

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
7:30 pm, Thursday, 24 September 2009

Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes

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

Administrative Topics - Jeff Parnes

• **Officers and Board Vacancies and Appointments:**

- Co-Recording Secretary - Patty Parker is moving to Laos and so must resign. If you are interested in serving in her stead for the remainder of the 2009/10 term or know a likely candidate please contact Jeff (FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).
- Human Services - Need Chair
- Environment - Need Co-Chair to help Flint
- Audit - Need third committee member - if interested please contact Bill Hanks (FedResolutionsChr2009@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Bulletin - Carol is planning to step down after the June 2010 bulletin. If you're interested in serving as Editor when she steps down please either contact her (FedBulletinEditor2009@fairfaxfederation.org) or Jeff (FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).

• **February Meeting Topic** - We need to decide. Ideas proposed for the program topic for the February 2010 membership meeting include:

- Address by Congressman Gerry Connolly (
- Follow-up brief on the Greater Washington 2050 Plan (Art)
- Fire and Police Olympics (Esther says she's not sure she has the name right) as an interesting, fresh topic that will get people thinking about something new. Some of my questions would be how we as a county go after these events and why, is it part of economic development and/or tourism development, are there others in the works -- as well as learning about this fun event! Maybe they would even bring video clips! A Federation role would be cool if that works out, but I think a meeting presentation would be a nice (and easier) first step

• **Known absences or late arrivals:**

- Absent: Scott, Esther (possible)
- Late: Bill

• **Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol**

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- o Newsletter articles due **25 September, this Friday!**
- **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes -**
 - o 28 Jan 09- Carol Hawn secretary pro tem - still in progress
 - o 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.fcfca.org/minutes-agenda/200904MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>>>. We need the revised minutes so they can be reviewed prior to this meeting
 - o 27 Aug 09 - Ed Wyse Recording Secretary: The draft minutes are available at <<<http://www.fcfca.org/minutes-agenda/200908MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>>>
- **Distribution of Approved Resolutions - Jeff**
 - o The membership meeting approved resolutions on Fairfax County Draft Energy Policy and the naming of a Fairfax County park after Sally Ormsby were distributed to the Clerk of the BOS last week:
<<www.fcfca.org/resolutions/ResolutionFairfaxCountyDraftEnergyPolicy090917Approved.pdf>>
<<www.fcfca.org/resolutions/ResolutionSallyOrmsbyPark090917Approved.pdf>>
- **Thinning of Federation storage - Jeff**
 - o After tonight's meeting the President and Corresponding Secretary (and whoever else would like to join us) will go through one file cabinet drawer to determine what to retain, archive or recycle.
- **Kate Hanley's photo - Scott/John**
 - o Jeff has made arrangements to pick up Kate Hanley's photo on Friday, 2 Oct
- **Fairfax Federation Forum - Jeff**
 - o Do we wish to open it up to our membership?
<<<http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php>>>
- **Future of Packard Center and Implications for Federation-**
 - o The Federation needs to find a new meeting room and location to store its files.
- **Treasurer's Report - Scott**
 - o Won't be able to make the meeting tomorrow night because it's his son's back to school night. Attached is the updated Treasurer's Report, which includes the 4 checks Charlie provided last week.
<< <http://www.fcfca.org/minutes-agenda/TreasurersReport090924.pdf> >>

Old Business

- **Signs to direct motorists to the VRE stations - Carey**
 - o At our August board meeting we voted to pursue the strategy of a resolution that seeks to improve VRE ridership through a multi-faceted marketing campaign that would include electronic sign boards as one element. We await Carey's draft resolution for board vetting.
- **Tyson's Corner Task Force - John**
 - o The Planning Commission Tyson's Corner Committee delivered Straw Man II Draft Plan Text. Matthew Ladd has created a pdf of this +200 page document which should be posted to the website. The link is www.fairfaxcounty.gov/tysons.
- **Fairfax County will host the World Fire and Police Games in 2015**
 - o Gail to pursue if there is a role for the Federation

New and Miscellaneous Business

- **Legislation Position for 2010 - Tania**
 - o We will use last year's approved legislation position as a start:
<< <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLegislativeProgram2009App18Dec08.pdf>>>
 - o Charlie D has suggested that we take a position on Car Title Loans:
<<<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Legislation/CarTitleLoan090924.pdf>>>

Board & Committee Reports

- Association Services - Don Hinman

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- Budget - Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall
 - Citizen Budget Advisory Committee
 - Kosmo attended the Braddock District Council's Citizen Budget Advisory Committee, and explained how the Federation conducted its review of and prepared its recommendation on the County budget. Charlie Dane presented the Federation's process in dealing with the School budget. Mike Thompson, the Springfield District Council representative to the Federation, presented the budget views of the Thomas Jefferson Institute.
 - FY 2011 Budget Community Dialogues
 - THE CHALLENGE - Fairfax County is projecting a significant budget deficit for FY 2011 (beginning July 1, 2010). We are in the midst of a multi-year, cyclical downturn requiring that county decision-makers continue to make expenditure and revenue adjustments. Our ongoing challenge is to develop a budget with an appropriate level of services that are both sustainable and acceptable to the community.
 - THE RESPONSE - Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools invite you to register and attend one of 12 Community Dialogues being held this Fall to share your feedback on the impacts of recent budget reductions as well as seeking for solutions to close the FY 2011 budget gap. County decision-makers will use your input as a key factor to help guide the development of criteria for making budget decisions.
 - THE FORMAT - The format will be based on the same, successful format used last year: year: County and Schools' budget presentations followed by staff facilitated small group discussions. Registration is required. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget or call 703-324-2391, TTY 711.
 - THE ALTERNATIVE - If you are unable to attend one of these community dialogues, we still want to hear from you. If you have suggestions or comments, please call the Budget Hotline at 703-324-9400 or complete the Budget Feedback Form online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget
 - Tuesday, September 29, 7 to 9 p.m. - McLean Community Center
 - Wednesday, September 30, 7 to 9 p.m. - West Springfield High School Cafeteria
 - Wednesday, October 14, 7 to 9 p.m. - Marshall High School Cafeteria & South County High School Cafeteria
 - Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m. to noon - Centreville Regional Library & Reston Regional Library & John Marshall Library
 - Thursday, October 29, 7 to 9 p.m. - South Lakes High School Cafeteria & Woodson High School Cafeteria
 - Saturday, November 14, 10 a.m. to noon - Kings Park Library & Sherwood Regional Library & George Mason Regional Library
 - Reasonable ADA accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call 703-324-2391, TTY 711
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
 - The Education Committee has been asked to serve as a clearinghouse for recommendations to improve the Strategic Governance expectations and measures. At its meeting on Tuesday, the committee considered the request and decided to support doing so with the understanding that the committee would review the recommendations and develop pro and con statements which would be forwarded to FCPS. The committee asks for concurrence from the board.
- Environment - Flint Webb
 - **Attended Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) Harmonizing Greenhouse Gas Assessment and Reporting Processes conference - Co-General Conference Chair - September 1 and 2**
 - Take home messages:
 - The emissions from Dominion's natural gas operations are within the error bar of the emissions from the electrical generation operations in terms of CO₂ equivalent tons - but are much harder to quantify.
 - Fence-line monitoring indicates that fugitive (emissions from leaks) emission factors appear to be under estimating actual fugitive emissions by a factor of over 10. But when consider that these emissions account for a small fraction of the overall emissions this may not be a real issue.
 - Mass balance emission factors (which are the way the National GHG emissions are calculated) estimate lower CO₂ emissions than are measured by stack continuous emission monitors by about 20%.
 - **Attended the Fairfax Environmental Meeting September 9**
 - **Chesapeake Bay Clean Water Act is up for re-authorization:** Senator Cardin (MD) is sponsoring legislation. Congressman Gerry Connolly has a storm water bill. Obama administration has issued an executive order.
 - **HOT Lanes:**

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- Construction was stopped for a few days because the stream damage caused by 495 HOT lane construction. HOT lane construction standards are more protective than VDOT standards but are inadequate for protecting the streams. For pictures see: <http://www.accotink.org/HOT.htm>.
- Fairfax Restoration Group to improve stormwater controls.
- I-95/I-395 HOT lane project stopped apparently due to funding issues. But have also been sued by Arlington.
- **Attended the Fairfax Environmental Quality Advisory Committee (EQAC) meeting September 9.**
 - Fairfax County had been managing a number of air quality monitoring sites in the County using funds from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) which in part came from the Federal Government. Because of funding issues the County handed over responsibilities for the monitors to DEQ directly. DEQ has continued to manage the monitors this year, thanks to stimulus funds, but plans on shutting down some if not all next year. They will first analyze the data to make sure the data are not distinct from data from other monitors. DEQ is also required to keep the monitor with the highest readings operating. The Mount Vernon monitor (one of the Fairfax monitors) has traditionally had the highest ozone reading in the County so it will probably be taken over by the State. I suggested they look carefully at the Chantilly monitor because it may show the effect of the new runway at Dulles Airport. Which monitors DEQ plans on discontinuing will be identified in the Network Plan which will come out around July next year. The Network Plan will go to public notice (but you have to let DEQ know you are interested to get a copy). To get on the mailing list for the Network Plan, Contact Charles Turner, Director, office of Air Quality Monitoring, DEQ CLTurner@deq.virginia.gov.
- **Attended Virginia Manufacturer Association's Virginia Industrial Environmental Conference representing the A&WMA as the Vice Chair of the South Atlantic States Section on September 17th.** The A&WMA was given an exhibitor's space in exchange for helping set up a panel on Environmental Management Systems.
 - Take Home Messages:
 - On 16 September, EPA announced that they will be revising the 8-hour ozone (O_3) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) promulgated by the Bush Administration. (The ozone concentrations are measured hourly but the standard is based on a rolling 8-hour average of the hourly readings). EPA indicated that they will be re-opening both the primary standard (designed to protect human health) and the secondary standard (designed to protect the economy and natural resources). The scientific advisory board had recommended the 8-hour O_3 NAAQS in the 60-70 ppb (parts per billion) range for the primary standard and a season total ozone exposure standard for the secondary standard because of low crop yields caused by high concentrations over the summer growing season. But the Bush administration set the primary and secondary standard at 75 ppb. In the announcement yesterday EPA signaled that they would likely be setting the standards in accordance to the science advisory board's recommendations. If the NAAQS were to be set at 65 ppb there is only one monitor in the entire state that would meet the standard. EPA will be proposing a new NAAQS in December with promulgation August 2010. The new State Implementation Plan (SIP) (the plan developed by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) to meet the NAAQS) would be due December 2013.
 - EPA is also looking at revising the NO_2 (nitrogen dioxide) NAAQS but there is no indication yet what that will look like - just that it is likely to be more stringent than the current standard. Washington area is now in attainment of the current NO_2 NAAQS. One concern with the new standard is that EPA is proposing to include road-side monitors which could be a problem for the County. The last time road-side monitors were use was with the old lead NAAQS, back when we were still using leaded gasoline.
 - EPA has also recently revised the lead (Pb) NAAQS. DEQ is pretty confident that the NAAQS is not being exceeded in the state, but since they had not had anything even close to the old standard for many years they discontinued the monitors several years ago. But EPA will be mandating that DEQ have at least some monitors. Virginia is likely to be designated "Unclassifiable" because of the lack of data.
 - EPA is overdue with their designations under the fine particulate matter ($PM_{2.5}$) or particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns or less NAAQS promulgated by the Bush administration. Contrary to the science advisory board recommendations the Bush administration set the 24-hour NAAQS at 35 micrograms/ m^3 and kept the annual standard at 15 micrograms/ m^3 . It appears that the Washington Metro area will be designated attainment for the 24-hour NAAQS. But in another move yesterday (September 16th) EPA announced that they will be following the recommendations of the science advisory board to lower the annual $PM_{2.5}$ NAAQS to the 12-15 micrograms/ m^3 range. In Virginia there are a number of monitors that

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would fall in that range, but DEQ was not ready to say what the effect would be if the EPA were to set the NAAQS at this level for the Washington Metro area.

- Approximately 1/3 of the nitrogen load in the Chesapeake Bay is due to deposition from the air so it is likely that the water programs will require additional controls on air emission sources for NO_x (oxides of nitrogen).
- The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) standards for the Bay are being revised using stimulus funding. There is a lot of attention to cleaning up the Bay. It looks like the TMDLs may not be more stringent, but the Best Management Practices (BMPs) are less effective than previously thought so it will be harder to get to the TMDL.
- DEQ has been revising the TMDLs for a number of streams in the state under a consent decree. But they have not made much progress developing the Implementation Plans and even less progress actually implementing the implementation plan.
- Virginia is in the process of developing a Water Resource Plan which would set the procedures to follow in the event of a drought. Due to global warming it is expected that while the State is expected to get more rainfall - the models are also predicting longer droughts and more intense storm events.
- Exxon-Mobil (E-M) is advocating a revenue neutral carbon tax rather than a cap and trade mechanism for controlling greenhouse gases (GHGs). The concept is that the tax would be applied at the point of the supplier and be passed on to consumers and then the revenue would be distributed back to the citizens on a per capita basis which would counter the regressive nature of the carbon tax. Industry that sequestered the carbon in for instance making asphalt would get tax credit. E-M thinks that this would be much easier to administer and would give a more predictable price signal which would help industry plan efficiently.
- EPA set to regulate GHGs under the existing Clean Air Act programs. They have proposed regulating GHGs from automobiles (as recommended by the Supreme Court) through the Endangerment Finding. Any regulated pollutant must be covered by the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program and by the Title V or Facility air quality permits. The PSD regulations require that all new sources over 50 tons per year must be regulated. The Title V regulations require that all sources with a potential to emit more than 100 tons per year must be regulated. EPA has stated that they intend to only regulate sources with over 25,000 tons per year of emissions. But the limit is arbitrary and likely to be overthrown in the Courts requiring that they regulate down to the traditional PSD and Title V thresholds. This is everyone's nightmare scenario and it is hoped that Congress will promulgate legislation that will clarify what EPA should do to regulate GHGs. All the proposed legislation does clarify that GHGs should not be regulated under PSD and Title V, but unfortunately the bills are not moving and Health Care has "sucked all the oxygen" out of the room.
- Human Services - **Vacant** (Anyone willing to represent the Federation at the following event?)
 - The Fairfax County Health Department is pleased to invite you to a screening and discussion of the opening episode of the ground breaking PBS documentary series UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is inequity making us sick?
 - Unnatural Causes goes beyond popular conceptions linking health to medical care, lifestyle choices, and genes to explore evidence of other powerful determinants: the social conditions, in which we are born, live and work. Challenging the nations' approach to prevention, which is limited to encouraging healthy behaviors and managing individual risks, the series spotlights the growing body of evidence demonstrating the need for more "upstream" policies that provide everyone the opportunity for good health.
 - The opening episode - In Sickness and in Wealth - captures the documentary's overarching themes: health and longevity are correlated with socioeconomic status; racism imposes an additional risk burden; and solutions lie in tackling our growing inequality. The screening will be held at the Rowland Conference Center, Fairfax County Health Department Kelly Square building (10777 Main Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030) on Friday, November 6, 2009 from 2:00 P M to 3:30 PM.
 - The screening is approximately one hour and will be followed by a 30 minute discussion. Our goal is to capitalize on this important dialogue to facilitate the integration of health equity principles into the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) process and ensure that upstream social determinants that negatively impact the health of the Fairfax community are identified during this community-driven health assessment process.
 - We look forward to your participation. Please RSVP to Jeffrey Edge Jeffrey.edge@fairfaxcounty.gov (703-246-7150) or Sherryn Craig, sherryn.craig@fairfaxcounty.gov (703-246-8664) by Tuesday, October 20, 2009. Please visit <<<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hd/mapp>>> or <<<http://unnaturalcauses.org>>> to learn more about MAPP or the Unnatural Causes documentary.

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- Land Use - Fred Costello
- Legislation - Tania Hossain (see above)
- Membership - Tania Hossain
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
 - I attended a Mount Vernon District Safety Meeting Sep 8. The Fairfax County Police advised of conducting two vehicle inspection stops in South Fairfax County. During the exercise 95% of the trucks stopped had to be taken out of service due to safety issues. One commercial truck was sporting a safety sticker registered to an automobile.
 - Additional item: As a member and Virginia Vice Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee to the Washington DC Metropolitan Area's Transportation Planning Board, I attended a TPB meeting on Sep 16, presented the CAC's report and notes that the TPB voted to support a public-private effort to expand freight capacity in the Washington DC train corridor. The private company proposed to fund \$390M of the effort and a Stimulus Fund grant request of \$160M is being supported. An estimated \$250M may be required in local funding from Maryland, the District and Virginia combined. Thirteen (13) projects in Maryland, the District and Virginia have been identified as necessary to expand capacity and speed to enable the rail lines to accommodate the dramatic increase in freight expected as a result of the new water port in the Hampton Roads area. Without these improvements to expand capacity it will be necessary to truck the freight across Virginia to its destination and to drastically increase freight staging in the District and Virginia.
 - The Citizen Corps Council reports an interesting opportunity for volunteers. Please pass this along to anyone that you think may be interested.
 - The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management has requested 15 volunteers to participate in a full-scale exercise on Saturday, September 26, 2009. The exercise will be held in two locations, Reston and Fairfax, from 8am until noon. Volunteers will act as victims during this exercise.
 - If you are interested in volunteering or would like additional information, contact Marcelo Ferreira at mferreira@volunteerfairfax.org.
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell
 - Mark Tipton, FCFCA representative, Trails and Sidewalks Committee provided this Planning and Design Division Monthly Projects Status Report for sidewalks, trails, bus shelters, and road projects for August that may be of interest. <www.fcfa.org/committees/Transportation/PDDMonthlyStatusReport200908.pdf>
 - The contact for sidewalk requests or maintenance has changed to Chris Wells 703-877-5772 chris.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - The contact for trail requests or trail maintenance on Park Authority land is Jenny Pate 703-324-8726 jenny.pate@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - Let him know if there are any questions.
 - [Burke Centre Whistle Stop Ceremony](#) for Amtrak Virginia's New Northeast Regional service
 - Please join the Fairfax County Department of Transportation at the whistle stop ceremony for Amtrak Virginia's new Northeast Regional service at 10:15 am Wednesday, September 30, 2009, Burke Centre VRE Station, 10399 Premier Court, Burke, Virginia.
 - For more information please contact the [Fairfax County Department of Transportation](#).
- Website - Jeff Parnes

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

- Braddock - Art Wells
- Lee - Don Hinman
- Mason - Roger Hoskins
- Mt. Vernon - Karen Pohoryo
 - I am attaching the MVCCA resolution in support of H.R. 1635, which passed through the transportation committee and will be brought to general council next week.
<<www.fcfa.org/DistrictCouncils/MtVernon/ResolutionMtVernonHR1635-090919Draft.pdf>>
 - I am also attaching the bill for your reference.
<<www.fcfa.org/DistrictCouncils/MtVernon/HR1635_090319.htm>>

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- The transportation committee does not wish to formally support Moran's letter, but suggested that I mention it at general council with the idea to support on an individual basis. The concern of the transportation committee was how to support it appropriately.
- Providence - Charlie Hall
 - On Tuesday, September 29 at 7:15pm at the Thoreau Middle School Lecture Hall, Providence District Council will host a Candidate Forum for Providence District School Board and VA Delegate Races for the 35th, 37th, 38th and 53rd Districts. All candidates have been invited to participate.
 - Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, is located at the intersection of Cedar and Park Street, <http://tinyurl.com/qjguvt>. Enter through the south doors (facing the church) and follow the signs to the Lecture Hall.
 - The Candidates are:
 - School Board: Patty Reed, Christopher DeCarlo and John Jennison
 - VA Delegate 35th: Mark Keam (D) and Jim Hyland (R)
 - VA Delegate 37th: David Bulova (D), Christopher DeCarlo (I) and Anna Choi (IG)
 - VA Delegate 38th: Kaye Kory (D) and Danny Smith (R)
 - VA Delegate 53th: Jim Scott (D) and Christopher Merola (R)
 - Please join us on Tuesday the 29th and bring your questions for the candidates; we will leave significant time for questions from the audience. Also, please invite your association members and any other interested people to come.
- Sully - Jeff Parnes
 - September Membership meeting featured Fire and Public Safety speaker and three Land Use and Transportation items
 - October Membership (28th) meeting is Candidates' night, with invitations sent to all 10 candidates. As of today, four are attending, two sent regrets, and we're awaiting responses from four more.
- Springfield - Mike Thompson

Adjournment

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