

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting at Marco Polo Restaurant on 21 December 2006

Amended minutes approved at the February 22, 2007 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 P.M. by President John Jennison. Jeffrey Nolan, Second Vice President, was appointed secretary pro-tem. John reviewed the calendar, per the agenda.

Merrily Pierce said that there would be a joint meeting on a regional mobility plan at a location TBD in Reston on 15 February.

Tom Davis will be the speaker at the Citizen of the Year banquet. He approached John last year to request to speak to the Federation. Tom has always been at the banquet reception for as long as Merrily can remember.

The calendar for the year was then reviewed. Delegate Shannon will attend the 17 May meeting. The annual picnic will be on 21 June. The October and December minutes will be approved at the next meeting. The deadline for the newsletter is 29 December; Steve needs a volunteer.

Speaking of our local environment, three to eight people per year are dying due to PM-10 and SO₂, according to a special environmental assessment for the Mirant Power Plant in Alexandria. The letter from the Department of Energy (DoE) said that the plant must operate based upon the dispersion model (PM-2.5) in the special environmental impact assessment. The justification for continued operation of the plant is that it is needed to support emergency functions that don't have emergency backup power generation, i.e., it is a surge plant.

A summit for Climate Change (vice Global Warming) is being planned. The CO₂ Reduction in Emissions resolution drafted by Flint and John [amended to reflect: Walt] was passed at the last general membership meeting.

On the topic of membership, it appears that no one has received any of the 45 membership letters sent in October. Jeff Parnes will put the upcoming program agenda in the follow up mailing. Requests for membership forms may be sent to jeff@parnes.net.

The Citizens Corps Council reorganized for last year. The bylaws were completed at the end of August; they will be approved at the 13 January meeting, where they will also bring aboard the Federation member. Virginia is one of the better states; a \$5,000 grant is available to hold an emergency preparedness resource fair. Reston is concerned with pedestrian safety as many use the W&OD trail to bike to work. Reflective vests were recommended as one part of the solution to pedestrian/car and bicyclist/car public safety problems. The good news is that this is the fourth year in a row with a decline in public safety incidents.

At the Sully District meeting last night, the four delegates in attendance – Hugo, ~~Yupato~~ [amended to reflect: Caputo], Rust, and Plum – were split on ~~user/usage fees~~ [amended to reflect: new fees for transportation]. There is a Northern Virginia package to raise \$400-500M per year for Northern Virginia. Businesses are in favor of the package, which includes \$5K in fees on \$500K house sales, car and hotel taxes, \$100 fee for new driver licenses (if the applicant did not take driver education), and other newcomers' fees. However, it is not believed that the Assembly will pass a broad-based tax. \$1B is needed state-wide. Governor Kaine has promised \$500M in a one-time allotment to transportation districts that include Prince William, Loudon, Fairfax, Arlington, and cities/towns within these counties.

John offered to buy one round at the bar. Merrily then moved that the meeting be adjourned. This was seconded by Jeff Nolan. Hearing no discussion, the vote was unanimous to adjourn the meeting at 9:53 P.M.

Meeting Attendees:

1. Charlie D.
2. Earl F.
3. Bill H. (arrived @ 9:06 P.M.)
4. John Jennison
5. Jeff Nolan
6. Jeff Parnes
7. Merrily Pierce
8. Scott S.
9. Flint W.

[End of minutes]