

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Membership Meeting Agenda

Thursday, 17 September 2009 7:00 p.m.

Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

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

Calendar:

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

Program: Metro - Safety, Future of Metrorail and Metrobus, Route 1 Corridor and Transit to Tyson's Corner

- Jennifer Green, Virginia Government Relations Officer
- James Hamre, Director (acting) of Bus Planning
- Tom Harrington, Director of Long Range Planning
- Ann Murtha, Manger of Safety Improvement Programs and Initiatives

Administrative Items:

- **Approval of 18 June 2009 Membership Meetings Minutes:** Esther Ferrington, (not present tonight)
<http://www.fcfca.org/minutes-agenda/200906MinutesMemberDraft.pdf>
- **Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schegel:
- **Committee Chair Vacancies:**
 - Human Services - Chair
 - Environment - Co-Chair
- **Need third member of the Audit Committee**
 - If interested please contact Bill Hanks
- **The Federation has signed a new lease for use of the Packard Center for 09-10.**
 - The Federation is exploring new locations to hold its meetings and store its files as the Packard Center may be closed due to cost of required physical facility upgrades,
 - Any member who knows of a suitable location should contact our second Vice President, Kahan Dhillon, at fed2ndvp2009@fairfaxfederation.org.
- **The Federation's annual report and registration form for 2009 was filed:**
 - <<<http://fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/090823FCFCACorporationRegistration.pdf>>>

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Old Business:

- **Extending Metro in No Va:** This spring the board passed a Resolution in support of Congressman's Connolly's proposal for extending Metro in No Va, and informed federal and local officials of our position:
<<<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Transportation/FCFCAMetrorailLetter&Resolution090727.pdf>>
- **Tyson's Corner Study:** (John Jennison)
 - The latest edition of the Planning Commission Roundtable is now available online at:
 - <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/roundtable.pdf>
 - The September 2009 program discusses the recently-authorized Tyson's Demonstration Project and how it might impact future planning for Tyson's Corner. Joining Planning Commission Chairman Peter Murphy are his guests: Aaron Georgelas, Partner with The Georgelas Group; Jim Zook, Director, Department of Planning and Zoning; and Ken Lawrence, Providence District Planning Commissioner.
 - The PC Roundtable is broadcast on Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 10:30 pm on Fairfax Cable Channel 16 when the Planning Commission is not in session. The Roundtable can also be watched online at:
 - http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/pc_roundtable.htm

New Business:

- **Resolution on Fairfax County Draft Energy Policy:** (Roger Diedrich)
 - Recommended by the Federation Environment Committee;
 - Approved by the Federation Board on August 27, 2009 for discussion and adoption by the Federation membership at its September 17, 2009 meeting
 - The resolution has been posted on our website at
<<<http://www.fcfc.org/committees/Environment/ResolutionFairfaxCountyDraftEnergyPolicy090827Draft.pdf>>>.
- **Resolution in support of naming a section of Accotink Stream Valley in honor of the late Sally Ormsby:** (Roger Diedrich)
 - As requested at August's board meeting, Roger has prepared a resolution in support of naming a section of Accotink Stream Valley in honor of the late Sally Ormsby:
 - The resolution has been posted on our website at
<<www.fcfc.org/resolutions/ResolutionSallyOrmsbyPark090827.pdf>>.

Board & Committee Reports

- Association Services - Don Hinman
 - Community, Your Call "Managing Finances".
 - Condominium & homeowner association directors, managers and members should watch this live, call-in cable TV program
 - Thursday, 17 September 2009, Fairfax County Government Channel 16 at 7:00 p.m.
 - <<<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/pdf/Ch16ManagingFinances.pdf>>>
- 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.
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
- Environment - Flint Webb - (Absent)
- Human Services - **Vacant**
- Land Use - Fred Costello
 - The Land Use Committee is working on three items of Countywide importance

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- The County is considering assuming the responsibility for settlement ponds, in particular at the request of the Kingstowne development for its ponds
- Some Federation member organizations estimate that the development of Tyson's Corner may absorb all of the County's infrastructure and bond capacity for the next 50 years so that no other development or re-development will be possible
- According to the South County Federation and a Chronicle Newspapers article (<http://www.chroniclenewspapers.com/articles/2009/08/13/news/viewpoints/view01.txt>), in violation of the County's policy of transparency, the County held secret meetings to open a new landfill in the Lorton area. Opening a new landfill violates a 2004 County policy. The proceedings of the secret meetings were discovered only after a Freedom of Information Act filing.
- Legislation - Tania Hossain
- Membership - Tania Hossain
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell
 - Jeff attended the What You Need to Know About Transportation Seminar on 9 September 2009
 - The Alliance's 5th Annual What You Need to Know about Transportation Seminar at Capital One in McLean attracted over 200 attendees, including numerous state and local officials.
 - Expert panelists and their topics were as follows:
 - Virginia Transportation Secretary, Pierce R. Homer -- What's Next on I-66 and Virginia's Transportation Funding Crisis Update
 - WMATA Director of Long Range Planning, Tom Harrington -- Meeting Metro's Maintenance Challenge
 - Virginia Railway Express CEO, Dale Zehner -- VRE to Gainesville and Haymarket
 - VDOT Regional Transportation Director, Ronaldo Nicholson, P.E. -- I-95 Corridor Update
 - VDOT Chief District Construction Engineer, John D. Lynch, P.E. -- Status of Major Stimulus and Other Key Transportation Projects
 - WARD Legal Counsel, C. Lee Fifer -- Phase II Dulles Rail Commercial Tax District Update
 - Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance President, Bob Chase -- Surface Transportation Inaccessibility Threatens Dulles Airport's Economic Potential
 - To view the presentations from the event held, visit the Alliance website at <http://www.nvta.org/content.asp?contentid=1887>
- Website - Jeff Parnes

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

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

Closing Announcements:

- **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>
- **Fairfax Committee of 100 Next Program - Monday, September 21:**
 - Meet the author as he discusses his book: The Fight for Fairfax, A Struggle for a Great American County

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- The Fight for Fairfax presents the story of a group of local citizens in Fairfax County, Virginia, and their efforts over the past half-century to invent a place that would be more than simply a Washington, D.C., suburb. Told from the group's point of view, the book chronicles their vision of Fairfax and the steps they took to bring it to life. The group faced many opponents, including populist politicians and anti-growth forces, and this book examines those clashes as part of the overall story.
- Reservations and more information available at <<<http://www.fairfaxcommittee100.org/>>>

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Membership Meeting - 15 October 2009, 7:30 PM

Next Board Meeting - 24 September 2009