

# The Fairfax County FEDERATION

of Citizens Associations *Established 1940*

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### Federation Membership Meeting



**Thursday, December 17, 2009**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

**Topic: Stormwater Management in Fairfax County**

**Guest Speaker: Randy Bartlett**  
*Fairfax County Stormwater Division*



### 2010 Membership Meetings

**Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. (unless noted)**

*As of now, the Federation will hold its monthly membership meetings in the Packard Center Main Conference Room; this could change on a three-month notice.*

**January 21, 2010**

*Fairfax County Public Schools Fiscal Year 2011 Budget*

**February 18, 2010**

*Tyson's Corner*

**March 25, 2010 (fourth Thursday)**

*Fairfax County Fiscal Year 2011 Budget*

**April 15, 2010**

*Reports from Federation Appointees and Representatives*

**May 20, 2010**

*Report from Richmond*

**June 17, 2010 (picnic, beginning at 7:00 p.m.)**

*"The State of Fairfax County"*

*Please note that, while the dates listed above are firm; topics are subject to change, but should be accurate in that month's Bulletin.*



### 2010 Federation Board Meetings

**Packard Center Main Conference Room**  
7:30 p.m.

January 28, 2010    March 4, 2010    April 22, 2010

May 27, 2010    June 24, 2010



### **President's Message**

The holiday season is nigh upon us. Folks are busy buying gifts for friends and family. We've had our first snowfall of the season (even if I haven't done my last mowing yet). The Federation Board had its annual holiday meeting at the Marco Polo Restaurant.

It must mean it's December. For the Federation, it also means we start planning for the second half of our annual schedule. The Federation is signed up as the second speaker at the Northern Virginia Legislative Delegation public hearing in January. We will have distributed electronically to all the members of our delegation the position we adopted in October, and at the public hearing I will emphasize our key points (and amazingly enough, complement the delegation on quite a few Federation positions actually enacted into law last year - one of the most successful sessions in a long time according to our scoreboard).

The Federation is now accepting nominations for its annual Citizen of the Year Award. Do you know a person whom you think has done an outstanding job that warrants being named as Fairfax County Citizen of the Year? If so, I encourage you to visit our Citizen of the Year page, and either follow the instructions and mail in your nomination or complete the online nomination form ([www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm)). We will celebrate one person as Citizen of the year, but may select multiple others as Citation of Merit Honorees; I encourage you to recommend the people you think are deserving of this honor.

This January we will hear from the Fairfax County School Board and in March from the County Office of Management of Budget as we look over what very well may be an even tighter budget than last year. If it could be said that last year we extracted the last bit of fat from the county's budget, then this year we start cutting into the muscle and bone. Close oversight of this effort is needed, and our Budget Committee members have been attending the various meetings both the county and school system have been sponsoring.

Our February meeting will focus on the Tyson's Corner redevelopment plan based on the Task Force Recommendations. The Federation was lucky enough to have had one of its members participate in the task force's deliberations, no small task when you consider the Task Force was at it for what seems close to three years. In April, we'll hear from a few of our representatives to county and other regional task forces and boards, followed by a May report from our state legislative delegation of what transpired in Richmond this session. Lastly, at our June annual picnic, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors speak about the "State of Fairfax."

So although plenty of organizations slow down for the holiday season, the Federation starts to gear up. Come join us for the ride, it's guaranteed to be interesting, and most likely, fun as well.

Wishing you and yours a merry holiday season and a happy and healthy new year!

*Jeffrey Parnes, President*  
[FedPres2009@FairfaxFederation.org](mailto:FedPres2009@FairfaxFederation.org)

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations**  
Membership Meeting of November 19, 2009

**DRAFT MINUTES**

(for approval at the December 17, 2009 membership meeting)

The November 2009 Meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Jeff Parnes at 7:40 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center. Present were 18 participants and the guest speaker.

**Program: Greater Washington 2050**

Presenter Paul DesJardin, Director of Community Planning and Services, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), provided an overview with handouts and answered questions about Region Forward—COG's Greater Washington 2050 Vision. This report is a coordinating draft for public comment during the period November 14-30, although Paul indicated comments would be accepted after November 30. Region Forward is available at [www.greaterwashington2050.org](http://www.greaterwashington2050.org). Jeff thanked Paul for his presentation and presented Paul a Federation mug. These minutes contain more on this topic under New Business.

**Administrative Topics**

*Minutes* - The membership approved the minutes of the October 15, 2009 membership meeting.

*Treasurer's Report* - Scott Schlegel, with a handout, reported the balance sheet, budget overview, and membership list as of the meeting date and the transaction list for July 1 through the meeting date. Current assets and equity equal \$9,889. Participants accepted the report for file.

**Officer and Board Vacancies and Appointments** - Jeff Parnes

*Co-Recording Secretary* - Patty Parker will be moving and has resigned. Anyone interested in serving for the remainder of the 2009/10 term or know a likely candidate contact Jeff Parnes at [FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).

*Human Services* - Need Chair

*Environment* - Roger Diedrich agreed to serve as co-chair of this committee.

*The Bulletin* - Carol Hawn is planning to step down after the June 2010 *Bulletin*. Anyone interested in serving as Editor when she steps down, please contact Jeff Parnes.

**Future "Home" for the Federation** - Jeff Parnes

The Federation is exploring new locations to hold its meetings and store its files as the Packard Center may be closed due to the cost of required physical facility upgrades. Any member who knows of a suitable location should contact our Second Vice President, Kahan Dhillon, at [fed2ndvp@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fed2ndvp@fairfaxfederation.org). During this meeting the Fairfax County Public School's (FCPS) Dunn Loring Administrative Center was suggested as an option.

**Old Business**

*Fairfax County Commission to Study Whether Fairfax County Should Take Control of its Roadways from VDOT* - Jeff Parnes

Fairfax County is formulating a commission to study whether Fairfax County should take control of its roadways from VDOT. The Federation's willingness and desire to partake in such a commission was conveyed to Board of Supervisors' Chairman Sharon Bulova. The Board may, instead of creating a brand new commission, assign the study to the already standing Transportation Advisory Commission, members of which include Jeff Parnes and Roger Hoskins.

*Sally Ormsby Park Dedication Ceremony* - Jeff Parnes

Several Federation Representatives and board members attended last Saturday's dedication.

*Legislation Resolution* - Tania Hossain

Final markups have been accomplished. Carol Hawn is reformatting it for distribution. Jeff is the second scheduled speaker at the public hearing on January 10, 2010.

*Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairmen's Photos* - John Jennison transported and delivered the framed photos of all past Chairmen since Jean Packard, except for Kate Hanley and Jack Herry, to Chairman Bulova's office during the summer. Chairman Bulova's office staff has been able to size them up and work on where the hanging of the chairmen's photos may best be performed. Jeff has Chairman Hanley's portrait at his home awaiting delivery to Chairman Bulova's office. John and Tania have made repeated requests via emails and telephone voice messages to Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry, asking for a discussion on how we may be able to include his late father, but to date have not received a response. The Chairman's office has also indicated that they too have been following up with Supervisor Herry regarding a photograph of the late Chairman.

*Fairfax Federation Forum* - Jeff Parnes

The Federation's own discussion board - <http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php> - is now active. Please follow the link and register - any questions, please contact Jeff Parnes at [fedwebmaster2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedwebmaster2009@fairfaxfederation.org).

*Metropolitan Washington Transportation Planning Board's Community Leadership Institute* - Jeff Parnes

Don and Fred attended last month's session as reported under Board & Committee Reports, Transportation, Community Leadership Institute.

**New Business**

*Greater Washington 2050* - Jeff Parnes

Jeff is the Federation's representative to the Greater Washington 2050. He and guest speaker Paul DesJardin were able to provide background and context about the development of the Greater Washington 2050 vision.

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These include:

- Because the vision extends so far into the future - forty years - the vision stressed the desired end state (the goals) rather than strategies to accomplish the goals. It was deemed impractical to forecast the technologies that will be in use at 2050.
- The targets and indicators were, to a large degree, derived from other policy and vision documents.
- The targets apply to the entire region. Some targets may seem unchallenging for Fairfax County, but are appropriately challenging for the entire metropolitan area.
- Feedback has already been received that the goal of economic growth of 5% to 7% annually is unrealistically optimistic.

In informal discussion, the meeting participants decided that, because the vision is a coordinating draft and therefore subject to change, the Federation should not at this time make a decision whether to endorse the plan. The Federation decided to propose six modifications to the vision. The proposed modifications were drafted in discussion and approved as a package by voice vote.

1. Add a goal: "Develop high speed, energy efficient, interurban connectivity."
2. Add interim goals or targets to track process toward the 2050 targets.
3. On page five, add the underlined clause to the existing sentence: "Participants also rated the region on a number of issues and ranked them on their importance and how well the region is performing in those areas."
4. Add a goal: "Increase the percentage of teleworking and teleshopping."
5. Add a goal (or constraint): "Limit addition of new regional activity centers to planned transit corridors."
6. Add a goal: "Minimize waste disposal."

Tania Hossain will place these comments in the form of an approved resolution. The Corresponding Secretary, Esther Ferington, will forward the resolution to the COG.

*Resolution on Parking of Commercial Vehicles - Fred Costello*

The county has proposed changes to Section 82-5-7 of the Fairfax County Code, which prohibits parking of commercial vehicles on public streets in residential districts (see [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/parkingcodechanges.htm)) to be voted on at the December 7, 2009 Board of Supervisors' meeting. Fred Costello proposed a resolution in support of the proposed changes. In discussion, one modification was made (a friendly amendment). The final resolution below was passed by voice vote. Esther will prepare the final resolution for submission to the Board.

**Whereas**, many residential communities in the county have experienced an increase in commercial vehicle

parking in the last decade, and

**Whereas**, this is not only an issue in almost every magisterial district in Fairfax County, but a regional concern as well, and

**Whereas**, this issue has been a concern and subject of discussion over the years by the Federation which is the county's umbrella organization for the county's homeowner, community, and civic organizations, and the Federation has supported county action on the issue, and

**Whereas**, a number of the commercial vehicles being parked are not owned by residents in adjacent or nearby residential communities, and

**Whereas**, the county's zoning ordinance was reviewed carefully during the last year in response to parking complaints and updated to address these concerns, and

**Whereas**, the changes have been recommended by the Board of Supervisor's Transportation Committee and have been widely publicized and discussed for months and were recently advertised for public hearing on November 16 by the Board of Supervisors to be held on December 7th,

**Therefore, be it resolved**, that since this action is consistent with Federation positions in the past on parking of commercial vehicles in residential areas, the Federation endorses the advertised changes to the County's Parking Ordinance when the item comes before the Board of Supervisors on December 7."

*Citizen of the Year Nominations Open - Jeff Parnes*

Jeff reminded the membership to think about whom they would like nominate as 2009 Citizen of the Year.

*Note of Condolence* - The members in attendance agreed to send a note of condolence to the family of Clayton Ormsby.

## **Board & Committee Reports**

### *Association Services*

Although Don Hinman was absent, the following announcement was provided via the agenda. "The Great Falls Citizens Association contacted the committee seeking to procure consulting services to analyze a proposed VDOT project's impact on our community. They asked if the Federation would have any suggestions as to firms we should contact." The Federation does not have such a list.

### *Education - Charlie Dane*

FCPS Superintendent Jack Dale participated in the committee's November meeting where the main topic was the extreme measures that are options to address the reduced funding and suggest ways to ameliorate some of the reductions. For a listing of options, see [www.fcps.edu](http://www.fcps.edu), and click on "FY2011 Budget details." Then, on the budget page, scroll down to "Potential FY2011 Program and Service Reductions for discussion purposes."

Five members of the Education Committee, in different

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capacities, participated in different school board committee meetings to provide our thoughts on how the school board can do a better job of communicating with the public.

#### *Environment - Flint Webb*

Flint attended the Energizing Fairfax County meeting last night. There were presentations from Dean Tisdadt, Chief Operating Officer, FCPS; Stuart Freudberg, Director of Environmental Programs for COG; Mark Gibb, Executive Director, Northern Virginia Regional Commission; David Molchany, Deputy County Executive, Fairfax County; Mark Lowham, Sr. VP, WEST\*GROUP; and Bud Thompson from the Great Falls Civic Association about the activities their organizations are doing to reduce energy consumption. Board of Supervisor's Chairman Sharon Bulova wants to give an award for energy savings.

Flint attended the Green Breakfast where Mike Knapp, Urban Forest Management Division, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services talked about changes to the tree ordinance. They are "tweaking" the ordinance to make it easier to manage for developers. We need to keep track of this to make sure they are not going to give away too much.

#### *Announcements:*

- The Environmental Quality Advisory Committee is having a public hearing to go over the Annual Report on Monday November 30, 2009.
- The proposed County budget will cut 15% from the Park Authority which will cut one more person from an already over-stretched organization.
- They are standing up a Northern Virginia Senior Environmental Corps of Volunteers age 55+ to work on improving our parks and open spaces.

#### *Land Use - Fred Costello*

The Noble Estates Homes Association (NEHA) contacted the committee after being referred by Senator George Barker to discuss the current Fairfax County zoning issue related to the proposed "Paradise Springs Winery." Pam Barnett, President of NEHA, will meet with Fred to examine if there is a countywide issue.

*Legislation - Tania Hossain; see Old Business, Legislation Resolution, above.*

#### *Membership - Tania Hossain*

Two membership applications were received this past month - Noble Estates Homes Association and Adams Walk Homeowners Association - bringing the current membership to 38.

#### *Public Safety - Gail Parker*

Public Safety is working on a revision to the Federation's Public Safety section of the website. The Washington Region Council of Government's Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will have its Virginia Meeting December 10, 2009 at the Patent and

Trademark Office in Alexandria at 6:00 p.m. Federation (and the public) are invited to attend and participate. Presentation will be made on high-speed rail and a speaker from Rep. Oberstar's office is invited to speak on regional transportation funding proposal.

#### *Community Leadership Institute*

Don Hinman and Fred Costello attended the recent National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB)-sponsored Community Leadership Institute, two half day sessions on October 29 and 31. The session was for people who have some knowledge of local transportation issues, want to know more about TPB and the regional transportation planning process, and to whom advocacy should be directed. John Mason, former mayor of Fairfax City, gave an outstanding talk that highlighted the issues to be faced in the next 20 years: climate and energy, market globalization, population growth, an aging population, an aging infrastructure, declining Federal resources, emerging mega-regions such as Boston to DC, that Americans will not give up cars, and national security. Working sessions on a mock re-development plan revealed the complexities of working with disparate personal objectives.

#### *VTrans2035*

The Commonwealth of Virginia is currently developing its statewide long-range multimodal transportation plan, known as VTrans2035. We have been indicated as someone who may be interested in reviewing the draft plan. A draft report for VTrans2035 is available on the web ([www.vtrans.org](http://www.vtrans.org)) for review and comment starting the week of November 2 and ending November 30. Attached is an e-note, which provides more information about how to comment on the draft report. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Ryan M. Link, 804-287-3192, [rlink@mbakercorp.com](mailto:rlink@mbakercorp.com) or Katherine Graham, VDOT, 804-786-4198, [Katherine.graham@VDOT.virginia.gov](mailto:Katherine.graham@VDOT.virginia.gov).

#### **District Council Reports**

##### *Braddock - Art Wells*

On October 21 the Braddock Supervisor, Braddock District Council, and the county staff conducted a Town Hall meeting at Braddock Secondary School to formally launch the Community Engagement Initiative. The town hall meeting had numerous exhibits and 125 people attending.

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#### **Adopted Legislative Program is Online**

The Federation's 2010 Legislative Program, adopted at the October 15, 2009 membership meeting, is available on our website: [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org). The Federation thanks everyone that assisted in bringing it to fruition. The program will be presented to the Northern Virginia delegation to the General Assembly at their public hearing on Saturday, January 9, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Tania Hossain, Legislative Committee Chair, at [fedlegislationchr2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedlegislationchr2009@fairfaxfederation.org).

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On November 14 the Community Budget Dialogues came to Kings Park where attendance was high.

The Citizens' Budget Committee has held several meetings. The next meeting is scheduled November 23 with Tom Davis to attend. The budget committee plans to give its report to Supervisor Cook in early January.

On December 3 the Taste of Braddock will be held at the Kings Park Library and Braddock Supervisor's Office.

On January 23 the district will hold the Braddock Leadership Institute at Kings Park Library and Braddock Supervisor's Office to train those who are interested in improving their communities.

**Mason** - Roger Hoskins

The district council did not meet in October; its next meeting will be in January.

**Mount Vernon**

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) elected new officers on November 18 for the term beginning January 1. The new officers are:

- Co-chairs: Al Bornmann, Robert (Bob) Reynolds, and David (Dave) Plummer
- Treasurer: Brenda Hebert
- Secretary: Carol Coyle (incumbent)

**Sully** - Jeff Parnes

The SDC had a transportation brief at last night's meeting and will have a police report in December. The Land Use and Transportation Committee is reviewing the three APR cases that had been deferred awaiting the VDOT 527 analysis: one in November and two in December.

**Closing Announcement** - Celebration Honoring Ann Rodriguez

You are invited to attend A Celebration of Ann's Life to be hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County on Wednesday, December 2, beginning at 11:30 a.m., at CenterStage, Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods. The program will be followed by a reception hosted by the Reston Community Center. Both program and reception are open to the public.

Date: Wednesday, December 2, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.

Location: Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston, VA 20191

Phone: 703-476-4500 <http://restoncommunitycenter.com>

RSVP: Please rsvp at [rsvp@artsfairfax.org](mailto:rsvp@artsfairfax.org).

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Next Meetings**

The next board meeting is scheduled December 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. at the Marco Polo Restaurant in Vienna, VA.

The next membership meeting is scheduled December 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

## Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

### Resolution

#### Parking of Commercial Vehicles

##### Background

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##### Resolution

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**WHEREAS**, the county's zoning ordinance was reviewed carefully during the last year in response to parking complaints and updated to address these concerns, and;

**WHEREAS**, the changes have been recommended by the Board of Supervisors' Transportation Committee, have been widely publicized and discussed for months, and were advertised for public hearing on November 16 by the Board of Supervisors to be held on December 7,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that since this action is consistent with Federation positions in the past on parking of commercial vehicles on public streets in residential areas, the Federation endorses the advertised changes to the County's Parking Ordinance when the item comes before the Board of Supervisors on December 7.

*Approved at the Federation membership meeting on November 19, 2009.*

*The Federation wishes  
you and yours  
a joyous holiday season  
and a peaceful and  
prosperous new year.*

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**Membership Meeting**

Thursday,  
December 17, 2009

7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center  
4022 Hummer Road, Annandale  
(see directions, below)

**Topic:**

**Stormwater Management in  
Fairfax County**

**Guest Speaker:**

Randy Bartlett,  
Fairfax County Stormwater Division

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Please contact Carol Hawn at 703-266-6872 or [cahawn@verizon.net](mailto:cahawn@verizon.net) with newsletter name and address changes, comments, or suggestions.

**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 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 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](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or you can call 703-266-6872 for more information.

**Directions to the  
Packard Center**

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; ring the doorbell for entrance.

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