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**Federation Membership Meeting**



**Thursday, January 21, 2010**

**7:30 p.m.**

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

**Topic:** *Fairfax County Public Schools  
Fiscal Year 2011 Budget*

**Guest Speaker:** *Kristen Michael, Director  
Fairfax County Public Schools' Budget Office*



**2010 Membership Meetings**

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

**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"*



**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



***Citizen of the Year Nominations Deadline Extended***

It is not too late to submit a nomination for the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations' Citizen of the Year Award. The nomination deadline has been extended to January 31, 2010. For a form, or more information, please visit the Federation website at [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org).

***President's Message***

On Saturday, January 10th, I presented the Federation's 2010 Legislative Program to the members of the Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation at a public forum in the County Government Center. I was the first speaker after the Board of Supervisors' Chairman Sharon Bulova and the Board of Supervisors Legislative Chair, Jeff McKay; I was so early in fact that close to one-fifth of the delegation had not yet arrived by the time I spoke. My testimony is included elsewhere in the Bulletin, and a link to our complete program, as well as a video of my presentation, is available on our home page.

I stayed after my three-minute presentation was complete and listened to several other speakers. As I listened, it seemed the Federation was different in its approach. Most presenters, from organizations and individuals, were concerned about specific items of interest. The Federation's positions, which I could only indicate with a broad brush, covers 14 pages on a wide range of subjects. If you haven't had the opportunity, please do take a look - you'll see a range of topics that we hashed out over a series of month. For a group of citizen volunteers, it is something of which we can be proud.

As I write this, our members are starting on the second great effort of our organization - the review of the county's and the school system's proposed budgets. In a similar fashion as our Legislative Program, our budget review will be based on both citizen and countywide perspectives. Other groups will focus on areas of their special interest, or report to a specific Supervisor, but we look at both in their entirety without regard to pleasing a specific Supervisor or a certain area of the county. Because of our unique view, our input is sought out and our recommendations considered impartial.

I hope to see you at our January 21st membership meeting for a discussion of the proposed fiscal year 2011 Fairfax County school budget. Also, please think of bringing with you the names of folks you believe worthy of being named Citizen of the Year. Finally, I ask you to think about being willing to take over some of our officer positions, as well as that of Newsletter Editor. Many of these positions will be available after the June meeting. If you're not the right person to assume one of these positions, maybe you know the right person. If so, please be sure to contact me; I can put you in touch with our Nominations Committee. See you later this month.

Enjoy,

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

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations  
Membership Meeting of December 17, 2009**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

(for approval at the January 21, 2010 membership meeting)

The December 2009 membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by Corresponding Secretary Esther Ferington at 7:40 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center. Present were 18 participants and three members of the county's stormwater management staff. (Attendance list is attached to file copy.)

**Program: Stormwater Management in Fairfax County**

Randy Bartlett, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, is responsible for the county's stormwater program. Randy gave a brief that, including questions and answers, covered 80 minutes. The topics were the history of stormwater management, regulatory requirements, treatment practices, funding in Fairfax County, and the future. Fairfax County has about 1500 miles of county-owned stormwater pipes; 45,000 stormwater drainage structures; 1,300 publicly-owned stormwater management facilities; and 3,300 privately-owned stormwater management facilities. Challenges facing Fairfax County include aging infrastructure; growing inventory; growing, complex regulatory requirements; and the emerging nature of best practices.

The presentation slides are posted on the Federation website (see links after these minutes). Don Hinman followed with a 15-minute presentation of his experience guiding the Huntington Grove Homeowners Association through the process of gaining approvals and implementing plantings adjacent to its stormwater management facility (see links after these minutes). Don and the supporting vendor, Nature by Design, are willing to give "how to" presentations to other homeowner associations.

**Administrative Topics**

President Jeff Parnes, who had been delayed by traffic, assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

**Minutes** - The membership approved the minutes of the November 17, 2009, membership meeting.

**Treasurer's Report - Scott Schlegel**

Scott provided a handout and 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 \$9,909.68. Participants received the report for file.

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

**Co-Recording Secretary** - Patty Parker will be moving and so must resign. Anyone interested in serving for the remainder of the 2009/2010 term or know a likely candidate please contact Jeff ([FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org)).

**Human Services** - Need Chair

**Bulletin Editor** - Carol Hawn is stepping down after the June 2010 Bulletin. Anyone interested in serving, please contact Jeff.

**The Federation is Looking for a New Place to Hold its Meetings for 2010 - Jeff Parnes**

The Federation has received word that the Park Authority plans to renovate the Packard Center and that the Federation will need to find an alternative meeting place for a couple of months during the renovation. Any member who knows of a suitable location should contact our Second Vice President, Kahan Dhillon, at

[fed2ndvp2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fed2ndvp2009@fairfaxfederation.org). Flint had suggested the Dunn Loring Administrative Center at 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring. Some participants stated this facility (and some other potentially acceptable government facilities) closes at 9:00 p.m. (or earlier) and thus would not meet the Federation's needs. Closure time is a consideration in site selection.

**Old Business**

**Board of Supervisors (BOS) Chairmen's' Photos**

BOS Chairman Bulova's staff has determined where the chairmen's photographs may be best displayed. Supervisor Herry has provided a photo of his father, the late Chairman Herry. We will arrange for it to be framed by the same firm that framed the other portraits. We are also seeking photographs of two other former chairmen, now deceased, who had served in the 1960s and 1970s. Chairman Bulova's office is contacting the Office of Public Affairs about date for a small reception to receive, hang or unveil the photographs.

**New Business**

**Resolution on Daytime Noise Limits - Fred Costello**

To "fast track" this resolution, Fred introduced it directly to the membership, rather than the Board of Directors. By Federation policy, this procedure required a vote of two-thirds to allow consideration. The motion for consideration passed by a vote of 16 - 5. (In the Federation each member association is allocated a number of votes based upon association population.)

The resolution deals with the fact that daytime noise is no longer limited because of a recent court decision that struck down the current ordinance as too vague; hence there currently is no daytime noise limit. Quick county action to implement a new ordinance was urged because a farm winery, which could also serve as a wedding and party site, is scheduled to open on January 16, 2010 in Clifton. If the noise limit is not set before it opens, it may be possible for the business to be grandfathered and hence exempt from noise restrictions. The resolution as proposed read:

**BACKGROUND:** a recent court case nullifies all limits on daytime noise within Fairfax County.

**WHEREAS**, in *Tanner v. City of Virginia Beach* (VLW 009-6-044), the Virginia Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional noise ordinances that use "reasonable persons" as the measure of acceptable noise because it is vague;

**WHEREAS**, the current Code of Fairfax County uses "reasonable persons" as the measure of unacceptable noise;

**WHEREAS**, *Tanner* renders void any limit on daytime noise in Fairfax County;

**WHEREAS**, daytime noise sources, either that are currently in place or that might be instituted before a new ordinance is instituted, though annoying, might be "grandfathered" and thereby made permanently allowed;

**WHEREAS**, the current Code of Fairfax County limits nighttime noise by total sound level (in dBA) and in each audible sound octave in dB;

**WHEREAS**, the current Code of Fairfax County limits nighttime noise to a total sound level to 55 dBA in residential areas.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests that the code of the County of Fairfax, Section 108, be revised such that the daytime limits on noise be specified in both total sound level (dBA) and in each

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sound octave (dB) as done for the nighttime limits, and the limits be set at no more than 3 dBA and 3 dB, respectively, above nighttime values, with exemptions given for noise generated during construction and maintenance.

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this revision to Section 108 be instituted at the earliest possible date, preferably before January 2010, so that the limits are established before some noises are “grandfathered” as permissible.

Discussion included these points: the Federation normally does not engage issues that affect only one locality, in this case Clifton. The resolution, however, seeks to establish countywide policy. Would noise-making businesses be grandfathered or would any new ordinance apply to existing sources of noise? Opinions varied, but there was no definitive answer to this legal question in the meeting. The Federation’s resolution as drafted provides specific sound limits. Should the Federation delve into such technical specifics? This issue was resolved by keeping the specified limits but urging quick passage as an interim measure which the county could later refine. The resolution, modified to include the phrase “on an interim basis,” was adopted by a vote of 18 for and 2 against. Fred will provide Esther the final text of the resolution. Esther will forward the resolution to the Board.

**Resolution on Operation of Farm Wineries - Fred Costello**

To “fast track” this resolution, Fred introduced it directly to the membership, rather than the Board of Directors. By Federation policy, this procedure required a vote of two-thirds to allow consideration. The motion for consideration passed by a vote of 19 - 0, and two abstentions.

Virginia law and county zoning are vague regarding the operation of wineries in areas zoned for residential conservation. If an action is not prohibited, it is allowed. The county has no policy regarding an approval process for wineries. The resolution as proposed read:

**BACKGROUND:** The Code of Virginia, Section 15.2-2288.3, states that no locality shall regulate a farm winery’s activities consisting of “on-premises sale, tasting, or consumption of wine during regular business hours within the normal course of business of the licensed farm winery.” However, the same section states that “Usual and customary activities and events at farm wineries shall be permitted without local regulation unless there is a substantial impact on the health, safety, or welfare of the public.”

In addition, this same section states that “no local ordinance regulating noise, other than outdoor amplified music, arising from activities and events at farm wineries shall be more restrictive than that in the general noise ordinance. In authorizing outdoor amplified music at a farm winery, the locality shall consider the effect on adjacent property owners and nearby residents.”

In light of these citations from the Code of Virginia, various counties have determined that “substantial impact on the health, safety, or welfare of the public” may occur from farm wineries unless some limits are placed on the wineries. For example, Prince William County does not allow on-site food preparation, limits the number of occupants to 150, and limits the floor area for wine tasting and food sales to 20% of the gross floor area.

The purpose of RC-zoned land includes promoting “open, rural areas for the growing of crops, pasturage, horticulture, dairying, floriculture, the raising of poultry and livestock” (see link to zoning ordinance at the end of these minutes). This section of the Fairfax County zoning ordinance allows, under special permit,

RC-zoned land owners to use their land for temporary uses, limited to “Carnival, circus, festival, fair, horse show, dog show, steeplechase, music festival, turkey shoot, sale of Christmas trees or other seasonal commodities and other similar activities.” Furthermore, it states that “no sale of goods or products shall be permitted, except as accessory and incidental to a permitted, special permitted or special exception use.” Farm wineries fall under this category. The lot size must be at least 5 acres, except cluster lots may be as small as 36,000 square feet.

The purpose of RE-zoned land also includes promoting agricultural uses. Lot sizes can be as small as 75,000 square feet (1.7 acres).

R-1-zoned land allows some agricultural uses, but does not specifically forbid the use of the land for the production and sale of wine.

**WHEREAS**, Fairfax County has no regulations that, as allowed by Code of Virginia, protect the properties near farm wineries;

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests that the Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance be revised such that all agricultural businesses conducted in a residential district shall demonstrate by analysis the agricultural operation will not, to the satisfaction of the Board of Supervisors, jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of the public in the vicinity of the business.”

Discussion lead to an amendment to revise the “be it resolved” paragraph to active voice rather than passive and to more accurately describe the role of the Board of Supervisors. The Recording Secretary’s notes captured the new paragraph as:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors revise the zoning ordinance such that all agricultural businesses conducted in a residential district shall demonstrate by analysis the agricultural operation will not jeopardize the health, safety, or welfare of the public in the vicinity of the business.

The resolution, as modified, was adopted by a voice vote. Fred will provide Esther the final text of the resolution. Esther will forward the resolution to the Board of Supervisors.

**Publicity – Charlie Dane**

Page 5 of the Monday, 7 December, edition of *The Washington Examiner* contains Rob Jackson’s (President of McLean Citizens Association) complimentary comments about the Federation. The link to the article is available at the end of these minutes.

**Board & Committee Reports****Association Services - Don Hinman**

Don, with Kosmo Tatalias’s help, will package the presentation he made tonight on homeowner association plantings near stormwater facilities to include a narrative for posting on the Federation’s website.

**Budget**

Kosmo Tatalias attended the recent BOS Budget Committee meeting at which Chairman Bulova presented a proposed list of Board Priorities for fiscal year (FY) 2011, based on the Board’s September retreat discussion. These priorities are proposed to be included in every FY 2011 document. Kosmo thinks they had not stated the priorities for FY 2010, so this is a return to the traditional approach.

- Chairman’s proposed FY 2011 priorities include:

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- Quality educational system    Safe streets and neighborhoods
- Clean sustainable environment
- Livable, caring and affordable communities
- Vibrant economy    Efficient transportation network, and
- Recreational and cultural opportunities
- For comparison, the adopted FY 2008 priorities were:
  - Strong Investment in Education
  - Public Safety and Gang Prevention
  - Affordable Housing    Environmental Protection
  - Transportation Improvements    Revenue Diversification

#### **Citizen of the Year**

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year are open until January 31, 2010. For criteria and a nomination form, visit the Federation website. Deserving residents who do not receive the Citizen of the Year award may be awarded a Citation of Merit. Awards will be presented at a banquet in the April/May period. As a result of a suggestion made at this meeting, Jeff will revise the web site so that past Citizens of the Year may be viewed on a single page.

#### **Education - Charlie Dane**

On January 7, 2010 Superintendent Jack Dale will release his proposed Fairfax County Public Schools budget. On January 12, 2010 the Federation's Education Committee will meet and review it. In late January, the Federation will have the opportunity to testify on the superintendent's budget before the Fairfax County School Board.

#### **Environment - Flint Webb**

The Federation is pleased to have Ana Prados continue to represent the Federation at the MWAQ Technical Advisory Committee (TAC). (This requires a re-nomination letter from the Federation to MWAQ, which Jeff will ensure has been sent.) The Environment Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission will be holding a public workshop on January 6, 2010 on a draft Policy Plan Amendment proposal addressing disturbances to Environmental Quality Corridors. Of particular note is the availability of a background document containing the "Strawman" draft Plan Amendment available on the county website (see link at end of these minutes).

On the topic of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Flint noted that the county does not plan to establish an actual baseline of its 2005 inventory. Without a baseline, the county could claim post-2005 credit for actions taken before 2005 to reduce greenhouse gas reductions. Flint will draft a resolution that the Federation supports the development of a reasonable a 2005 inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. This inventory will enable a more accurate and honest accounting of emission reductions that have occurred—or that do occur in the future—since the baseline date of 2005.

Flint attended an EPA meeting on the Chesapeake Bay Total Daily Maximum Loads (TDML). The new TMDL will revise the stream TMDLs established by the state and will add or modify limits on nitrogen, phosphorous and sediment. The regulations are on a fast track.

#### **Land Use - Fred Costello**

Fred has been named to the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force.

#### **Legislation - Tania Hossain**

In preparation for distribution, Carol Hawn is formatting the Federation's recommendations for consideration by the 2010 General Assembly session. Jeff Parnes is the second speaker at the public hearing on legislation on January 10.

#### **Membership - Tania Hossain**

Current membership is 38.

#### **Transportation**

Jeff Parnes attended the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance's December 17, 2009 Speaker's Series event. At the event, he met Til Hazel, who is advocating reinvestment in infrastructure.

The Planning and Design Division of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services publishes monthly projects status reports for sidewalks, trails, bus shelters, and road projects. The October report is available at the county website (see link at the end of these minutes). The new contact for trail requests and maintenance on Park Authority land is Liz Cronauer (FCPA), 703-324-8629, [Elizabeth.Cronauer@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Cronauer@fairfaxcounty.gov). The contact for sidewalk requests and maintenance Chris Wells (FCDOT), 703-324-8629. If you have questions, contact Mark Tipton, FCFCA Representative, Trails and Sidewalks Committee; his email is at the end of these minutes.

#### **Website - Jeff Parnes**

You are invited to visit the Fairfax Federation Forum: The Federation's own discussion board at <http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php>. Please follow the link and register. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff.

#### **District Council Reports**

##### **Lee - Don Hinman**

The Community-wide Parking District (CPD) is now in effect in Lee District. To date police have issued only warnings; enforcement by issuing tickets will begin soon.

##### **Mount Vernon**

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Mount Vernon School Board Member Dan Storck held a public meeting regarding the fiscal year 2011 budget in the Mount Vernon District on December 9.

##### **Sully - Jeff Parnes**

The SDC had a Public Safety briefing at last night's meeting and will have a Parks report in January. The Land Use and Transportation Committee reviewed the three Area Plans Review (APR) cases that had been deferred awaiting the VDOT 527 analysis. No objections were raised to the Sully APR Task Force recommendations.

#### **Closing Announcements**

##### **Celebration Honoring Ann Rodriguez**

Several Federation representatives attended the Celebration of Ann's Life, hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, on Wednesday, December 2nd. Ann served as president and CEO of the Fairfax Arts Council.

##### **Verdia Haywood is Retiring**

Verdia Haywood is retiring after 25 Years as Deputy County Executive for Human Services. There will be an open house on Thursday, January 14th between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. just outside of Verdia's office. All are invited to enjoy some treats. In lieu of gifts, you can make a donation to the Verdia Haywood Long Term Care Services Fund. To honor Verdia's vision and dedication, CareFaxLTC/Life Circle Alliances has created this fund to help provide resources for emerging projects in long term care for older adults or adults with disabilities. Donations can be made on line via the CareFaxLTC website <http://www.carefaxltc.org>; please note "for the Verdia Haywood Fund" in the designation field. You may also donate via check made payable to

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CareFaxLTC and mailed to CareFaxLTC at 4031 University Drive, Box 323, Fairfax, VA 22030.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

#### Next Meetings

Websites and emails referred to in the above minutes:

Stormwater Management Presentation

<http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Environment/StormwaterPresentation091217.ppt> (31MB)

<http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Environment/StormwaterPresentation091217.pdf> (12MB)

<http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Environment/StormwaterPresentation091217withNotes.pdf> (9MB)

Presentation on Huntington Grove Homeowners Association Efforts

<http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Environment/HuntingtonGrovePond091217.ppt>

<http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Environment/HuntingtonGrovePond091217.pdf> (5MB)

Fairfax County Zoning Ordinance regarding the R-C: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/articles/art03.pdf>

Rob Jackson's comments: <http://www.fcfa.org/newspaper/The3-minuteInterviewRobJacksonWashingtonExaminer091203.pdf>.

Draft Policy Plan Amendment on Disturbances in the EQC: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/eqcdisturbancesstrawman.pdf>.

Monthly Projects Status Report - October 2009 <http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Transportation/PDDMonthlyStatusReport200910.pdf>

Federation Representative to the County Trails and Sidewalks Committee [FedTrailsSidewalksComRep2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedTrailsSidewalksComRep2009@fairfaxfederation.org)

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

### President Jeff Parnes' Testimony before the Fairfax Delegation to the General Assembly - January 9, 2010

January 9, 2010

Re: 2010 Legislative Program

Dear Fairfax County Legislative Delegation:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you today. My name is Jeffrey Parnes and I serve as the President of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations, better known as the Federation. For almost 70 years, the Federation has served as the countywide volunteer umbrella organization for the now more than 1800 civic, community, condominium, and homeowner associations throughout Fairfax County. On behalf of the Federation, it is my pleasure to offer for your review and consideration our 2010 Legislative Program, adopted at our October 2009 membership meeting.

Last year the Federation purposely moved our consideration of our positions from December to October so that we could provide you a copy earlier in the cycle, and so in December we were able to provide you by email an advanced copy of this program.

As we reviewed last year's program, we were pleased to see that many of the recommendations we made were enacted by the legislature and we could remove them from this year's program. We thank you for your positive actions and hope that this year will be as successful.

As you can see, this year's program contains a wide range of legislative issues. I wish to bring to your attention the eight priorities of importance to our membership. In alphabetical order, these are:

Conservation – Open space land conservation;  
 Education – Funding of state and federal mandates for Kindergarten through 12th grade education;  
 Energy – Energy conservation, including renewable energy and purchase of energy saving products;  
 Governance – Reversal of the strict interpretation of the "Dillon Rule", and consistency and conformity in regional planning;  
 Infrastructure – Funding of critical education and local transportation infrastructure needs;  
 Land Use – Protection of local land use authority;  
 Tax Structure – Modernization of the state and local tax structure;

and

Taxation Authority – Equal taxing authority for counties, cities, and towns.

In addition to the items above, let me recommend two specific items worthy of your heightened attention. The first, especially in consideration of this year's upcoming decennial census, is our recommendation that Virginia's legislature be redistricted by a non-partisan group subject to approval by the legislature, similar to the Iowa model. The second deals with the law that allows payment for resale packages to be delayed until time of settlement. This directly impacts our member organizations that would prefer payment at time of packet delivery rather than at time of settlement. It is possible for a packet to be prepared for a prospective buyer who never goes to settlement. When the ultimate buyer finally enters settlement, the association cannot then ask that buyer for payment for the original packet that they did not receive.

As President of the Federation, I ask that you take the time to review our full Legislative Program, and hope our priorities and other legislative issues will receive your consideration during the upcoming General Assembly session. One last item, over the past several years, the members of this delegation were instrumental in recommending to the Federation persons for consideration as Citizen of the Year. We would appreciate your continuing to do so.

If you have any questions, or need more information, please contact me at [FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org) or 703-424-2956. You can also contact our Federation Legislative Committee Chair, Tania Hossain, at [FedLegislationChr2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedLegislationChr2009@fairfaxfederation.org). This is my third, and hopefully, last time that I appear before you as President of the Federation. It has been an honor and a privilege to address you over the years and I wish you and your colleagues the best as you take on these countless and difficult issues for the benefit of Virginians, both individually and collectively, during the upcoming session.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Parnes, President

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

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**Membership Meeting**

Thursday,  
January 21, 2010

7:30 p.m.

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

**Topic:**

**The Fairfax County Public Schools  
Superintendent's Proposed  
Fiscal Year 2011 Budget**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Kristen Michael, Director  
FCPS Budget Office**

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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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