

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
7:30 pm, Thursday, 27 August 2009

Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes

Proposed Calendar:

Month	Membership	Board	Newsletter Deadline
Sep	17 - Metro	24 - Legislation Package (Tania)	28 Aug
Oct	15 - Legislation Package (Tania)	22	25 Sep
Nov	19 - Tyson's Corner Plan	None	23 Oct
Dec	17 - Storm Water	3 (pending meeting room reservation)	27 Nov
Jan 10	21 - School Budget Presentation (Charlie)	28	27 Dec
Feb	18 - Open	None (note early March meeting)	29 Jan
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation (4 th Thursday)	4 (1st Thursday) Budget	12 Mar
Apr	15 - Report from Federation Appointees & Representatives (Kahan)	22	2 Apr
May	20- Report from Richmond (Selected Fairfax County legislators)	27	23 Apr
Jun	17 - Picnic - State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, BOS Chair, Officer Installation	24	28 May

Organizational Topics - Jeff Parnes

• **Board Vacancies and Appointments:**

• **Committee Chairs -**

- Human Services still vacant
- Carol has indicated that this will be her last year as editor - any suggestions as to who would be able to replace her?
- Kosmo has agreed to assist me in the task of maintaining the website, but has chosen to renounce all board positions and so will become a member of the budget committee rather than a co-chair

• **Known absences:** Flint, Patty, Don, Roger, Bill, John

• **Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol**

- Newsletter articles due **28 August, this Friday!**

• **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes -**

- 28 Jan 09- Carol Hawn secretary pro tem - still in progress
- 23 Apr 09 - Roger Hoskin secretary pro tem -In July the minutes were reviewed and minor changes proposed. The revised minutes are scheduled for approval at this meeting. The minutes before edit are available at <<<http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/200904MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>>>. We need the revised minutes so they can be reviewed prior to this meeting
- 25 Jun 09 - Ed Wyse Recording Secretary: The draft minutes are available at <<<http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/200906MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>>>
- We are missing approved minutes for Feb 09 membership meeting

Treasurer's Report - Scott

- The Federation's annual report and registration form for 2009 was filed:

<<<http://fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/090823FCFCACorporationRegistration.pdf>>>

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Old Business

- **Dues and voting structure for associations with over 5000 members | Charlie**—In June Charlie mentioned that the Burke Centre Conservancy Home Owners Association (HOA) represents over 5800 homes and is not a member of the Federation. He thought its mega-size mightn't be consistent with the current dues and voting rights scheme of the Federation, which is:

Membership Strength	Annual Dues	Votes in Federation Deliberations
< 100	\$20	1
100 - 1000	\$40	2
> 1000	\$60	3

- Charlie questions whether an extra large HOA should have greater voting rights and whether enhanced voting power would help entice mega-sized HOA to join the Federation. He indicated that he would obtain statistics on the sizes of member and non-member associations in the county that are of larger size and report his findings tonight.
- **Status of ongoing review of the Implementing Policies and Procedures document** - Bill (Absent)
<<<http://www.fcfca.org/bylaws/Policies&Procedures030724.pdf>>>
 - The initial division of labor for our 3-member P&P Review Committee was:
 - Jennison--first draft of complete rewrite of Supplement B
 - Hanks & Fee-- possible modifications to everything preceding Supplement B
 - John Jennison's intent is to have the P&P updated for the COY and have reference to a further, more flexible book for the more detailed instructions
 - John Fee is updating pages 1-18 to include "mission statements" for each committee.
 - The environmental committee includes this language "b) review proposals to establish, expand, or reduce environmental programs before the Congress or Virginia General Assembly." Similar language could be included in the community services committee, education committee, and public safety committee--in the event that the Federation wished to comment/advocate on national or commonwealth activities. The limitation on review of proposal by the legislative branch seems unduly restrictive inasmuch as executive agency programs may also interest the Federation. (That said; this may be far more than the Federation committee may be able to undertake, but why should this document prohibit such review if the Federation wants to do it).
- **Thinning of Federation storage** - Jeff
 - The Board needs to review our remaining files for retention purposes: Task - after each board meeting the President and Corresponding Secretary (and whoever else would like to join us) go through one file cabinet drawer to determine what to retain, archive or recycle.
- **Resolution on support for a transit study** - Carey & Roger (Absent)
 - At last month's board meeting the board passed a resolution in support of Congressman Connelly's bill calling for stimulus money to be used to study expanding transit (Metro) in No Va. The bill was furnished to our elected and other officials in the county, state and federal governments by Esther. We plan on presenting the resolution to the membership at our September meeting.
<<<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Transportation/FCFCAMetrorailLetter&Resolution090727.pdf>>>
- **Signs to direct motorists to the VRE stations** - Carey
 - Stimulus money will be used to purchase 120 highway signs to direct motorists to the VRE stations. Carey was asked to present his research on the matter (including current plans for the 120 signs and cost of options) and to draft a resolution for Federation consideration in support of installing electronic sign boards along highways leading to the stations that can announce real-time VRE information such as arrival time of next train and delays.
- **Underground Framing -Kate Hanley's photo ready** - Scott/John (Absent)
 - Was the portrait ever picked up?
 - John reports that he has have not done anything with this.
- **Fairfax Federation Forum** - Jeff

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- In order to facilitate discussions and cut down on the number of emails that are sent to the board-wide distribution, Jeff enabled the forum option on our website at [<<http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php>>](http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php)
- Please review it so we can discuss it at tonight's meeting and decide if we wish to open it up to our membership.
- **Future of Packard Center and Implications for Federation**—The Federation needs to find a new meeting room and location to store its files.

New and Miscellaneous Business

- **The Federation has been asked to sign a new lease.** Scott/Charlie
 - Scott reports that the lease looks pretty straight forward and reflects what Susan Rosenbaum (Arts Council) discussed on the phone. We have already made 2 rent payments.
- **As a favor to our landlord:**
 - The 39th annual International Children's Festival, produced by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, is returning to Wolf Trap on September 19th and 20th.
 - Buy Your Festival Tickets Early! New this year is a 20% Discount: \$8 for adults and \$4 for seniors & children (children 2 and under are free).
Ticket information available at [<<http://internationalchildrensfestival.org/tickets>>](http://internationalchildrensfestival.org/tickets)

Board & Committee Reports

- Association Services - Don Hinman (Absent)
- Budget - Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall
 - Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - Braddock District Council has asked the Federation to brief their Citizen Budget Advisory Committee. Kosmo has agreed to represent the committee to explain the county budget structure and how the Federation Budget Committee attacked the beast.
 - This might make a newsworthy article - "Federation to help district council in budget examination that could be sent to all Supervisors and other district councils."
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
- Environment - Flint Webb (Absent)
 - I spoke to Roger Diedrich. He has agreed to be acting Environmental Chair for this Thursday's meeting and will help me find a permanent co-chair. He would like to propose that either the Federation endorse a letter the Sierra Club is drafting about the County's Energy Policy not going far enough to reduce greenhouse gasses or he may have a Resolution along the same lines that he would like to bring up.
 - Roger reports that the attached 6-15 policy is what some in the Sierra Club found to be unacceptably weak. [<<http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Environmental/FCEnergyEECCC_Policy_090615Draft.pdf>>](http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Environmental/FCEnergyEECCC_Policy_090615Draft.pdf)
It is a draft and will go to the Board's Environmental Committee (Committee of the Whole, Chaired by Supervisor Gross) and upon approval (Sept?), will go the Board so thereafter.
 - The other attachments are the Sierra Club's revised policy and their cover letter. [<<http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Environmental/FCEnergyEECCC_Policy_090615Draft_SierraClubRevisions.pdf>>](http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Environmental/FCEnergyEECCC_Policy_090615Draft_SierraClubRevisions.pdf)
[<<http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Environmental/090824SierraClubLetteronFCEnergyEECCC_Policy_090615Draft.pdf>>](http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Environmental/090824SierraClubLetteronFCEnergyEECCC_Policy_090615Draft.pdf)
 - If possible, he will produce a redline version of the policy, and bring other backup material for the discussion
 - That should get us through this month and we have a plan to identify a new co-chair in the future for a more permanent solution
- Human Services - **Vacant**
- Land Use - Fred Costello
 - Two issues mentioned at our June meeting:
 - The County's assuming responsibility for settlement ponds, in particular at the Kingstowne development;
 - The absorption of all of the County's infrastructure and bond capacity by the development of Tyson's.

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- o There is a new issue down in the Lorton area. I talked to Mike Grogan (MGrogan@wrginc.com) of the South County Citizens Federation. The County is considering adding a new landfill area in South County. Opening a new landfill contradicts a stated (2004) County policy. The idea of opening a new landfill was raised and developed in meetings of an unpublicized internal County committee composed of staff from the departments of Public Works, the Park Authority, Planning and Zoning, and Finance, without any input from the impacted community. Only via a Freedom of Information Act request did the community learn of the staff committee's intent. The two issues are (1) reversing the policy of no new landfills and (2) reversing the transparency policies of the County by secret meetings that impact South County citizens, without involving the citizens.
- o There is another aspect of the South County issue that I don't know how to formulate. ESI, an engineering company, proposed to the County to expand its private construction-debris landfill and continue its policy of enhancing the community. The County accepted the idea but, in its secret meetings, planned to do the same but under its own auspices, with a new landfill rather than ESI's, implying that the County can do the job cheaply because it does not make a profit. As an engineer, with my own engineering company, I have seen this process before: the government taking over a creative idea proposed to it by a private enterprise. A good report on the issue can be found at:
<<<http://www.chroniclenewspapers.com/articles/2009/08/13/news/viewpoints/view01.txt>>>
- o Because I called Mike Grogan, he said that he will recommend that the South County Citizens Federation join our Association.
- Legislation - Tania Hossain
- Membership - Tania
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks (Absent)
 - Kosmo provided the following suggestion for better handling of long resolutions like the Legislative Package and the County Budget, although it might take a change in the Bylaws:
 - o Do the nitty-gritty and wordsmithing work at two (maybe even three) sessions of the Board, inviting the Membership to attend and comment too,
 - o Even though they maybe could not vote (or put into the Bylaws that they can vote in special joint Board/Membership meetings), and present the result for an up-or-down vote only (except maybe for errors of fact) at the Membership meeting.
 - o Those Members who care enough about the issues should attend the "working sessions". As it is now, too much time is spent rehashing the same issues at both the board meetings and the membership meetings for these long, complicated resolutions. The membership meeting is probably not the place to do it.
 - Bill appreciates Kosmo's idea as a constructive proposal for consideration, but just disagrees;
 - o Our current three step process of (1) committee initiation; (2) Board refinement, and (3) Membership Meeting finalization suggests THREE TIMES IS ENOUGH
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin (Absent) and Carey Campbell
- Jeff posted this on the FFF
<<<http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php?PHPSESSID=ca6b04f0f4a101dd8bd6557f5f314778&topic=7.msg11#new>>>
 - o The 4 August Fairfax County Times ran an article indicating Congressman Moran asks for delay at Fort Belvoir due to unfunded BRAC transportation needs: <<<http://fairfaxtimes.com/news/2009/aug/04/moran-asks-delay-fort-belvoir/>>>
 - o They also ran an editorial supporting the Congressman's position, "Put brakes on Belvoir move,":
<<<http://fairfaxtimes.com/news/2009/aug/04/put-brakes-belvoir-move/>>>
 - o He believes that the Federation should support this motion and also believes that we are best served when we move with what is being proposed instead of proposing what be clearly out of reach.
 - o Our thoughts? Could and should the Federation Board prepare a motion at our August meeting for membership consideration in September?
- Carey comments:
 - o A Federation Resolution calling on Congressmen Moran, Connolly, and Senators Webb and Warner to include these appropriations: \$2 Billion for Metrorail to Ft Belvoir and \$500 million for light rail to Ft Belvoir in Fy2010 DOD budget.

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- The full House has approved \$630 Billion, the Senate appropriations committee \$680 Billion. Moran is on House appropriations committee. Rail funds can be inserted on the floor of the Senate, and in the House Senate reconciliation.
- Further: There are funds in the DOD budget for a great many diverse items beyond both guns and butter. The necessary rail to get to the expanded BRAQ bases should be included in FY2010. Provided need rail appropriation first. Build the needed Rail before base expansions.
- With all due respect to a fine public servant, the Congressman's proposal doesn't solve the problem. The rail appropriation provides the positive solution to grow the economy.
- Website - Jeff Parnes

District Council Reports (Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

- Braddock - Art Wells
- Lee - Don Hinman (Absent)
- Mason - Roger Hoskins (Absent)
- Mt. Vernon - Karen Pohorylo
- Providence - Charles Hall
- Sully - Jeff Parnes
- Springfield - Mike Thompson

Adjournment

The next membership meeting will be 17 September 09

The joint board meeting is scheduled for 24 September 09