

REDRAFT 1/2/06
Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Special Board Meeting Minutes
December 29, 2005

1. The special Board meeting was held at the Packard Center. Present: John Jennison, Patrick Rea, Bill Hanks, Charlie Dane, Earl Flanagan, Art Wells, and Sally Ormsby.
2. President Jennison called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. The minutes of the December 1, 2005, Board meeting were approved as distributed by e-mail today.
3. Katrina article – The Board commended Esther Ferington’s paper on “Assistance to Gulf Coast Evacuees in Fairfax County” dated December 21, 2005. Dane suggested associations take action by thanking organizations for the work they are doing and asking them how they as citizens might help. Without objection, the Board agreed that the paper should be posted on the Federation’s web site.

Action: Jennison to ask Parnes to post the paper on the Federation’s web site.

4. Stream reclassification – The Board considered the draft resolution on Reclassification of Perennial Streams to Intermittent Streams” as amended by the Environment and Land Use Chairs and edited by Hanks based on comments submitted by Board members. The Board revised the draft to put many of the initialg Whereas statements into a Background statement and to include the reasons for stream classification. The revised draft will be circulated to those committee chairs and the Board members present tonight for concurrence prior to publication in the newsletter.

Action: Ormsby undertook to prepare the revised draft and circulate for concurrence ASAP

5. Parking restrictions – Flanagan reported on a Mount Vernon Council draft resolution on Residential Parking Permit Districts (RPPDs) and the parking of boat trailers, commercial vehicles, motor homes and similar vehicles on public streets. Since the County currently allows RPPDs near high schools and transit stations that prohibit parking by non-residents, Flanagan sent a draft Federation resolution supporting the Council, minus the RPPD text, to County staff and Mount Vernon residents for comment. They are considering a possible “opt in” or “opt out” provision. The current state law (§46.2-1222) applies to parking of commercial vehicles and recreational vehicles under 12,000 pounds on public streets.
6. Education Committee – Dane reported on the survey of Federation Board members requested by the FCPS Superintendent regarding programs to be enhanced or reduced depending on increased or decreased funding. The survey results may be discussed at the January 24 Superintendents Community Advisory Council meeting. The Federation Education Committee will meet on January 16. The proposed FCPS Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is available for public review. Dane opined whether it might be possible to negotiate with the business community on a trade-off of the proposed Virginia contractor tax for an increase in the local meals tax.

7. Legislation – Ormsby reported that the General Assembly will convene on January 11. The Northern Virginia delegation will hold its annual public hearing on January 3, at which Jennison will present the Federation’s 2006 Legislative Program.
8. Citizen of the Year program – Ormsby noted that the deadline for nominations is January 15. Jennison hopes to obtain the new governor as the banquet speaker. The 2004 grant from the Washington Post for \$1,500 has still not been received. Ormsby suggested that the Federation should request its 2005 grant from the Washington Post soon.

Action: Jennison will follow up with the Washington Post re the 2004 grant money and request a \$1,500 grant for 2005.

9. Brochure – Jennison reported that he received the blueline proof of the new brochure from Classic Printing today.
10. Transportation – Jennison reported that the Governor-elect expects to hold another transportation town meeting in Northern Virginia, possibly on January 3 at George Mason University.
11. BRAC and Fort Belvoir – Flanagan reported that Senator Toddy Puller is a member of the BRAC Committee. As the Mount Vernon member of the County’s Transportation Advisory Commission, Flanagan is asking for an interchange at Fort Belvoir and the Fairfax County Parkway as well as a new VRE station near I-95 and the Parkway to serve the increased number of employees coming to Fort Belvoir as a result of BRAC.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Sally B. Ormsby
Secretary *pro tem*