

**Minutes of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Association Membership Meeting
on September 20, 2001 at the Packard Center (9/21/01 draft)**

(Twenty-six persons, representing 23 associations and/or the board signed the roster.)

President Art Wells called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., indicating his intention to adjourn by 8:30 p.m. so that all could hear the President's address to the nation.

Transportation. In the absence of the scheduled speaker--Young Ho Chang, Director of the County Office of Transportation—George Smith, Transportation Committee chair, provided background information for the position paper he and Sally Ormsby had prepared for approval by the Board of Directors in August (full text of which is available at <http://www.chha.org/fcfa/fed0901-trans.html>). He emphasized the need for governing bodies, as well as task forces and commissions to consider 1) the aggregate effects on transportation of site-specific decisions; and 2) the enormous shortfall in funding for documented transportation needs in the county and region. *After he answered questions regarding the proposed position as published in the September Bulletin and posted on the Federation website, it was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously for transmittal to the Board of Supervisors.*

Recognition of Bill Bailey. Art Wells presented Immediate Past President Bill Bailey with a plaque recognizing his three years of service as President, during which the Federation developed valuable alliances with other regional associations, the school system, the County Council of PTAs, and the business community.

Revision of the By-Laws. Art Wells described the Board of Director's efforts since June to update and revise the by-laws with assistance from a registered parliamentarian. Sally Ormsby noted the major changes in the by-laws as published in the September *Bulletin*. Copies of the current by-laws and proposed changes also are available at the Federation website or from Sally. She called attention to two additional suggestions from the parliamentarian/advisor: In Art. IV, Sec. 5, change "able" to "available;" and in Art. V, add an eligibility clause for directors. Bill Hanks, who worked on prior by-laws, questioned whether there might be a conflict between the Articles of Incorporation and the proposed by-laws change which would extend voting privileges to directors who are not representatives of member associations. Sally and the directors who would be affected by this change provided their rationale. *Action on the proposed by-laws is scheduled for the membership meeting on October 18.*

Introductions and Announcements. Art Wells introduced the officers and committee chairs present, noting the need for Budget, Human Services, and Public Safety committee chairs to revitalize the Federation's structure for study and decision making. He asked the district reps to recruit committee members, described his meetings Supervisors about the Federation's role, and announced that Gerald Connolly, vice chair of the BOS and former Federation president will be the featured speaker in November

Bill Hanks was recognized for his quick return to Federation business after a second bypass operation.

Reports. Clay Peters, Environment committee chair, reported on his testimony to the BOS re subsequent funding of \$225,000 for updating of maps designating perennial streams.

Treasurer Charles Dane reported a balance of \$1061.54, which is insufficient to finance monthly Bulletins. Art Wells congratulated Peter Brintzer and other directors for getting out an informative September *Bulletin* well in advance of the membership meeting, and noted that Jeff Parnes, head of an ad hoc group addressing communications, has submitted a report for consideration by the directors.

Tom Stanners, chair of the Audit committee, will present his report to the directors next week.

In his role as Education committee chair, Charles Dane announced that the October meeting program will feature speakers on the School Bond Referendum. The committee has developed a related resolution for consideration by the directors and action by the membership. The committee also is recruiting new members and identifying major issue affecting the quality of education in FCPS. Art Wells noted that he and other Federation reps would continue involvement with the Alliance for Fair School Funding, a group sharing information among school, parent, community and business organizations.

2nd Vice President Carol Hawn reported on the status of ongoing County attempts to develop a single list of community/civic/homeowners associations. The task has been complicated by Supervisors' reluctance to share information, uncooperative management firms, interpretations of privacy law, and lack of technological support.

Legislative Chair Sally Ormsby noted the availability of the Federation's Legislative Proposals for 2001 as a basis for developing proposals for the 2002 session of the General Assembly. The proposals approved at the next directors' meeting will be communicated to members for action at the October membership meeting.

Immediate Past President Bill Bailey recommended and the membership approved sending letters of appreciation to the Fairfax County police, fire, and rescue units who served at the Pentagon crash site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.