

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Monthly Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 15 May 2008 7:30 p.m.

The Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

Call to Order/Welcome/Updates - Jeff Parnes, Federation President

-Membership Meeting Review:

15 May - Report from Richmond from our local legislators: The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw, Senate Majority Leader, 35th District, The Honorable Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II, Senate, 37th District, The Honorable Chap Petersen, Senate, 34th District, The Honorable Thomas Davis Rust, Delegate, and 86th District

19 June - Picnic - The State of Fairfax by the Chair of the Board of Supervisors

Program: Report from Federation Task Force and Committee Appointees

Speakers:

The Honorable Richard L. Saslaw, Senate Majority Leader, 35th District,
The Honorable Kenneth T. Cuccinelli, II, Senate, 37th District,
The Honorable Chap Petersen, Senate, 34th District,
The Honorable Thomas Davis Rust, Delegate, 86th District

Approval of 17 April 2008 Membership Meetings Minutes - Esther

Treasurer's Report - Scott

Elections - John

- **Nomination Committee Report:**
 - President: Jeffrey Parnes
 - First Vice Pres: Charles Dane
 - Sec. Vice Pres.: Esther Ferington
 - Treasurer: Scott Schlegel
 - Recording Sec.: No nominee
 - Corresponding Sec.: No nominee
- **Nominations from the floor:**
- **Elections**

Old Business

- **Board vacancies - Jeff**
 - Still vacant: (Recording & Corresponding secretaries)
- **BRAC - Art**
- **Payday lending - Sally**
- **Banquet Report - Scott**

New Business:

- **Report from the Nomination Committee - John**

Committee Reports

Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol Hawn
COY - John Jennison
Education & Youth - Charles Dane

At the last board meeting I distributed possible FCPS budget reductions for discussion, and I thought that there was general agreement with the proposal. Your Education Committee has now finalized these items

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and draft testimony on the FCPS FY09 Budget. The reductions listed below are almost the same as circulated at the board meeting, and the draft testimony is attached. It did not seem necessary to list the specific amounts in the testimony and they may not be exact. However, I think the testimony gives the right guidance to the FCSB as they develop the final budget.

Reduce GASB45 funding by half 1/	4.0
Reduce the # of buses leased/purchased	1.1
Eliminate expansion of full-day kindergarten 2/	3.0
Eliminate expansion of FLES 2/	1.5
Reduce COLA for teachers & staff by 0.5% to 2.5% 3/	8.0
Reduce administrative executives COLA by 1% est.	0.7
Increase class size by an additional 0.5 students 4/	11.0
Further reduction in SASI student tracking program	0.7

30.0

Of course, another scenario would be to go back to all of the other cuts and fees previously proposed by the Superintendent and so strongly objected to in public testimony. And, of course this only gets us back to close to the highest transfer amount that I am expecting.

- 1/ This mirrors the reduction by the Co. Exec. the County side of the budget.
- 2/ The FCSB had already cut these programs by half, and \$1M from SASI.
- 3/ This is after last year's COLA was only 2%.
- 4/ The advertised budget already had increased class size by 0.5 students.

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 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.

I just returned from the Joint Services Environmental Management Conference in Denver. There was a very interesting (and disconcerting) presentation about the removal of ordinance at the Engineering Proving Grounds. The take home message was that the portion of EPG where the Fairfax County Parkway is going was the worst part. They found thousands of pieces of ordinance including mines from World War II that were fully armed. One item - a Japanese beach mine had sulfuric acid vials that were used to initiate the explosion when broken. Fortunately most of the beach mines they found still had in tact acid vials and none exploded. They were able to remove tens of thousands of ordinance based on magnetic anomaly measurements but apparently the construction of the new road bed will require digging 20 ft down so there is a risk that there were single items or smaller caches that will be found during the construction of the highway. One interesting point was that the most troublesome chemical hazards were from choking gas grenades that the Fairfax Police left behind from training they did on the site. Another interesting point is that there were a half dozen items they had never seen and despite sending the pictures around the world for identification they still have not been able to identify them yet.

There was also a good presentation about a tree replacement policy at another Army base that requires that they replace trees removed in construction with trees with the same carbon sequestration potential. I'm thinking about preparing a resolution for the Federation to consider the County adopting such a policy.

I was out of town on travel for the last Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting on February 21st so my summary is drawn from the minutes.

1) Revised O3 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)
EPA has proposed tightening down the NAAQS from effectively 84 parts per billion (ppb) to 75 ppb (the actual previous NAAQS was 0.08 ppm but that was effectively meant that the standard was effectively 0.084 ppm or 84 ppb). In promulgating the standard EPA went against the Clean Air Science Advisory Committee (CASAC) which recommended that

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the NAAQS be set between 60-70 ppb. The EPA also did not follow the CASAC in promulgating the most recent PM2.5 NAAQS which lead to litigation by the many state air agencies including Maryland and DC (but not VA).

Council of Government (COG) staff estimates that the DC region will go from 18 expected exceedances of the current standard to 33 exceedances of the new standard based on historical data. This will also translate into increased costs by Fairfax County to cover the costs for the Fairfax Commuter free-ride program on Code Red days.

EPA also revised the concentrations on which the Air Quality Index (AQI) color code system so it is better aligned with the NAAQS. The old system meant that code orange meant that we had exceeded the NAAQS. In the new system Code Red corresponds to exceedance of the NAAQS.

2) DOE Grant for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Measures and Verification Protocols
COG is developing auto M&V protocols for EERE measures. The first two tasks will identify priority programs and recommended available protocols for further development.

3) Climate Change Steering Committee and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Workshop
The CCSC has taken a position on: 1) the Proposed coal-fired power plant in Wise County, VA, 2) Cafe standards, 3) Energy efficiency block grants, and 4) Green Collar jobs.

The Committee has also completed a best practices guide. Under the current schedule staff will complete a draft report in May. The COG Board will receive the report in June, followed by a 2-month comment period. The final report will be adopted in October.

4) Charles County MD Mirant Fly Ash Contamination
Julie Crenshaw Van Fleet asked for additional information about potential contamination in Charles County caused by disposal of fly ash from power plants owned by Mirant.

5) Virginia Report

PM2.5 SIP submitted to EPA.

The first PM implementation workgroup was held in Richmond. (EPA has subsequently published New Source Review requirements for new PM2.5 sources.)

The Air Board has decided to take over permitting of the Wise County Plant (as they have for the Alexandria Mirant Potomac River plant.

For the Mirant Potomac River Generating Plant the stack merge issue has been tabled.

6) The next TAC meeting will be by conference call on May 13.

If there is anything anyone would like to know more about or issues you would like me to bring up let me know.

Human Services- Vacant

Land Use - Jim Colby

I've had some discussion with Roger Diedrich, Sierra Club, and have a request for an agenda item for our May 15 meeting. Roger is part of a group that has been working toward implementing the Cool Counties Initiative. The group has developed a proposal for "stepping down" the county-wide initiative to the neighborhood level. As developed, the proposal would provide opportunities and guidance for becoming "Cool Neighborhoods." The proposal is to be rolled out soon. Roger would like to present this to the Federation. I support his request. Because I've been away, I am not sure what we have on our plates for the 15th so I do not have a feeling for how this might fit into our agenda. Guess it could be a committee report or it could be a distinct agenda item following up from the presentations last fall. Roger indicates that he could do this in as little as five minutes, although it seems to me that with discussion/questions, probably 10-12 minutes would be better.

Legislation - Sally Ormsby

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Membership - Charlie Dane
Public Safety - Merrily Pierce
Resolutions - Bill Hanks
Transportation - Roger Hoskins
Website - Tania Hossain

Board, Authority, Commission, and County Council Reports

Braddock - Art Wells
Mt. Vernon - Jim Davis
Springfield - Mike Thompson

Mason - Roger Hoskins
Providence - Rebecca Cate
Dranesville - N/A

Lee - Donald Hinman
Sully - Jeff Parnes
Hunter Mill- N/A

Miscellaneous Business/Adjournment

Upcoming Board Meetings

May meeting - 22 May 2008