

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2009

Approved October 23, 2009

The September 2009 Meeting of the Executive Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Jeff Parnes at 7:50 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center.

Present: Fred Costello, Charles Dane, Bill Hanks, Carol Hawn, Don Hinman, Tania Hossain, Gail Parker, Jeff Parnes, Flint Webb, Art Wells, and Ed Wyse.

Calendar

Month	Membership	Board	Newsletter Deadline
Oct	15 – Legislation Package (Tania)	22	Sep 25
Nov	19 – Tysons Plan	None (note early Dec meeting)	Oct 23
Dec	17 – Storm Water	3	Nov 27
Jan 2010	21 - School Budget Presentation (Charlie)	28	TBD (will be around Christmas 2009)
Feb	18 – Open	None (note early Mar meeting)	Jan 29
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation (4th Thursday)	4 - Budget	Mar 12
Apr	15 – Report from Federation Appointees & Representatives (Kahan)	22	Apr 2
May	20– Report from Richmond (Selected Fairfax County legislators)	27	Apr 23
Jun	17 – Picnic: State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, BOS Chair and Installation of Officers	24	May 28

Administrative Topics | Jeff Parnes

Officer 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—The need for third committee member was resolved with the volunteering of Don Hinman.

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).

Citizen of the Year Speaker

Both Congressman Gerry Connolly and former Congressman Tom Davis were mentioned; however they have each done it several times and are no longer in county government. Participants felt that a state-level elected official would be a good choice.

Bulletin/Newsletter—Carol

The deadline for submitting bulletin items to Carol was extended from September 25 to September 27. Items due include committee reports and the draft minutes of the September membership meeting.

February Membership Meeting Topic

We need to decide. Ideas proposed for the program topic—and comments—for the February 2010 membership meeting follow. No decision was taken.

- Address by Congressman Gerry Connolly (His current role is non-county.)
- Follow-up brief on the Greater Washington 2050 Plan (This topic was covered last year.)
- Fairfax County's hosting of the World Fire and Police Games in 2015 (Learn why and how the county goes after such events; the tie in with economic and tourism development, any similar events for which the county is competing. Given the games don't happen until 2015, perhaps now is too early for this topic.)
- Economic Development Authority (EDA) (This topic has not been recently covered.)

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Board—28 Jan 09—Carol Hawn, Secretary Pro Tem—still in progress
- Board—23 Apr 09—Roger Hoskin, Secretary Pro Tem—In July the minutes were reviewed and minor changes proposed; the revised minutes were scheduled for approval at this meeting. Because the revised minutes were not available, the minutes were not considered for approval at this meeting.
- Board—27 Aug 09—Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary: The minutes were approved.

Distribution of Approved Resolutions – Jeff

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 Board of Supervisors last week:

www.fcfa.org/resolutions/ResolutionFairfaxCountyDraftEnergyPolicy090917Approved.pdf

www.fcfa.org/resolutions/ResolutionSallyOrmsbyPark090917Approved.pdf

Kate Hanley's Photo

Jeff has made arrangements to pick up Kate Hanley's photo on Friday, October 2. A date for presentation of the past Board of Supervisors Chairs' photos is pending.

Fairfax Federation Forum—Jeff

During its pilot phase, the forum has only been available to members of the board. The board considered opening access to all members, but decided to continue the pilot phase longer before doing so. The forum is accessed at <http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php>.

Future of Packard Center and Implications for Federation—Jeff

The Federation needs to find a new meeting room and location to store its files. Board members are to look for options and send their leads to Kahan. Braddock Representative Art Wells volunteered to explore possible use of Braddock Hall adjacent to Braddock Supervisor's office in same building as Kings Park Library.

Treasurer's Report | Scott (absent)

Although Scott could not be present, he furnished current documents: a balance sheet as of 9/23/2009 and for the period 7/1/2009 - 9/23/2009: an income statement, budget performance, transactions, and membership income by association. The board received and filed the report.

The October 15th Membership Meeting agenda may now include, after Treasurer's Report, the Audit Committee Report for the period July 1, 2008–June 30, 2009, with Bill Hanks reporting.

Policies & Procedures Revision | Bill Hanks

Policies & Procedures Committee Members John Fee and Bill Hanks have proposed several revisions and e-mailed them to the full committee for further review. Full revision of the Citizen of the Year attachment is pending from John Jennison. Results of a full review of the Web Site attachment are pending from Jeff Parnes.

Old Business

Signs to direct motorists to the VRE stations—Carey (absent)

At the 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. Because of Carey's absence, action was deferred.

Tyson's Corner Task Force—John (absent)

The Fairfax County Department of Planning and Zoning and Department of Transportation have prepared for the Planning Commission Tyson's Corner Committee the report, Transforming Tysons: Tysons Corner Urban Center Area-wide and District Recommendations DRAFT "Straw Man II" Plan Text, September 16, 2009. The document is available at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/tysonscorner/drafts/tysons_strawman2b_09162009.pdf.

Fairfax County will host the World Fire and Police Games in 2015

Gail will pursue whether there is a role for the Federation.

New Business and Miscellaneous Business

Legislation Position for 2010—Tania

With Tania as chair, the board reviewed last year's approved legislation position as the start point for creating the new legislative position. Last year's position is found at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionLegislativeProgram2009App18Dec08.pdf>.

In the meeting the board reviewed all of the priority positions. The board decided its position on some issues and determined some other issues require further research or feedback from county staff. The details of the review are not documented in these minutes, but rather are held by Tania.

The way forward:

- Areas requiring research and remaining topics not reviewed in this meeting were assigned to committee chairs. Tania will verify the chairs are aware of their assignments.
- Committee chairs are to send their recommendations to Tania by October 1.
- Tania will consolidate the positions.

Car Title Loans—Charlie Dane

Charlie provided an information sheet describing the current situation within Virginia regarding car title loans and efforts to regulate them. The Virginia Organizing Project seeks regulation and a “special subcommittee of the Virginia General Assembly” was to meet on the subject today. The board deferred action on this issue. Tania will find out what happened in the General Assembly today and post to the Federation’s forum for board information and discussion. The information sheet is available at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/Legislation/CarTitleLoan090924.pdf>.

Board & Committee Reports

Association Services | Don Hinman

Property owners associations must file annually. Don will add information about this requirement and process to the Federation web site.

Budget | Carey Campbell (absent) and Charlie Hall (absent)

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 autumn to share your feedback on the impacts of recent budget reductions as well as to seek 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: 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.

Dates, times, and locations:

- 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 | Charlie Dane

Evaluation of Education Strategic Governance Suggestions

Some civic organizations believe that the school system is not sufficiently responsive to them and that the operational expectations and measures of performance for school administration are not sufficiently specific.

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 it should 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. Although enumerating pros and cons of each suggestion, the committee would not make recommendations of support or rejection of suggestions. The committee asks for concurrence from the board.

The board approved the Education Committee serving as a clearing house for FCPS strategic governance suggestions.

Bonds

The November ballot will request \$232M in bond authority. The county already has \$600M authority but can only issue \$155M per year. The approval by election for the higher authority amount would enable the county to borrow funds at lower rates and would allow FCPS the flexibility of changing the priority of projects to be undertaken.

School Position Counts

The FCPS announced a cut of 788 employee positions in January. This announced figure is predicated upon school enrollment remaining constant. Because school enrollment has, in fact, increased, 558 positions were added to handle the increased student population. Federal stimulus funds enabled the county to continue 59 positions that were scheduled to be cut. The net result is that the school system has actually decreased its employee positions by 171.

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:

1. 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.
2. 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 one considers that these emissions account for a small fraction of the over all emissions this may not be a real issue.
3. 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

1. **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.
2. **HOT Lanes:**
 - a. Construction was stopped for a few days because the stream damage caused by 495 HOT lane construction. HOT lane construction is more protective than VDOT standards but is inadequate for protecting the streams. For pictures see: <http://www.accotink.org/HOT.htm>.
 - b. Fairfax Restoration Group to improve storm water controls.
 - c. 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 continue 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:

1. In mid- September, EPA announced that they will be revising the 8-hour ozone (O₃) 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 O₃ 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.
2. EPA is also looking at revising the NO₂ (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 NO₂ 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.
3. EPA has also recently revised the lead (Pb) NAAQS. [Second half of this sentence is not clear – check with Flint] 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.
4. EPA is overdue with their designations under the fine particulate mater (PM_{2.5}) or particulate mater 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/m³ and kept the annual standard at 15 micrograms/m³. 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/m³ range. In Virginia there are a number of monitors that 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.

5. 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 NOx (oxides of nitrogen).
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. Exxon-Mobile (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.
10. EPA is 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 | Position vacant

The Federation is looking for a volunteer to represent the Federation at the event described in the following announcement.

"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.”

Land Use | Fred Costello

The County is conducting a Land Use College for Reston. So far, only County procedures have been covered.

Charlie announced that \$100K was available in blocks of \leq \$5K for neighborhood grants. Don will locate the information and share it with members.

Legislation | Tania Hossain

See New and Miscellaneous Business above.

Membership | Tania

The chair of the Membership Committee has passed from Charlie to Tania.

Current statistics are: Members: 32; promised renewals memberships: 3; and pending new member: 1.

Tania will send information to Jeff about memberships that were submitted on paper, rather than electronically.

Public Safety | Gail Parker

Gail 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.

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.
- Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting additional information may contact Marcelo Ferreira at mferreira@volunteerfairfax.org.

Resolutions | Bill Hanks—No report

Transportation | Roger Hoskin (absent) and Carey Campbell (absent)

Sidewalks, Trails, Bus Shelters, and Road Projects

Mark Tipton, FCFCA representative to the Trails and Sidewalks Committee, provided the Planning and Design Division Monthly Projects Status Report for sidewalks, trails, bus shelters, and road projects for August that may be of interest. The report is available at

www.fcfa.org/committees/Transportation/PDDMonthlyStatusReport200908.pdf.

- The contact for sidewalk requests or maintenance has changed to Chris Wells: 703-877-5772 and chris.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- The contact for trail requests or trail maintenance on Park Authority land is Jenny Pate: 703-324-8726 and jenny.pate@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Let Mark know if there are any questions.

Burke Centre Whistle Stop Ceremony for Amtrak Virginia's New Northeast Regional Service

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation will hold a 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. This new train route will run between Lynchburg and Boston and include a stop at the King Street Station. For more information about the ceremony please contact the Fairfax County Department of Transportation.

Public-Private Effort to Expand Freight Capacity in the Washington DC Train Corridor

Gail reported that, as a member and Virginia Vice Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to the Washington DC Metropolitan Area's Transportation Planning Board (TPB), she attended a TPB meeting on Sep 16, presented the CAC's report and noted 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 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.

Website | Jeff Parnes

We shall change the website listing for the Citizen Corps Council representative from Tania to Gail.

We should use the website (forum) for the review of Federation policies and procedures.

District Council Reports

Braddock | Art Wells

The following Braddock District Meetings are planned: Oct 7, GMU-Braddock District Community Forum (GM-BDCF); Oct 8, district budget committee; and Oct 13, district council meeting.

Dranesville—N/A

Hunter Mill—N/A

Lee | Don Hinman

Don raised the question about policy for verifying the eligibility of those who wish to join district councils and the federation. Carol will send the relevant Western Fairfax County Citizens Association (WFCCA) policy to Don.

Mason | Roger Hoskins (Absent)

Mt. Vernon | Karen Pohorylo (Absent)

Karen provided the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) resolution in support of H.R. 1635, which passed through the district transportation committee and will be brought to general council next week. The link is www.fcfa.org/DistrictCouncils/MtVernon/ResolutionMtVernonHR1635-090919Draft.pdf. Karen also provided the bill (H.R. 1635) for your reference: www.fcfa.org/DistrictCouncils/MtVernon/HR1635_090319.htm.

Karen reports that the Mount Vernon district transportation committee does not wish to formally support Congressman Moran's letter (regarding delay of BRAC implementation due to incomplete transportation projects), but suggested that she 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 | Charles Hall (Absent)

On Tuesday, September 29 at 7:15pm at the Thoreau Middle School Lecture Hall, the 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.

The location is Thoreau Middle School, 2505 Cedar Lane, is located at the intersection of Cedar and Park Street, map at <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)

Springfield | Mike Thompson (Absent)

Sully | Jeff Parnes

The September Membership meeting featured a Fire and Public Safety speaker and three Land Use and Transportation items.

The October 28th Membership meeting is candidates' night, with invitations sent to all ten candidates for House of Delegate seats whose districts encompass parts of Sully District. As of today, four candidates are attending, two sent regrets, and we're awaiting responses from four more.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is scheduled October 15, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled October 22, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Co-Recording Secretary