

MINUTES
FCFCA Board Meeting
December 27, 2001

1. The Federation Board met at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. Present: Art Wells, Wade Smith, Charles Dane, Jean Packard, Clay Peters, George Smith, Carol Hawn, Ray Steele, Johna Gagnon, and Sally Ormsby.
2. President Wells called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He commented on the excellence of the presentation at the December 13 membership meeting by County Executive Tony Griffin, Police Chief Manger, and Assistant Fire and Rescue Chief Wheatley. He sent a thank-you email to each and received responses from the two chiefs, who indicated a willingness to meet with the Federation at any time. Griffin had already told Wells that he would return to present a briefing on the proposed FY 2003 County budget.
3. Revitalization Policy – A prolonged discussion of a revised County revitalization policy covered a proposal by the “G7” (representatives for each of the seven revitalization districts or areas designated by the Board of Supervisors), the G7 presentation to the Federation Board a few months ago, a “promise” to provide G7 with the Federation’s comments, and scheduled public hearings by the Planning Commission on January 17 and the Board of Supervisors on February 11 on a proposed revision of the County’s revitalization policy. Land Use Chairman Ray Steele had provided copies of a draft Federation statement of its revitalization “objective” and “policies” for the Board’s review and approval. The Board supported Policy f. calling for a mix of housing options to include low cost and affordable units. After discussion for one hour, a motion (Steele/Hanks) was approved that Steele would revise his draft position (see following changes) and provide the final edition to Art Wells to use as he sees fit. The changes agreed to are:
 - Objective 4. In the first sentence delete “The FCFCA desires that” and add “should” before “become.” Change the last sentence to read: “Housing options should be include wherever possible to include low cost and affordable units.”
 - Policy e. Add “lighting” to the list of elements to be addressed.
 - Policy f. Delete the word “housing” before “units” (redundant).

A motion (Ormsby/Peters) passed that the draft revision of the County’s revitalization policy, subject to public hearings on January 17 and February 11, be reviewed and a Federation Board position be developed for the public hearings.
4. Membership meeting on January 17 - FCPS Deputy Superintendent Alan Leis will present the proposed FY 2003 schools budget. The FCFCA Education Committee will meet prior to that meeting to review the proposed budget. There was discussion but no resolution on how the Federation would develop a position on that budget because of timing. It was decided that there would not also be a presentation on Virginia electric deregulation at that meeting.
5. Policy and Procedures Manual – Bill Hanks distributed copies of his proposal, keyed to bylaws provisions, for review and further discussion at the January 24 Board meeting.

6. Corporation Report and Dues – Charles Dane reported that former Treasurer Jim Crawford had submitted the Federation’s annual corporation dues to the SCC and asked about the related report. He received no response. Dane also submitted the annual dues and asked about the report. He was informed that, as of January 1, 2001, the Federation is no longer a corporation and will have to apply for reinstatement at a cost of \$100.00. Ed Ablard is listed as the Federation’s registered agent, to whom the report forms would have been sent. Ablard moved from McLean to Alexandria a few years ago, which probably accounts for the absence of the required report forms. Members noted that anyone can serve as the registered agent and that a Federation Board member, preferably the Treasurer, be given this position, with the Packard Center as the address of record. Dane will coordinate application for reinstatement with Wells.
7. Budget – C. Dane distributed a list of invoices not paid, checks unaccounted for, invoices paid but checks not cashed, and invoices initially claimed as not paid but were paid (report attached). Most apply to the Arts Council for rent, telephone and copying at the Packard Center. One applied to Franco’s Copy Center. Dane reported that the current budget should be adjusted by increasing the Expense item for rent/copying by \$171.74.
8. Membership – Wade Smith reported a current membership of 85, only 15 below the budgeted estimate of 100. Norman Neiss gave him an updated database of association contacts for Providence District. Smith sent 100 membership letters and material and will soon send another 100 to Providence District plus 30 to Mt. Vernon using addresses given to him. He sends a letter regarding the Federation, including the web site address, plus a copy of the brochure. He suggested the potential need for a Membership Committee because of the significant job in maintaining current member and association information as well as developing and maintaining a new email address list.
9. Awards Banquet – Wells reported that Bill Bailey has not responded regarding planning for the awards banquet. No hotel has been booked. If necessary, Wells said he would personally oversee planning for the event.
10. Membership and Board Meetings – BOS Chairman Kate Hanley will speak on County issues on February 21. After considerable discussion, a motion (Hanks/Ormsby) was passed to establish the following meeting schedule for March and April:
 - March 7 – Membership meeting (County Executive Tony Griffin and staff to present the proposed FY 2003 County budget)
 - March 14 – Board meeting (develop draft position on County budget)
 - April 4 – Membership meeting (adopt position on County budget)
 - April 25 – Board meeting
11. Transportation – George Smith
 - (a) distributed copies of a transportation project status report and the “Alliance Report” of the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance (NVTa) for information;

- (b) reported that the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) would meet with the Planning Commission (PC) Transportation Committee in January, their second joint meeting in four years. The PC's primary issue is preservation of right-of-way. Smith solicited issues for discussion, noting TAC has no authority but the PC can initiate action on issues.
- (c) The proposed Route 28 improvements to increase the number of lanes to eight and convert ten intersections to interchanges have been downsized to six lanes and six interchanges because of the impact on air quality. Smith opined that interchanges should improve rather than worsen air quality.
- (d) A regional transportation sales tax of 1.0% is supported by the NVTA because 0.5% would generate only \$60-\$90 million per year, according to TPB (\$130 million according to NVTA), which would not be sufficient to make up the shortfall in funding.

Wells noted that VDOT should be commended for their performance on the “mixing bowl” project in keeping traffic moving well.

- 12. Environment – Clay Peters announced that he will be stepping down as chairman of the committee but will help with the transition to a new chair.
- 13. Cash Proffers – Sally Ormsby distributed for information copies of the Tischler Report on cash proffers, prepared for and at the request of the Board of Supervisors.
- 14. December mailing – The postcard sent to the membership in December was poor—there was no title for Tony Griffin, the print was very small, and the message covered only half of the card. Wells asked Jean Packard to so advise the typesetter and to ensure that the president approve all mailings prior to printing.
- 15. The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Sally B. Ormsby
Recording Secretary *pro tem*