

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

7:30 pm, Thursday, 24 April 2008

Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes

Calendar Review (Proposed):

Month	Membership	Board
May	15 - Report from Richmond from several of our local	22
	legislators	
June	19 - Picnic - State of Fairfax by BOS Chair	26

Rotating recording secretary for board minutes - Apr - Roger, May - Art, Jun - Jim- if you can't make your meeting switch with another designee!

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes -

- 29 November 2007 Charlie minutes approved, but do not have final corrected copy
- 21 December 2007 Merrily were minutes approved?
- 24 January 2008 Tania secretary pro tem for January
- 6 March 2008 Bill secretary pro tem for March

Treasurer's Report - Scott Schlegel

Treasurer's Report:

Organizational Topics -

- Jeff-
 - Board Vacancies Recording & Corresponding Secretaries
 - Invitations sent to Senators Ken Cuccinelli and Richard Saslaw, and Delegates Mark Sickles and Tom Rust for May Report from Richmond meeting. Need to follow up with Sickles, others accepted
- Charlie
 - Revised membership/dues structure
 - Montgomery County Civic Federation's dues structure:

http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/MontgomeryCountyCivicFederationDuesandMembershipSchedule.pdf
Their purpose and membership:

 $\frac{\text{http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/MontgomeryCountyCivicFederationsPurposeAndMembershipStatements0}{80205.pdf}$

- A suggested alternative to the above dues structure: http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/MontgomeryCountyCivicFederationsPurposeAndMembershipStatements0

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- · Picked up records of former Federation president Maroni, and will bring to the board meeting
- Esther
 - Airports Advisory Committee
 - Joe Chudzik and I had a good talk and he has agreed to remain as our rep on the Airports Advisory Committee until we find someone who can take on that role and replace him there. He has served for some time on the committee but has a number of schedule conflicts with their meeting times. So, while the position is not vacant, we are looking for a new representative.
 - CJAB
 - Jim Davis put forward Amy Coggin as a possibility for CJAB. She got right back to me after I left a message and came to our April 17 meeting to see us face-to-face. I had a good feeling from the conversation as well.
 - She is a lifelong resident of northern Virginia and a GMU graduate. She has been involved in the indigent defense system for some years as an investigator for public defenders at the federal and commonwealth level,

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and she also has her own private investigation firm (criminal defense cases, not domestic work). While she has done federal investigator work, she is currently assigned to the public defender in Fairfax County. She explained to me that her position is paid out of commonwealth funds and is not part of the county budget.

- I have e-mailed her the web page address for CJAB. I think Jim has put forward a good candidate for us.
- Trails and Sidewalks
 - Mark Tipton has been appointed by the BOS and is now in place for Trails and Sidewalks.

Old Business

- Nominating Committee:
 - A Nominating Committee of five (5) persons shall be appointed by the President within thirty (30) days
 after assuming office. The Nominating Committee shall be chaired by the most recent Past President
 available to serve and shall consist of two District Chairs or District Representatives, and two member
 association delegates or alternate delegates.
 - The Nominating Committee shall provide a progress report on the status of its recruitment efforts at Board Meetings held in March and April.
 - The Nominating Committee's slate shall be published in the call for the May annual meeting. Nominating Committee member consultations may occur at a called meeting or by electronic communications. Following any Nominating Committee report, nominations from the floor are in order.
- Washington Post Coordination Jeff requested that the Post:
 - Linked to our site when discussing our joint sponsorship of the Fairfax County Citizen of the Year Award http://www.washpost.com/community/communityservice/awards.shtml
 - Provide \$1500 in support of the Banquet
 - Have a representative attend our awards banquet.
 - List the Federation us in upcoming civic guides
- COY
 - We received an email from the Northern Virginia Association of Volunteer Administrators inviting us to nominate John Horejsi for an NVAVA award. We forwarded the request to Senator George Barker who nominated John for COY

New Business and Miscellaneous Business

- Bill Lecos, the President & CEO of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce
 - would like an opportunity to speak before the Federation regarding what the Fairfax County Chamber sees as important issues facing Northern Virginia he has agreed to come to one of our Fall meetings
- Washington Regional Equity Network (WREN)
 - Are we interested in participating in this coalition of DC-based non-profits
 http://washingtonregionalequity.net>
- Do we want to support Citizen Corps tent at the Fairfax Fair?
 - \circ If so we need to provide interest and estimated volunteer count

Board & Committee Reports

- Budget Sally Ormsby
 - Jeff's presentation to the BOS can be seen 3:53 into the video http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/budget_hearing_wednesday.asx
- Bulletin/Newsletter Carol Hawn
- Education & Youth Charlie Dane
 - Dick Reed:
 - The Federation has an understandable interest in the Transportation Task Force and its proposals. I believe that my presentation to the School Board on the final report was presented to the Federation last week. I hope it was well received.
 - If I can be of any help to the Federation in digesting the Task Force's work, please let me know. As a former Education Committee Chair for the Federation and the person who guided the FCPS to their partnership with the Federation (Superintendent Domenich signed a formal agreement with the Federation

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that makes the FCFCA the entry-point to the greater Fairfax non-school community), I have a great respect for the FCFCA and believe in its work. Having its backing for the Task Force recommendations would be instrumental in having them adopted. If there is any doubt within the FCFCA about doing this, please see if a conversation or a formal meeting with me would be helpful. I will make myself available at the Federation's convenience to discuss the Task Force, its report and our recommendations.

- I strongly believe that the TF recommendations should reduce transportation costs and improve the education of all FCPS students. The Federation's support for those recommendations would do much to ensure their adoption. Please let me know what I can do to help secure that.
- Best regards
- Environment Flint Webb
 - The Fairfax Federation received a letter from Clean Fairfax Council encouraging organizations to organize neighborhood cleanups. The Council will provide 30 gallon trash bags, clear bags for recyclables, safety vests, gloves, auto litter bags, auto litter bags, a memento for each volunteer and safety tips (supplies on a first come, first serve basis). To set up a cleanup and get your supplies you need to register with Clean Fairfax. Their web site is HTTP://www.cleanfairfaxcouncil.org. One advantage of registering through an organization like Clean Fairfax (as those who attended the recent Green Breakfast knows) is that by following registering and following the safety tips your organization gets some legal coverage
 - At its March 7 meeting, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) adopted a
 resolution to approve the PM2.5 SIP and to address Alexandria's concerns regarding the Potomac River
 Generating Station. The resolution adopted by MWAQC is available at:
 http://www.fairfxfederation.org/committees/Environmental/080307MWAQCResolutionToAdoptPM2(4).p
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- Human Services Vacant
 - Tania Hossain resigned as the Federation's Human Services Chair
- Land Use Jim Colby
- Legislation Sally Ormsby
- Membership Charlie Dane
 - Presentation to MCA 2 April
 - Presentation to PDC 2 May
- Public Safety Merrily Pierce
- Resolutions Bill Hanks
- Transportation Roger Hoskin
- Website Tania Hossain
 - COY CD

District Council Reports

Braddock - Art Wells Mason - Roger Hoskins Lee - Jane Hilder Mt. Vernon - Jim Davis Providence - Rebecca Cate Sully - Jeff Parnes Springfield - Mike Thompson Dranesville - N/A Hunter Mill - N/A

Adjournment

The next membership meeting will be 15 May - Report from Richmond The next board meeting will be 22 May 2008

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MINUTES

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations EXECUTIVE BOARD Thursday, March 6, 2008

The March Meeting of the Executive Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Jeff Parnes at 7:38 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center.

Consideration of Minutes for the previous Executive Board meeting, not available, was deferred.

In the absence of the Treasurer, consideration of a Treasurer's Report was deferred.

President Jeff Parnes announced that Federation General Membership meetings for the next three months would be:

Thursday, March 27, a presentation on the FY 2009 County Budget by County Executive Tony Griffin and Budget Officer Susan Datta;

Thursday, April 17, a report from three Federation representatives serving on three different County Government or School Committees;

Thursday, May 15, the Federation's Annual Meeting with a "Report from Richmond" by bipartisan, bi-chamber representatives of the Fairfax delegation to the Virginia General Assembly.

CONSENSUS was reached to defer a request from Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce President Bill Lecos to present a program outlining the Chamber's outlook on Fairfax County's future until a fall 2008 meeting.

Second Vice President Esther Ferington MOVED the approval of Mark Tipton to serve as the Federation's representative on the County Trails & Sidewalks Committee.

The motion was seconded by Bill Hanks and carried, unanimously.

Second Vice President Esther Ferington then asked for assistance in recruiting a Federation representative to serve on the County's Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Don Hineman joined the meeting and was introduced as the Lee District's new representative to the Federation Board succeeding Johna Gagnon.

Board Members present then introduced themselves identifying their current roles in the Federation.

Copies of a Treasurer's Report prepared by Treasurer Scott Schegel were then distributed by the President.

When no questions were raised, he declared the report received and filed.

A discussion of the recent Citizen of the Year Banquet praised the effectiveness of the co-keynoters and the well-received remarks of the honored Citizen of the Year. Disappointment at the attendance of only 82 was expressed and attributed to:

only one honoree to be recognized (Citizen of the Year) for which only the one list of associates, friends, and relatives had been furnished for invitations instead of the usual 2-4 lists (furnished by Citation of Merit winners---but no such honorees this year);

a ticket charge of \$65 for a dinner for which the hotel charge was \$36.

It was reported that the hotel had reduced the guarantee from 150 to 120 and that the currently projected net loss for the event will become a small profit when the <u>Washington Post</u>'s co-sponsorship check of \$1,500 has been received and deposited.

Jeff Parnes then asked for volunteers to serve on a five-member Nominating Committee and announced that he would be asking Immediate Past President John Jennison to serve as Chairman.

Approved by CONSENSUS was the volunteering to serve by District Representatives Art Wells and Don Hineman and Association Representative Bill Hanks.

The President was authorized to recruit an additional Association representative to complete the committee membership.

President Jeff Parnes then asked Legislation Chairman Sally Ormsby, preparer of a draft resolution on the proposed FY 2009 Fairfax County budget, to preside over a budget draft discussion. A wide-ranging discussion followed with several minor or editorial changes accepted by CONSENSUS.

A specific MOTION by Charlie Dane, seconded by Jim Colby, supported raising the \$.89 for each \$100 of residential property assessment to \$.91 until such time as total County residential property tax assessments are restored to the year 2007 level.

The motion was approved on a 5-3 vote.

Subsequently, CONSENSUS was reached to publish \$.91 [\$.92] in the Newsletter draft and ask the General Meeting membership to choose between a two cent or a three cent increase and to specify that any approved increase be appropriated two-thirds to the FCPS allocation and one-third to other County programs.

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Name of Organization/Individual______ Date _____ Date _____ Number of Households (Approx)_____ Annual Dues (see below) \$ _____ (Make checks payable to Montgomery County Civic Federation)

Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Members	Voting Privileges	
Local Association (civic, community,	30 to 300		\$45*	2		
homeowner or municipality. Must represent at least 30 households – not paid members.	301 to 600		\$65*	3	Yes	
Can not be a single local issue group.)	601+		\$85*	4	1	
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Umbrella Association (Two or more local associations. Cannot be single local issue	501 to 1000		\$65*	3		
group.)	1001+		\$85*	4		
Regional or County-Wide Organization environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$45*	2	Yes	
ndividual Associate	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No	
Associate Group (Gov't agency, business, or other organization)	(not applicable)		\$85*	2	No	

Can select less than the allowed number of members and pay according to that number. List your members below. Each member will receive our newsletter via US Mail unless he/she elects to receive an email notice that the newsletter is available for downloading. Please check the email box below for those who will receive the email notice. *You may also take a \$5 discount off the dues for each person who elects to receive the newsletter email notice. Please provide the email address whether or not newsletter email notification is selected. We are planning to produce a membership directory. Please identify whether you want your email address included.

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⁺President of applying organization or permanent substitute designated by the president.



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Addressing community and countywide issues for 79 years

The Civic Federation was formed in 1925 to promote civic, community and general welfare in Montgomery County.

In recent years, it has given special attention to schools, transportation, land use management, the environment, and the county budget. Its basic purpose is to protect and improve the quality of life for all county residents.

The Federation is nonpartisan and does not endorse candidates for public office. Its member

organizations are primarily neighborhood civic associations but we also have a few municipalities and businesses as members. Each member organization names voting delegates to the Federation (from two to four, depending on its size). One delegate must be the organization's president. Delegates volunteer their time and talents to the Federation and receive a monthly newsletter.

An individual, not a delegate by the preceding paragraph, may join as a "Federation Associate." Associates receive the newsletter and participate in our activities but they cannot vote or make motions at our monthly meetings.

The Federation meets at 7:45 on the second Monday of each month except July, August, and December. If that Monday is a holiday, we meet the next evening. All delegate meetings are open to the general public.

Elected Officers and appointed officers and committees are responsible for most of the Federation's activities subject to guidance and confirmation by the Delegates. Officers and committee chairs comprise the Executive Committee which meets regularly to make detailed plans for the Federation's activities.

The Bylaws provide that all formal positions taken by the Federation are established by approval of a resolution or motion at a regular meeting. Normally, the proposed resolution is printed in the newsletter prior to the meeting.

Resolutions on new subject matter, proposed by a motion from the floor and seconded by Delegates from two member associations will referred to the appropriate committee for recommendation and will be included in the agenda for the next meeting. Emergency resolutions, seconded by five other Member Associations may be added to the agenda by affirmative same and acted upon at that meeting.

The membership year runs from July through June. Information on dues can be found on our membership form.

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Thoughts on New Dues Structure for Federation

	# of Residences	<u>Dues</u>	# of Votes
Individual	under 100	\$20	1
Associations	100-1000	\$40	2
	Over 1000	\$60	3
Individuals		\$10 or \$20	0 unless member of Board
	# of Members	<u>Dues</u>	# of Votes
Umbrella	less than 10		
Associations	10-50		
	Over 50		
Alternative	regardless of size	\$60	1
Every assoc.	with umbrella gp	\$10 for fir \$20 for ot	

Or after the first 3 join the pay and votes are according to size of association The purpose of this approach is to encourage additional individual associations to join, thereby giving the umbrella association votes similar to those it receives under the present dues structure.

	# of Memberships	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Votes</u>
Regional or County-wide	less than 50	\$20	1
Organizations	more than 50	\$40	2

MWAQC Resolution to Adopt PM2.5 SIP Adopted March 7, 2008

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) was certified in 1992 by the governors of Maryland and Virginia, and the mayor of the District of Columbia to prepare regional air quality plans demonstrating attainment of federal criteria pollutant standards for the Washington, DC-MD-VA non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, in January 2005 EPA designated the Washington region as a nonattainment area for the annual PM2.5 standard and as such Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia are required to submit a state implementation plan (SIP) and an attainment demonstration to EPA by April 5, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the monitors in the Metropolitan Washington region, including the five monitors in Northern Virginia, have demonstrated compliance with both the annual and 24-hour standards (1997) for fine particles since 2005; and

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2007, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) decided even though the region shows compliance with EPA's fine particle standards, to prepare a plan (SIP) to further reduce levels of fine particle pollution by 2009; and

WHEREAS, EPA - approved models used to demonstrate attainment in the fine particle SIP indicate the metropolitan Washington region will continue to comply with the federal 1997 standards for fine particles, and

WHEREAS, EPA has not yet approved a methodology for performing microscale analysis of emissions from a single stationary source such as the Potomac River Generating Station (PRGS); and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and its residents are concerned about the impact of fine particle emissions from the Potomac River Generating Station on the health and well being of the residents of Alexandria and the Washington region and desire microscale analysis of the plant's emissions and impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE:

- 1. That MWAQC approve the proposed PM2.5 SIP for the Metropolitan Washington Nonattainment Area.
- 2. However, to fully address the concerns expressed by the City of Alexandria, MWAQC specifically requests:

- a) that VDEQ install a Federal Reference Monitor (FRM) PM2.5 monitor in Alexandria and the monitor will be funded and operated by VDEQ personnel.
- b) that VDEQ convene a PM2.5 Implementation Workgroup of stakeholders in the PM2.5 process to develop a methodology to perform microscale analysis for review and approval by the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board. The City of Alexandria will be invited to participate as a stakeholder.
- c) that within eight months of SIP submission VDEQ complete a review and develop a quantitative process for microscale analysis of PM 2.5.
- d) that once VDEQ finalizes a quantitative process for microscale analysis that Mirant complete this analysis for the PRGS within a period of six months and make results of this analysis public.
- e) Further, a letter will be drafted and sent by MWAQC to the Commonwealth of Virginia Air Pollution Control Board asking that action be initiated to tighten Virginia's standards from the existing 20% for opacity to 10%. Upon adoption of such a standard, the Commonwealth of Virginia would submit the revised regulation to EPA as a revision to its SIP.