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Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Membership Meeting of December 18, 2008
Approved MINUTES

The December 18 membership meeting of FCFCA was held at the Packard Center at 7:30 p.m. (Attendance list is attached to file copy.) Jim Colby took notes for the first several minutes and these notes are incorporated here. The minutes for the November 13 membership meeting were approved unanimously as written. President Jeff Parnes noted the vacancies for Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and the Chairs for Human Services, Public Safety, Legislation, and Land Use. Joan Grimm volunteered from the floor to help contact Mason District neighborhood associations that do not currently belong to the Federation. She will be in touch in January with Charles Dane, who as First Vice President is Chair of the Membership Committee.

President Jeff Parnes then introduced Charles Dane in his separate role as Acting Chair of the Legislation Committee to present the proposed draft of the Federation's legislative package for 2009.

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Charles Dane presented a draft of the proposed legislative package as well as several handouts prepared by individuals as proposed amendments or additional language. After some discussion, it was agreed to use the text of the draft legislative package as published in The Bulletin as the reference document for the meeting. He noted that the legislative package had been reviewed in depth by the Board at its most recent meeting, but that the handouts had been supplied since that time.

As in past years, these minutes reflect only the changes upon which votes were held. The final document itself is the record of all other wording changes or corrections that were worked through at the meeting without a vote by general agreement. The following are the individual votes:

By a voice vote, the word "expressly" was deleted under INFRASTRUCTURE, a, 2.

Gail Parker made a motion to add ", with rail and mass transit as the highest priority" to INFRASTRUCTURE, 4, b. Her motion was seconded. The motion passed 19 to 10.

Don Hinman made a motion to add a new section, DELAYED PAYMENT TO ASSOCIATIONS FOR DELIVERY OF RESALE DISCLOSURE PACKET under COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICES. His motion was seconded. The motion passed, as amended, with 28 in favor and 3 abstentions.

Charles Dane moved to include additional text for the rationale for HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING. The motion was seconded. The motion passed, as amended, 28 to 0.

Flint Webb moved to make several changes to the section ENERGY CONSERVATION AND RENEWABLE ENERGY PRODUCTION under ENERGY. The changes were seconded and passed by a voice vote.

Bill Hanks moved that new text be substituted for the PETROLEUM TANK FARMS section under ENVIRONMENT. The motion was seconded. Jim Colby offered a substitute motion to delete the PETROLEUM TANK FARM section. This substitute motion was defeated, with 13 in favor of deletion and 16 against. By a voice vote, the original motion by Bill Hanks was defeated. John Jennison made a motion to make two changes to the existing language, adding "the City of Fairfax and County of Fairfax" and "that minimizes exposure of hazards in residential neighborhoods." The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 6 against, and 3 abstaining.

Charles Dane moved to include a new section on a check-off donation box on the driver's license form application to support the Saves 7 Lives organ registry and agreed to place it under CITIZEN INTERESTS rather than HUMAN SERVICES. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Charles Dane also presented wording changes to the MAINTAIN PRESENT PROFFER PROVISIONS under LAND USE, which were approved by voice vote.

Charles Dane moved to replace the existing language of the HOUSE OF DELEGATES SUBCOMMITTEES section with new language. His motion was approved by voice vote.

Charles Dane also moved to make changes to the solar tax credit section, which were approved by voice vote.

A motion to amend the section HIGH SPEED RAIL with language to "support bond measures for statewide high speed rail along major transportation rights of way on the November 2009 ballot" was made and second. [Unfortunately my notes do not show who made the motion, but I believe it was Carey Campbell.—EF] The motion was defeated, with 10 in favor and 15 against.

Finally, the review of PRIORITIES led to the inclusion of a new ENERGY priority, included in alphabetical order in the list, which passed by a voice vote.

The legislative package, as amended, passed by unanimous voice vote.

Business Meeting —

- a. The resolution in the Bulletin on advertised tax rates for residential property was moved and seconded. The motion, as amended, passed with 11 in favor, 2 opposed, and 3 abstaining.
- b. John Jennison reported that the debate for the Chair of the Board of Supervisors special election will probably be January 27 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. He has been in contact with the League of Women Voters, Council of PTAs, and Fairfax Public Access.
- c. John Jennison also reported that the Citizen of the Year award will be March 8, the second Sunday of March, with the reception at 7:30 and the dinner at 8:30. He reported that the event will return this year to the Fairview Marriott, where it has traditionally been held. He encouraged everyone to submit nominations for Citizen of the Year. The nomination form is on the Federation website.
- d. Bill Hanks reported that the Audit Committee met and reviewed the period from July 1, 2007, to July 1, 2008, and found that the figures are in order. The report of the committee was approved.
- e. The Treasurers Report was received and filed.
- f. Jim Colby, the Land Use Chair, announced that he is moving out of the county and regretfully resigning his position as Land Use Chair as a result. Don Hinman subsequently stated that he is willing to serve as a transition person in this role on a temporary, limited-time basis, pending the appointment of a new Land Use Chair.
- g. Jeff Parnes reported on a discussion at Issues Fairfax about retrofitting current housing.
- h. Charles Dane reported that it appears that the budget shortfall, which had been projected at \$430 million, is now estimated at \$648 to 680 million.
- i. Flint Webb reported that Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties have now been grouped with Baltimore, rather than Washington, under certain transportation conformity requirements, which makes it difficult to form plans for the metropolitan Washington region. An attempt is underway to discuss this with the EPA. The Westfields project is proposing the use of California-style RPA (Resource Protection Area?) mitigation and is asking permission to substitute this type of mitigation. He also suggested replacing the February 19 meeting topic on youth partnerships with one on smart growth.

Next Membership Meeting: January 15, 2009. Superintendent's Proposed FY 2010 Fairfax County Public Schools Budget. Speakers: Richard Moniusko, Deputy Superintendent, and Susan Quinn, Assistant Superintendent for Financial Services, Fairfax County Public Schools.

Next Board Meeting: January 22, 2009

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm