, it is worthy to note Mr. Alcorn expressed a desire to reach out to the county's civic and homeowners associations, especially the Federation, to work closely with Board officers to collect information about which addresses and parcels are associated with a particular association.

The meeting ended at 10:10 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Vic Mukai*

Federation Representative to the ITPAC

## Environmental Quality Advisory Council To Hold Annual Public Hearing

The Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC) has scheduled a public hearing to solicit comments on the state of the environment in Fairfax County. The public hearing will be held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax.

The public is encouraged to attend and share views on the state of the environment and identify environmental issues applicable to Fairfax County, including water quality, air quality, noise, hazardous materials, solid waste, stream valley protection, wildlife management, light pollution, visual pollution, land use and transportation, and the use and preservation of ecological resources. To be placed on the speakers list or for additional information, contact the Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-324-1380 or via e-mail at [EQAC@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:EQAC@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### *'Tis the Season, Fairfax Style*

Offering some of the East Coast's best shopping, candlelit tours of historic attractions and celebrations of all faiths, there's no place like Fairfax County for the holidays. To help take the headache out of your holiday planning, Visit Fairfax has created *'Tis the Season, Fairfax Style*. By going to [www.fxva.com](http://www.fxva.com) now through President's Day, visitors and residents alike can access special holiday offers from over 40 Fairfax County hotels, and use a free interactive holiday planner that allows you to discover the region's winter festivities at the touch of a button. Anyone who books a hotel room can instantly receive a free booklet of tempting holiday offers at more than 25 area attractions, restaurants, and retailers. Holiday offers are available now through February 19, 2007. For more information, please go to [www.fxva.com](http://www.fxva.com).

### **ASTRACOR Opportunities**

Funded by a grant from Governor Tim Kaine under the Workforce Investment Act, ASTRACOR is now forming training and certification classes for January, February, and March, 2007. Training and certification programs will be offered free of charge to residential construction workers interested in improving their skills or earning a basic certification. Those who complete the course will be entered into the ASTRACOR database and made available for employment offers. Most of the classes will be short, intensive, one-day, hands-on projects.

As part of this project, ASTRACOR invites limited income seniors, families, churches and social service organizations in need of free repairs of homes and facilities to contract ASTRACOR to be considered for hosting a training class. Work at every ASTRACOR training class is supervised by expert instructors with years of experience in their trade. For more information, or to host a training class, contact Clayton Sinyai, Ph.D. at (703) 212-8294 or at [info@astracor.org](mailto:info@astracor.org).

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## ***Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations***

# **2006 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year Nomination**

**Purpose of the Award:** The Fairfax County Citizen of the Year Award is sponsored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and *The Washington Post*. Both the Citizen of the Year Award and the Citation(s) of Merit recognize and honor those citizens whose voluntary contributions of time and talent have resulted in major accomplishments that have enhanced the quality of life for citizens of Fairfax County.

**Eligibility:**

- Nominee must be a current resident of Fairfax County.
- Elected officials and full-time County or Commonwealth employees are ineligible for consideration if their contributions are related to their elected or full-time positions.
- The Citizen of the Year is recognized for voluntary acts that are not related to employment.

**Criteria:**

- Contributions and accomplishments must have countywide rather than local significance.
- The nominee's achievements can be either:
  - General, such as multi-year community service with one or more organizations or activities with cumulative impact over the years of current importance or with positive implications for the future, or
  - Specific, including intense efforts as the major promoter of a single program or project completed in a finite period of time.

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Nominee's Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

### **Achievements**

- a. Details of the service or activity, including specific results and achievements, community need, how the nominee served as a catalyst to involve others, etc.
- b. Significant position(s) of leadership, responsibility or authority the nominee has held, including dates.
- c. Why the nominee is worthy of being the Fairfax County Citizen of the Year.
- d. Other biographical or background material that would be useful to the Selection Committee. Copies of newspaper articles or similar material may be attached.

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Nominator's Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Additional sheets may be attached and endorsements of the nominee by others can be included. Be sure to include as much detail as possible. There will be no further contact for information. Nominations **MUST** be received by **January 15, 2007** at Citizen of the Year Selection Committee, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale VA 22003.

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**The Packard Center**  
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**Topic: METRO**

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**Directions to the**

**Packard Center, located in Annandale Community Park**

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Little River Turnpike  
(Route 236 - Exit 52B);  
go east toward Annandale.

Turn left at the first stop light onto Hummer Road.

Go 200 yards to the entrance of Annandale Community Park on the left.

Keep right to the large parking lot.

Please use the left entrance into the Packard Center Building.

**Inclement Weather Policy**

With the potential for inclement weather, the following is in effect: if either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting due to inclement weather, the Federation will not hold that event. This does not pertain to regularly scheduled closures. Membership meetings will not be rescheduled. If possible, we will post the cancellation on [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or you can call (703) 266-6872 for more information.

*Wishing you and yours a Happy Holiday Season*

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