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General Membership Meeting



Thursday, January 15, 2009

7:30 p.m.

**Packard Center Main Conference Room
4022 Hummer Road, Annandale**

Topic: Education in Fairfax County
*The Superintendent's Proposed Fiscal Year 2010
Fairfax County Public Schools Budget*

Guest Speakers: Richard Moniusko
Deputy Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools

Susan Quinn

*Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services,
Fairfax County Public Schools*



Upcoming Membership Meetings

February 19, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Youth Partnerships in Fairfax County

March 19, 2009 7:30 p.m.

*Topic: The Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2010
Advertised Budget*

April 16, 2009 7:30 p.m.

*Topic: Report from Federation Representatives to
Boards, Authorities, Commissions, and Committees*

May 21, 2009 7:30 p.m.

Topic: Report from Richmond

June 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.

*Federation Picnic and 'State of the County' by
the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors*



Federation Board Meetings

*Board meetings are held at the Packard Center
Main Conference Room, beginning at 7:30 p.m.*

January 22 **March 5** **April 23**

May 28 **June 25**



President's Message

The Federation is in the midst of activities that always come with the turn of the year. In December, our membership reviewed, critiqued and modified the proposed legislative package that Charlie Dane prepared with the help of our committee chairs and district representatives. For a meeting that had no featured speakers and involved detailed work, the turnout was one of the highest we've had all year. Over the holiday season the draft package was updated with the approved changes, and Carol Hawn, our Bulletin Editor, will have prepared multiple copies of the package for me to hand out when I speak January 10th to the Fairfax County Legislative delegation at the County Government Center. Luckily, I signed up to testify rather early, and am scheduled to be the 11th speaker out of more than 50 when checked.

At the same time the Federation is co-sponsoring, along with the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the Fairfax County Council of PTAs, a debate between the candidates for Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The debate is scheduled for January 27th, and will be held in the Board Auditorium of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway. The debate will begin at 7:30 p.m. Kudos is due to our Past President John Jennison for the heavy lifting he has put into making this happen. We encourage all Federation members to attend and bring their friends and neighbors – it should be an interesting evening. The special election for the seat is Tuesday, February 3rd.

John is also active as the Citizen of the Year award and banquet chair. The Federation is currently soliciting nominations for the 2008 Citizen of the Year award. The application form is online and we encourage you to think about whom you know who has given their time and effort as a volunteer and deserves to be honored. The more nominations we receive, the more honorees we can recognize with Certificates of Merit as well as the Citizen of the Year Award. Hold the night of Sunday, March 8th open, so you can join us in honoring the award recipients.

In the meantime, our budget co-chairs are working on reviewing the ever more dire projections for the upcoming fiscal year 2010 Fairfax County Budget which we will discuss in detail at our March meeting.

All these activities only happen when people take the time out of their busy schedules and join together. The Federation is lucky to have so many dedicated individuals willing to work for a better Fairfax County. Look at our various committees and activities and see if there's a place for you to join as a participant. We'd welcome you with open hands.

And a Happy and Healthy New Year to all our Federation members!

Enjoy -

Jeff Parnes, President

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Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations Membership Meeting of December 18, 2008

DRAFT MINUTES

(for approval at the January 15, 2009 membership meeting)

The December 18 membership meeting of FCFCA was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (Attendance list is attached to file copy.) Jim Colby took notes for the first several minutes and these notes are incorporated here. The minutes for the November 13 membership meeting were approved unanimously as written. President Jeff Parnes noted the vacancies for Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and the Chairs for Human Services, Public Safety, Legislation, and Land Use. Joan Grimm volunteered from the floor to help contact Mason District neighborhood associations that do not currently belong to the Federation. She will be in touch in January with Charles Dane, who as First Vice President is Chair of the Membership Committee.

President Jeff Parnes then introduced Charles Dane in his separate role as Acting Chair of the Legislation Committee to present the proposed draft of the Federation's legislative package for 2009.

Program

Charles Dane presented a draft of the proposed legislative package as well as several handouts prepared by individuals as proposed amendments or additional language. After some discussion, it was agreed to use the text of the draft legislative package as published in *The Bulletin* as the reference document for the meeting. He noted that the legislative package had been reviewed in depth by the Board at its most recent meeting, but that the handouts had been supplied since that time.

As in past years, these minutes reflect only the changes upon which votes were held. The final document itself is the record of all other wording changes or corrections that were worked through at the meeting without a vote by general agreement. The following are the individual votes:

By a voice vote, the word "expressly" was deleted under INFRASTRUCTURE, a, 2.

Gail Parker made a motion to add ", with rail and mass transit as the highest priority" to INFRASTRUCTURE, 4, b. Her motion was seconded. The motion passed 19 to 10.

Don Hinman made a motion to add a new section, DELAYED PAYMENT TO ASSOCIATIONS FOR DELIVERY OF RESALE DISCLOSURE PACKET under COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICES. His motion was seconded. The motion passed, as amended, with 28 in favor and 3 abstentions.

Charles Dane moved to include additional text for the rationale for HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING. The motion was seconded. The motion passed, as amended, 28 to 0.

Flint Webb moved to make several changes to the section ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION under ENERGY. The changes were seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Bill Hanks moved that new text be substituted for the PETROLEUM TANK FARMS section under

ENVIRONMENT. The motion was seconded. Jim Colby offered a substitute motion to delete the PETROLEUM TANK FARM section. This substitute motion was defeated, with 13 in favor of deletion and 16 against. By a voice vote, the original motion by Bill Hanks was defeated. John Jennison made a motion to make two changes to the existing language, adding "the City of Fairfax and County of Fairfax" and "that minimizes exposure of hazards in residential neighborhoods." The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 6 against, and 3 abstaining.

Charles Dane moved to include a new section on a check-off donation box on the driver's license application and renewal to support the Saves 7 Lives organ registry and agreed to place it under CITIZEN INTERESTS rather than HUMAN SERVICES. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Charles Dane also presented wording changes to the MAINTAIN PRESENT PROFFER PROVISIONS under LAND USE, which were approved by voice vote.

Charles Dane moved to replace the existing language of the HOUSE OF DELEGATES SUBCOMMITTEES section with new language. His motion was approved by voice vote.

Charles Dane also moved to make changes to the solar tax credit section, which were approved by voice vote.

A motion to amend the section HIGH SPEED RAIL with language to "support bond measures for statewide high speed rail along major transportation rights of way on the November 2009 ballot" was made and seconded. The motion was defeated, with 10 in favor and 15 against.

Finally, the review of PRIORITIES led to the inclusion of a new ENERGY priority, included in alphabetical order in

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Federation Meeting Cancellation Policy

If either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting or event, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting or event due to inclement weather or other emergency, the Federation will not hold that event. This does not pertain to regularly scheduled closures. Membership meetings will not be rescheduled, although speakers may be asked to attend an upcoming meeting. We will make every attempt to post the cancellation on www.fairfaxfederation.org or you can call 703-266-6872 for more information.

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the list, which passed by a voice vote.

The legislative package, as amended, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Business Meeting

a. The resolution in *The Bulletin* on advertised tax rates for residential property was moved and seconded. The motion, as amended, passed with 11 in favor and 5 opposed.

b. John Jennison reported that the debate for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors special election will probably be January 27 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. He has been in contact with the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, County Council of PTAs, and Fairfax Public Access.

c. John Jennison also reported that the Citizen of the Year award will be March 8, the second Sunday of March, with the reception at 7:30 and the dinner at 8:30. He reported that the event will return this year to the Fairview Marriott, where it has traditionally been held. He encouraged everyone to submit nominations for Citizen of the Year. The nomination form is on the Federation website.

d. Bill Hanks reported that the Audit Committee met and reviewed the period from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008, and found that the figures are in order. The report of the committee was approved.

e. The Treasurers Report was received and filed.

f. Jim Colby, the Land Use Chair, announced that he is moving out of the county and regretfully resigning his position as Land Use Chair as a result. Don Hinman subsequently stated that he is willing to serve as a transition person in this role on a temporary, limited-time basis, pending the appointment of a new Land Use Chair.

g. Jeff Parnes reported on a discussion at Issues Fairfax about retrofitting current housing.

h. Charles Dane reported that it appears that the budget shortfall, which had been projected at \$430 million, is now estimated at \$648 to 680 million.

i. Flint Webb reported that Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties have now been grouped with Baltimore, rather than Washington, under certain transportation conformity requirements, which makes it difficult to form plans for the metropolitan Washington region. An attempt is underway to discuss this with the EPA. The Westfields project is proposing the use of California-style RPA (Resource Protection Area) mitigation and is asking permission to substitute this type of mitigation. He also suggested replacing the February 19 meeting topic on youth partnerships with one on smart growth.

Next Membership Meeting: January 15, 2009. Superintendent's Proposed FY 2010 Fairfax County Public Schools Budget. Speakers: Richard Moniusko, Deputy Superintendent, and Susan Quinn, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, Fairfax County Public Schools.

Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm

2008 Citizen of the Year Nominations and Banquet

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2008 Citizen of the Year Award. Nomination forms are available on the Federation website: www.fairfaxfederation.org. If you know an individual whose contributions and accomplishments have benefited the residents of Fairfax County, we invite you to nominate them for this prestigious commendation. The deadline for submissions has been extended to Wednesday, February 4, 2009. If you have questions, or would like additional information or a paper copy of the nomination form, please contact John Jennison, Award Selection and Banquet Committee Chair, at 703-591-5586 or via email at jennisonjohn@aol.com.

The Citizen of the Year Award Banquet will be held Sunday, March 8, 2009 at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel, 3111 Fairview Park Drive in Falls Church. The reception will begin at 7:30 p.m. and the dinner at 8:30 p.m.

Special Election Set for Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' Seat

A special election is scheduled for Tuesday, February 3, 2009, to elect the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. All qualified voters in Fairfax County are eligible to vote in this election; please go to your usual polling site to cast your ballot.

The final day to register to vote in this election is Wednesday, January 21, 2009, no later than 6:00 p.m. If you are already registered to vote at your current address, you do not have to register again.

If you will be away from Fairfax County on Election Day or are unable to go to the polls because of illness or disability, you may vote by absentee ballot, either by mail or in-person. Applications to vote absentee by mail must be received in the Fairfax County Office of Elections no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. Voted ballots must be received in the Office of Elections by 7:00 p.m. on February 3rd, in order to be counted. You can also vote absentee in-person at the Fairfax County Office of Elections, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, now through January 31st, during the following days and times:

Monday through Friday (through January 30th)
8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(the office is closed January 19th and 20th)

Saturday, January 31st 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

For additional information on the February 3rd special election, contact the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/eb.

As noted by Federation President Jeff Parnes in his *page one* column, the Federation is co-sponsoring, with the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and the County Council of PTAs, a candidate debate on Tuesday, January 27, 2009, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Auditorium at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. We hope you can attend, and please bring your neighbors and interested Fairfax County residents.

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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, which is on the left.

Keep right to the large parking lot.

Please use the left entrance into the Packard Center Building, and use the doorbell to enter.

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