

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2009

*Approved December 10, 2009*

The October 2009 Meeting of the Executive Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by Corresponding Secretary Esther Ferington at 7:30 p.m. in the general meeting room of the Packard Center. Following the discussion of the calendar, the chair passed to Second Vice President Kahan Dhillon.

Present: Fred Costello, Charles Dane, Kahan Dhillon, Esther Ferington, Bill Hanks, Roger Hoskin, Flint Webb, Art Wells, and Ed Wyse

### Calendar

Month	Membership	Board	Newsletter Deadline
Nov	19 – Greater Washington 2050 Plan	None (note early Dec meeting)	Oct 23
Dec	17 – Storm Water (Randy Barlett)	10 Budget (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday)	Nov 27
Jan 2010	21 - School Budget Presentation (Kristen Michael, Director, FCPS Budget Office)	28	Dec 27
Feb	18 – Tysons Plan	None (note early Mar meeting)	Jan 29
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)	4 – Budget (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday)	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

Because The Greater Washington 2050 Plan has been released with comments due back by November 30, 2009, the board made the following calendar changes (which are already reflected in the table above):

- The Greater Washington 2050 Plan, previously scheduled as topic for the February 2010 general membership meeting, has been rescheduled for the November general membership meeting.
- The Tysons Plan, previously scheduled as topic for the November general membership meeting, has been rescheduled for the February 2010 general membership meeting.

### Administrative Topics

#### **Officer and Board Vacancies and Appointments | Jeff Parnes**

**Co-Recording Secretary**—We need a replacement for Patty - if you are interested in serving for the remainder of the 2009/10 term or know a likely candidate please contact Jeff ([FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org)).

Human Services—Need Chair

**Environment**—Need Co-Chair to help Flint. *Action:* Flint will ask Roger Diedrich if he would take this position.

**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](mailto:FedBulletinEditor2009@fairfaxfederation.org)) or Jeff ([FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org)).

**Community Action Advisory Board (CAAB) Representative**—Lou D'Alessandro attended his last meeting as his term is up. It has been his pleasure serving on CAAB and representing the Federation. He is certain that his

replacement will do a fine job in serving out communities' less fortunate folks. It was not known to those in attendance whether the Federation has nominated a replacement. *Action:* Kahan will ask Jeff about this nomination.

### **Bulletin/Newsletter—Carol**

The deadline for the newsletter submissions is tomorrow, October 23, 2009.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Board—28 Jan 09—Carol Hawn, Secretary Pro Tem—still in progress
- Board—24 Sep 09—Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary—approved at this meeting

### **Kate Hanley's Photo**

Jeff has picked up Kate Hanley's photo. It is not clear who possesses the other photos and when the installation ceremony will be held. Those most involved, John and Scott, were not at the meeting. *Action:* Jeff to coordinate or delegate coordination of dedication of Board of Supervisors (BoS) Chairmen's photos.

John Jennison reports that former State Senator Jeannemarie Devolites-Davis has generously donated \$100 for the BoS Chairmen's photography project.

### **Future of Packard Center and Implications for Federation—Jeff (absent)**

The Federation needs to find a new meeting room and location to store its files. This is a continuing item; members should be on the lookout for alternative locations for meetings and archives.

### **Treasurer's Report | Scott (absent)**

The current treasurer's report is available at <http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/TreasurersReport091022.pdf>.

Scott has electronically filed the FCFCA taxes (IRS Form 990-N, e-Postcard) with the IRS, and received an acceptance e-mail.

### **Thinning of Federation's Records | Jeff (absent)**

In Jeff's absence, this agenda item was deferred.

## **Board & Committee Reports**

### **Association Services | Don Hinman (absent)**

Although Don was absent, the following announcement was provided via the agenda.

“The Consumer Affairs Branch of the Fairfax County Department of Cable Communications and Consumer Protection and Washington Metropolitan Chapter Community Associations Institute invite you to attend a FREE Common Interest Community Seminar on Monday, November 9, 2009 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Fairfax County Government Center. Join us as industry leaders discuss how Virginia House Bill 516 and other recent legislation affect homeowner and condominium association communities, board members, and managers. Key topics to be addressed include: Management Company licensing, the Common Interest Community Board, the Common Interest Community Ombudsman and the homeowner complaint process.

Register online at [http://www.caicd.org/cal2/EventShow.asp?event\\_id=212657&event\\_batch=1](http://www.caicd.org/cal2/EventShow.asp?event_id=212657&event_batch=1).

Please share the attached information with members of your community.

For more information, please contact: Michelle L. Thompson Fairfax County's Homeowner and Condominium Association Liaison 703-324-3218 [michelle.thompson@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:michelle.thompson@fairfaxcounty.gov).”

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

#### **Education | Charlie Dane**

FCPS Superintendent Dale will participate in the committee's November meeting.

Charlie thanked members of the board for providing budget cutting ideas. He is compiling a list of items that might be reduced. Then the Education Committee will estimate savings/costs and prioritize the list for implementation.

Charlie noted that the last list of possible cuts that Superintendent Dale released totaled less than the expected shortfall of \$176 million.

The superintendent has identified three items that if cut, he says, the county could not recover:

- Full day kindergarten
- Preventative maintenance
- Students at risk.

### **Environment | Flint Webb**

The Fairfax Environmental Meeting (FEM) will be held Monday, October 26. This forum provides an opportunity for members of the various environmental organizations to share ideas.

### **Human Services | Position vacant**

#### **Land Use | Fred Costello**

##### **Revision of the Reston Master Plan**

Fred attended the Reston College to meet some of the leaders and to get himself involved in the planning process. He will call Supervisor Catherine Hudgin's office to see if he can get a more direct role in the community advisory committees to help guide the revision of the Reston Master Plan.

##### **Wiehle Avenue Plan**

Fred reported that the plan for the Wiehle Avenue Metro neighborhood calls for 5500 jobs and 425 housing units, which, he notes, is skewed towards commercial activity rather than being a balanced neighborhood.

##### **2009-2010 South County Area Plans Review (APR) Process**

Kahan reported that the 2009-2010 South County APR Process received nominations in August and September. For the remainder of 2009 the Planning Commission will determine if the nominations are technically valid. In the first quarter of 2010 the nominations will be vetted through district task forces.

In the case of Mount Vernon District, the Strategic Planning Committee of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, which Kahan chairs, will review nominations. Mount Vernon District nominations are now available for viewing at [www.mvcca.org](http://www.mvcca.org).

### **Legislation | Tania Hossain (absent)**

The legislative package was approved, with some changes, a referral to committee for one new item, and an allowance for the legislative chair to make grammatical edits, during the membership meeting on October 15, 2009. Esther documented the changes made in the initial draft minutes of the meeting which are available at <http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/200910MinutesMemberDraftPart.pdf>.

Although Tania was absent on October 22, via the agenda she reported she has received text for the new item from Charlie.

Also Carol Hawn was not present, but she reported via the agenda that the copies of the legislative packages that she has prepared for our elected leaders in prior years have a table of contents; however, the table can not be built until the package is ready to copy. Carol asked these questions about package processing:

- Who is going to be responsible for formatting and creating the final copies? She would have no problem doing it, especially since the package has been adopted earlier in the fall, but it sounds from the minutes as though Tania is planning to do it.
- Are we going to mail (or email) them out to our General Assembly delegation and Board of Supervisors so they receive them right after the election? Would that be Esther's responsibility?
- Since we want the public officials to have the package earlier, Carol presumes we won't wait until the January public hearing to send copies to them.

*Action:* Jeff to coordinate responsibilities for the production and distribution of the legislative package.

On October 15, 2009, one legislative item regarding education was referred to committee for finalization. That item was reviewed, revised, and approved at this board meeting. The approved item is:

**“Local Composite Index:** Support fair and equitable state funding distribution formulas, including recalculation of the Local Composite Index (LCI) that accurately reflects both local ability to pay and the resource needs of local school divisions.

*Rationale: A study of the LCI formula should consider all the impacts and update the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission's findings so as to provide a fairer distribution of funds to the State's school districts. While the State is responsible for funding elementary and secondary education, recalculation of the LCI on an annual basis (rather than use of out-of-date information) would more closely reflect present circumstances in the localities."*

### **Membership | Tania (absent)**

Charlie reported that 35 associations are members of FCFCA, which is seven more than a month ago. Another letter was received today that looks like it contains an application.

Charlie noted that the plan is for Tania to ask the district representatives in mid-November to contact those associations that had not renewed membership by that time.

### **Public Safety | Gail Parker (absent)**

### **Resolutions | Bill Hanks—No report**

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

#### **Community Leadership Institute**

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board (TPB) is looking for participants for an upcoming Community Leadership Institute. According to the meeting agenda, "This session is oriented for people who have some knowledge of local transportation issues, but are not familiar with the TPB or the regional transportation planning process. If you would like to represent the Federation at this session, please contact Jeff Parnes or the Transportation Chairs. The Institute is described more fully in this brochure <http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Transportation/200910CLIBrochure.pdf>."

Jeff has submitted Fred and Don's names as candidates for the CLI. Roger indicated that he also plans to attend.

#### **BOS Transportation Subcommittee**

The BOS Transportation Subcommittee met on 20 October 09. They were briefed on:

- Revisions to the Commercial Parking Restriction Program
- Tyson's Corner Projects and Transit Phases
- Roadway Services Study Presentation
- Roadway Services Study Scope of Work
- Regional Bus Rapid Transit

For more information see the presentations page of the Sully District web site <http://www.sullydistrict.org/presentations>.

### **Website | Jeff Parnes (absent)**

### **District Council Reports**

#### **Braddock | Art Wells**

On October 21 the Braddock Supervisor, Braddock District Council, and the county staff hosted a volunteering conference.

On November 10 the Braddock District Council will hold its next regular meeting.

On January 21 the Braddock District Council will host a Leadership Institute.

#### **Dranesville—N/A**

#### **Hunter Mill—N/A**

#### **Lee | Don Hinman (absent)**

Esther reported that the Board of Supervisors has just approved a Community-wide Parking District (CPD) for Lee District.

### **Mason | Roger Hoskins**

Charlie asked about Mason's "kaleidoscope" meetings. Roger said the term refers to the district town meetings held by Supervisor Gross. The district meetings are an opportunity for citizens to gather for information sharing, networking, and discussion, with participation varying based upon the main topic of each meeting. The town meeting venue provides community interaction but does not replicate the functions performed by a district council.

### **Mount Vernon | Karen Pohorylo (Absent)**

On October 24 The Women's Group of Mt. Vernon is hosting "I Love Myself - I know I'm Grand: A Celebration of Women" at Walt Whitman Middle School.

See Committee Reports, Land Use, South County Area Plans Review (APR) Process, above for other news from Mount Vernon.

### **Providence | Charles Hall (Absent)**

### **Springfield | Mike Thompson (Absent)**

Ed Wyse reported that the Springfield District Council met October 1 on the topic of a Community-wide Parking District.

### **Sully | Jeff Parnes (Absent)**

Via the agenda Jeff reported upcoming meeting topics:

- October 28—Candidates' Night: Eight out of the ten delegate candidates have agreed to appear
- November—Transportation
- December—Public Safety.

### **Old Business**

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

#### **Tyson's Corner Task Force—John (absent)**

#### **Fairfax County will host the World Fire and Police Games in 2015—Gail Parker (absent)**

#### **REGION FORWARD – Greater Washington 2050: COG's Vision for the National Capital Region in the Twenty-First Century—Jeff (absent)**

Via the agenda, Jeff provided this announcement:

"The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Board of Directors voted unanimously on October 14 to approve REGION FORWARD for public release and comment.

Comments are requested in writing or online by November 30, 2009. All comments will be examined by the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition in December prior to final action by the COG Board in January. In commenting on the draft report and recommendations, public officials, representatives of stakeholder organizations and individuals are asked to consider:

- Are these the right nine goals and can you suggest any broad, overarching goals that are equally critical to our region's vitality and future?
- Will the proposed targets and indicators help track progress in meeting goals? Are other regions using more precise targets and indicators to evaluate if their communities are making progress on these tough, inter-jurisdictional issues?
- Should COG conduct a baseline analysis on targets and indicators in early 2010 and periodically thereafter publish update reports to track progress?
- Should COG survey the public on these and related issues to see if the communities we serve believe progress on targets is actually improving the quality of life in the National Capital Region?
- Should COG couple this work with more outreach and training for local governments to promote best practices and new tools that will help achieve goals?

- How can COG and its partner stakeholders provide greater accountability and transparency in this process in the future?

There are two ways to comment by November 30, 2009. Also, please contact Steve Kania at COG if you would like someone from COG and the Coalition to make a presentation on the REGION FORWARD report. Mr. Kania may be reached at 202-962-3249 or <mailto:skania@mwcog.org>.

1. Review the draft REGION FORWARD report, which is available online at [www.greaterwashington2050.org](http://www.greaterwashington2050.org). The website also has a link to the comments page.
2. COG welcomes written comments or suggestions to: 2050 Comments, MWCOG, 777 North Capitol Street NE, Suite 300, Washington, DC 20002.

The report and a solicitation for comments will be mailed or emailed this week to a very wide-range of organizations and individuals (the solicitation was sent to all COG member governments October 16). COG is also scheduling interviews or other media opportunities to draw public and stakeholder interest to this effort, as well as using blogs and other social networking sites to create “buzz”.

Bottom line, Coalition help is requested to get the word out about REGION FORWARD so that the Coalition members have lots of input to consider when they meet again on December 12 to review comments and approve a final draft for COG Board action in January.

If you have questions or suggestions about the outreach phase of the Coalition’s work, please contact Paul DesJardin at 202-962-3293 or [pdesjardin@mwcog.org](mailto:pdesjardin@mwcog.org).”

### **New Business and Miscellaneous Business**

#### **Date of Citizen of Year (COY) Banquet—John (absent)**

John had suggested holding the COY banquet in April or May rather than earlier. The board agreed the April or May period was okay.

#### **FCPS Building News—Charlie**

Charlie reported that the FCPS have leased a building near the intersection of US Route 50 and Waples Mill Road for administrative staff. Civic groups had recommended a Merrifield location; however the FCPS got a great lease at the Waples Mill Road location. The rents no longer to be paid at buildings to be evacuated will cover the cost of the new lease. Two county-owned former school buildings that had been used for administrative staff are to be returned to use as schools. The downside to the Waples Mill location is that when required to attend meetings at the main office, the Waples Mill-based staff would have to travel some distance.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

#### **Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting is scheduled November 19, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled December 10, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

#### **Summary of Action Items from This Meeting**

Action	Who
Flint Webb	Ask Roger Diedrich if he is willing to server as Co-chair of the Environment Committee
Kahan Dhillon	Ask Jeff if the FCFA has nominated a person to be the CAAB Representative
Jeff Parnes	Coordinate or delegate coordination of dedication of BoS Chairmen’s photos
Jeff Parnes	Coordinate responsibilities for the production and distribution of the legislative package

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary