

**Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**  
*7:30 pm, Thursday, 25 February 2010*

**Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes**

**Calendar:**

Month	Membership	Board	Newsletter Deadline
Feb	18 -Presentation by Park Authority / Tyson's Corner Plan	25	29 Jan
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)	18 (3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	30 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:**
  - Human Services - Need Chair
  - 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)).
- **Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol**
  - Newsletter articles due 12 March
- **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes -**
  - 28 Jan 10 - Ed Wyse Recording Secretary: The draft minutes are available at <<<http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/201001MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>>>
- **The Federation has found a new place to hold its meetings for 2010.**
  - The Federation has reserved the use of Braddock Hall (9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke) as a backup location for the fall 2010 meetings in case the Packard Building is unavailable - Hats off to Bill Hanks for taking the lead in making the reservations.
- **Treasurer's Report - Scott**
  - Scott reserved the use of the Annandale Community Park Picnic shelter for our June meeting.

**Old Business**

- **COY - John**
  - John has submitted an RFP for the banquet for 125 attendees at Tyson's Crown Plaza for April 25 or May 2.
    - Pricing is normally:
      - \$45/person plated entree (chicken), salad, dessert, and coffee/tea.
      - plus 22% service charge
      - plus 5% tax (figure \$57/person)
      - Podium, microfilm & hanging banner complimentary.
      - Cash bar \$80 bartender fee.
    - As an alternative we have been offered:
      - \$50/person, including service & tax.
      - Podium, microfilm & hanging banner complimentary
      - Cash bar \$80 bartender fee.
  - Scott generated this COY Banquet Break Even Analysis:

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- Last year the Marriott charged us approximately \$67/person which included all the hotel charges, we charged each guest, \$65. We lost \$2/person from the Marriott alone. Add in all the other printing and award charges and we ended up losing \$1,350., \$11.45 per guest even with the donations.
- Using the \$50 estimate, and 125 guest minimum, and keeping all other costs the same as last year, the cost per person would be approximately \$63/person. Add on top of that, only 106 of the charged 125 paid. If we keep the price at \$65, and only 106 pay this time, and we guarantee 125, we will lose \$908.00 again this year without the donations. With the donations we will make \$591.
- He thinks we should increase the price by \$5. and cut down drastically on the free meals.
- SAIC has agreed to be head liner sponsor, and we are negotiating the level of donation.
- John has met with the Firefighters for their sponsor interest.
- Please redouble your efforts for nominations, which close on 28 February.
- The Governor's scheduler reported that they do not make decisions on the Governor's schedule until, at best, six weeks prior to an event. They hope to have an answer for us on this on whether he can attend by the end of next week.
- Roger also submitted a request for the Governor to speak at our Banquet this spring but hasn't heard anything yet.
- The Washington Post is only doing in-kind donations this year - providing items that could be auctioned at meetings, speakers at events.
- **Tyson's Corner Presentation**
  - Bob Jordan reported that Clark Tyler made an interesting and informative presentation the other night. However, he tended to gloss over some quite legitimate potential issues that may affect all of Fairfax County, not just Tyson's and the adjacent neighborhoods. As has been noted in the draft minutes of last week's meeting, the MCA will hold an open forum on March 2 on the redevelopment of Tyson's at which two planning commissioners will speak. Bob has invited all of the Federation membership to attend and hope that you will be able to do so.
  - Bob would also like to recommend that the Federation invite representatives of the Greater Tyson's Citizens Coalition and the MCA's P&Z Committee to the next Federation membership meeting. There are potentially some very significant issues with the proposed redevelopment that could potentially affect the entire county, depending on how the comp plan is revised. (Think taxes and infrastructure costs). It would be very worthwhile for the membership to be aware of these potential issues. (Please note that the Greater Tyson's Citizens Coalition and the MCA support the transit-oriented redevelopment of Tyson's but the devil is in the details). He has informed Ted Alexander from the GTCC and Mark Zetts from the MCA P&Z committee on this offer. He would like to know if a presentation is feasible at the March 25 or April 15 meetings.
- **Signs to direct motorists to the VRE stations** - Carey
  - 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.
- **Recent Actions**
  - Letter to Governor (7 Feb 10) to Urge that the Local Composite Index be Recalculated This Year  
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/letters/LettertoGovmcDonnellreLCI100207.pdf>  
The next day the Governor did as we requested (no causality is implied or should be inferred!)
- **Chairman's Photos** - John
  - The Fairfax Chronicle ran an article regarding last month's portrait gallery dedication  
<http://www.fcfa.org/newspaper/BoardChairmenHonored-FairfaxChronicle1002.pdf>

### New and Miscellaneous Business

- **Resolution on Advertized Tax Rate**
  - Charlie indicated that some might have been perturbed by his raising the advertized rate issue at the February membership meeting; he has now determined that the BOS will set the advertized rate on March 9th.
  - The upper limit of this advertized rate cannot exceed the tax rate that may later be set. Thus, the advertized tax rate may become limiting if the budget picture continues going south, and the citizens may actually accept some tax rate that would result in a higher real estate tax amount for the average homeowner.

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- Further, while Mt Vernon District Council has not yet recommended a specific upper limit they have printed a resolution on the advertized tax rate in their November Record, which reads in part "Requests the Fairfax county board of Supervisors to provide the necessary maximum Tax Rate guidance and to direct the County Executive to disclose in the FY2011 Advertized Budget Plan at a minimum those Funding Levels and Revenue Enhancements, including Tax Rates, necessary to maintain ALL [his emphasis] current County and school service levels, including any additional costs related to growth, employee benefit and reasonable compensation increase, other rising costs or decline in state or federal funding, as well as any needed enhancement to services." He understands that this resolution was adopted without change.
- As he anticipated, if the Federation is going to recommend an advertized tax rate, the board will have to do this at our meeting this Thursday without the full membership having spoken on the issue. However, given that the membership did not express their opinions one-way or the other at our meeting, he believes that the board is in a stronger position to recommend an advertized rate.
- Note that the County Executive's budget will be released on the 23rd and the Federation's budget committee will meet on the 24th, so the committee may come to the board with a recommendation on the 25th.
- Mike Thompson indicated the other option is to keep the tax rate where it is today, take fewer dollars and make the changes necessary in the budget to fit the income just as businesses and families are doing all of the county, state and nation today and have been doing.
  - Why should county government be any different? Why not freeze salaries at today's level, not fill any openings when county employees leave (unless a critical position determined by and approved by the BOS), no newly created position as happened a year or two ago, and review the employees' payments toward benefits and have the employee portion reflect the private sector payments? The reason times like this are called "tough times" is because "tough" decisions have to be made and those should include local government budgeting to reflect the downturn in the economy and not increase taxes. If rates are increased to keep property taxes as last year's level (though incomes have not increased in many cases to make payment of those taxes any easier), then that rate increase should be indexed so that it goes down as property values begin to increase. Otherwise the Federation will be advocating a hidden tax increase when our property values begin to increase.
  - Mike will likely be in Richmond on Thursday and may be there into the evening working on state budget and other issues so getting to the Board Meeting will be tough. He would like my objections as outlined above to be part of the minutes.
- Fred comments included that any resolution should address the long-term problem of the school pension benefit. See <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/blogs/beltway-confidential/Fairfax-faces-choice-Raise-taxes-to-fund-teacher-pensions-or-get-real-about-spending-84903852.html>.
  - He prefers that the all future pension benefits be of the defined-contribution type, rather than the defined-benefit type that is now in place. (Someone told him that the Federal government has already made this transition. Almost nobody in the private sector has a defined-benefit plan.) Those working under the present system could have their defined-benefit plan frozen as is, so they do not lose anything already earned, but their future earned benefits be in a defined-contribution plan. The cost savings would be significant because the funds that must be set aside for the present pension would be greatly reduced. The cost savings would be even greater in the future.
  - He also suggested a resolution which has been modified by Flint <http://www.fcfa.org/committees/Budget/Resolution2011AdvertisedTaxRateDraft100225V2.pdf>
  - Jeff reports that at its February meeting Sully passed a resolution on the advertised tax rate calling for it to be set "at a level that would replicate funding of the 2010 budget."
- **Empanelling a Nomination Committee**
  - Per our standard practices the nomination committee is chaired by the Past President and has at least two additional members - a committee chair and a district representative - volunteers should contact John or Jeff before they are appointed.
  - Nominations are announced in April, elections in May and installation of new officers occurs in June at our Annual Picnic

### Board & Committee Reports

- Association Services - Don Hinman
- Budget - Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall

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- Federation Budget Committee Kickoff Meeting was held last night hosted by Kosmo and attended by Tania, Carey, Charlies Dane and Hall, Fred, and Flint
- Have we invited speakers for our March Members meeting?
- Jeff is scheduled to be the 69th speaker at the 7 April 2010 budget public hearing.
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
  - Presented committee's position on FCPS budget to school board on 17 Feb
- Environment - Flint Webb
- Human Services - **Vacant**
  - Tania was scheduled to attend the Fairfax County Health Department sponsored MAPP - A Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax - inaugural community coalition dinner meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010
  - A Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is a coalition of community leaders committed to assessing Fairfax County's most pressing health needs and developing a strategic plan that will improve the overall health of our community. The coalition will utilize the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) strategic process developed by the CDC and NACCHO to guide them through this effort.
- Land Use - Fred Costello
  - The Land use committee has contacted the Hunters Mill Defense League, the Western Fairfax County Citizens Association and Occoquan Watershed Coalition on a proposed change in the zoning ordinance concerning the setback for stables to see if it's possible to establish a consensus position on this proposed change.
  - Fred plans to attend a COG-hosted dialogue on HUD Sustainable Communities Planning Grant, March 1
  - The Federation was asked if it was undertaking any serious examination of corruption and incompetence in parts of the Fairfax County government. At the membership meeting informal discussion yielded an answer of no, looking for corruption and incompetence are outside our charter. The Federation does actively identify problems with government and proposes ways to improve governance
- Legislation - Tania Hossain
- Membership - Tania Hossain
  - Tania has requested an updated HOA list from the Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs. The office used to maintain a current list of the presidents of all CAs and HOAs throughout the County. In the summer of 1985, there were about 800 organizations listed. There are now about 1,800 total.
  - In the past about 20% of the "current" presidents were dead ends.
  - About 40% were out of office but could provide the names of a newer president for use in follow-up membership letters
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks (in Florida)
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell
  - In mid February 2010 the Fairfax County Department of Transportation prepared Project Summary Reports by District which can be found on the Sully District Council Presentations page:  
<< <http://www.sullydistrict.org/presentations/index.html>>>  
[Braddock](#) [Dranesville](#) [Hunter Mill](#) [Lee](#) [Mason](#) [Mt Vernon](#) [Providence](#) [Springfield](#) [Sully](#)
  - Both the Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee and the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) met on 16 February 2010. The following documents may be of interest and can be found on the Sully District Council Presentations page:  
<< <http://www.sullydistrict.org/presentations/index.html>>>
    - Transforming Tyson's: Overview of the Transportation Section of the Comprehensive Plan Amendment, 3rd Draft
    - Tyson's Connector - Lunchtime free bus service in Tyson's Corner: Update on Operations since Nov. 23, 2009
    - Citizen's Task Force: Study of Financial, Legal & Legislative Issues Associated with Improving Roadway Service Delivery
    - Northern Virginia Transportation Authority 2010 Legislative Program
    - 2010 General Assembly Session Transportation Funding/Allocation Bills
- Website - Jeff Parnes

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- Pictures of board members were posted on the contact page
- Those board or liaison members whose portraits were not taken, or who wish to replace the portrait taken, please send Jeff a jpg that you'd like him to use.

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

- Braddock - Art Wells
- Lee - Don Hinman
- Mason - Roger Hoskins
- Mt. Vernon - Karen Pohoryo
- Providence - Charlie Hall
- Sully - Jeff Parnes
  - Schedule
    - February - School Budget
    - March - County Budget
    - April - Human Services
  - At its February meeting Sully passed a resolution on the advertised tax rate calling for it to be set "at a level that would replicate funding of the 2010 budget."
- Springfield - Mike Thompson

### **Adjournment**

*The March 2010 membership meeting will be on the 25th*

*The March 2010 board meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup>*

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 28, 2010

***Draft 2 submitted for approval*** Approved ***(date)***

The January 2010 Meeting of the Executive Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Jeff Parnes at 7:40 p.m. at the Packard Center in Annandale.

Present: Fred Costello, Charles Dane, Kahan Dhillon, Esther Ferington, Bill Hanks, Don Hinman, Roger Hoskin, Tania Hossain, Jeff Parnes, Scott Schlegel, Flint Webb, Art Wells, and Ed Wyse.

### Calendar

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Feb	18 – Presentation by Park Authority/Tysons Plan <sup>1</sup>	None (note early Mar meeting)	Jan 29
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation <sup>2</sup> (4 <sup>th</sup> Thursday)	4 – Budget (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday) <sup>3</sup>	Mar 12
Apr	15 – Report from Federation Appointees & Representatives (Kahan) <sup>4</sup>	22	Apr 2
May	20– Report from Richmond (Selected Fairfax County legislators)	27	Apr 23
Jun	17 – Picnic: State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Board of Supervisors (BOS), and Installation of Officers	24	May 28

### Administrative Topics

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

**Human Services**—Need Chair; this vacancy has continued too long.

**Bulletin**—Carol is planning to step down after the June 2010 bulletin. If 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)).

#### **Bulletin/Newsletter | Carol (absent)**

Newsletter articles are due January 29.

#### **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**

- Board—28 Jan 09—Carol Hawn, Secretary Pro Tem—still in progress
- Board—10 Dec 09—Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary—approved at this meeting

#### **Future of Packard Center and Implications for Federation | Jeff**

The January 2010 issue of The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area Fairfax VOTER reports that the Packard Center might be renovated during the fourth quarter of 2010 rather than being closed permanently. We might explore meeting at a library that is equipped to allow late exits by groups meeting at their facility. These facilities, all somewhat centrally located, were mentioned as possible temporary meeting places: Oakton Library, Kings Park Library or collocated Braddock Government Center, Woods Center in the Burke Conservancy.

<sup>1</sup> Jeff is working with John to obtain a presenter for February.

<sup>2</sup> Tania will ensure the Budget Committee Co-chairs are securing a presenter for the March membership meeting.

<sup>3</sup> Kahan will ensure the Packard Center is reserved for the March 4 meeting.

<sup>4</sup> Kahan and Esther will choose who will report at the April 15 meeting. Guidance is not to select representatives that have recently reported and to select from one school committee and two other committees.

Members are to check their potential for use in late 2010 and pass initial availability information and contact information to Kahan.

### **Treasurer's Report | Scott**

Scott provided the treasurer's report. The board received and filed the treasurer's report. The report may be viewed at <http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/TreasurersReport100121.pdf>.

### **Old Business**

#### **Citizen of the Year (COY) Award & Banquet | John Jennison (absent)**

John has submitted an RFP for the banquet for 125 attendees at Tyson's Crown Plaza for April 25 or May 2 and will report to the board on the response as soon as he gets it. SAIC has agreed to be head liner sponsor; we are negotiating the level of donation. John is also meeting with the FireFighters for their sponsor interest. A representative of another potential sponsor, The Washington Post, is trying to get in touch with Jeff.

Members are urged to redouble efforts to solicit nominations, which are due January 31. [Note: In the days immediately following this meeting the due day was extended to February 7 and further extension was under consideration.]

The online nomination form on the Federation's web site is not working. Nominators should use the RTF nomination from the web site to prepare their nominations and then submit the nominations to John Jennison.

Scott distributed a one-page summary of the 2009 COY banquet expenses and led a discussion about expense factors and risks, such as contracting for more meals than are sold.

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

At our August board meeting the board voted to pursue the strategy of a resolution that seeks to increase 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. In Cary's absence, this item was deferred.

#### **Tyson's Corner Land Use Task Force | John Jennison (absent)**

The Tyson's Corner Land Use Task Force meeting met January 25 to review the draft Plan Amendment.

Jeff will coordinate speakers for the Federation's February membership meeting on this subject.

#### **Chairman's Photos | John**

Last Wednesday, the 13th, just prior to Chairman Bulova's New Year's fest, the County dedicated the Chairmen's Portrait Gallery in the alcove in front of the conference rooms, with past president John Jennison, the driving force behind the portraits, and current president, Jeff Parnes, speaking on the occasion. See pictures taken at the event at <http://www.fcfa.org/PictureGallery/20100113ChairmanGallery>. The link to the county's announcement of the occasion is available the Picture Gallery.

The Federation membership expressed its thanks to John Jennison for leading this project at last week's meeting.

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

COG Board of Directors approved the signature product of the Greater Washington 2050 Coalition—Region Forward: COG's Comprehensive Guide for Regional Planning and Measuring Progress in the 21st Century—on January 13, 2010.

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova was the coalition's chair during this almost two-year effort and made the presentation to the COG Board. There was lively and positive discussion on the report, including proposed local government action on the voluntary regional compact that is the immediate next step.

The report and compact will be sent to elected officials from COG's 21 local governments requesting that each jurisdiction endorse or take other appropriate action to support Region Forward and the compact. COG is targeting March to complete the local endorsement process and will follow up shortly to seek counsel on strategies to secure endorsement from area local governments.

COG will also send the report and compact to key state and federal officials, requesting similar support, as well as to many leading regional organizations and stakeholders.

COG will shortly “open” its website to invite a wide-range of organizations, stakeholders and individuals to voice their support for Region Forward. COG anticipates a further round of outreach to engage stakeholders and build awareness and support for Region Forward.

Printed copies will be available shortly. In the meantime, the final report is available on the website, [www.greaterwashington2050.org](http://www.greaterwashington2050.org)

### **Legislation Presentation | Jeff**

Jeff was the third speaker at the public hearing on January 10, 2010.

- Video of presentation by Jeff to Fairfax County’s General Assembly delegation of the Federation 2010 Legislative Program (9 Jan 10) may be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/testimony/Testimony2010LegislationProgram100109.mov>
- Written testimony to Fairfax County’s General Assembly delegation presenting the Federation 2010 Legislative Program (9 Jan 10) may be viewed at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/testimony/Testimony2010LegislationProgram100109.pdf>

The testimony has subsequently been revised to add the Local Composite Index section; the revised version has been distributed to our legislative delegation.

### **Recent Resolutions**

Resolution on Daytime Noise Limits (17 Dec 09)

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionDaytimeNoiseLimits20091217Approved.pdf>

Resolution on Operation of Farm Wineries (17 Dec 09)

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionOperationofFarmWineries20091217Approved.pdf>

Both resolutions have been distributed and the Federation has received a letter of acknowledgement from Chairman Bulova. This letter will be posted on the Federation’s web site.

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

#### **Empanelling a Nomination Committee | Jeff**

Per Federation standard practices the nomination committee is chaired by the Past President (John Jennison) and has at least four members: a committee chair, a district representative, and two non-board representatives from member associations. At this meeting Charlie Dane was selected as the committee chair member and Roger Hoskin as the district representative member. Jeff and John will solicit volunteers for the additional slots.

Nominations will be announced in April, elections will be held in May, and installation of new officers will occur in June at the Federation’s annual picnic.

#### **Federation Positions on Two Tax Ideas | Charlie**

Charlie noted that the Federation has not taken a position on sales tax for Internet purchases. Discussion revealed that the Federation has considered this idea before but not endorsed the tax. The idea may be worth revisiting.

Some area jurisdictions have a meals tax; Fairfax County does not. State law allows only one method to impose the tax: referendum. The Board of Supervisors has been reluctant to call for a referendum on a meals tax. The Federation has not taken a position on the meals tax itself, but does support allowing Virginia’s counties’ governing bodies to establish taxes without subjecting the issue to an election.

### **Board & Committee Reports**

#### **Association Services | Don Hinman**

Don reported that he is supporting Ann Neuman in her effort to start a civic association for the Waverly neighborhood near Vienna. Ann had contacted the Federation requesting assistance.

He also reported, as he had at the recent membership meeting, that he has been appointed to the Virginia Legislative Action Committee (VALAC) of the Community Associations Institute.

Don reported that VALAC is supporting legislation introduced by Delegate Mark Sickles. H.B. 1100 would grant immunity from civil liability to associations that have stormwater management facilities that are within the association boundaries but for which maintenance is undertaken by the county or other units of government. This situation applies to the Kingstowne association, which is a strong supporter of the legislation.

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

The agenda indicated a report on committee progress for March board meeting, however due to the co-chairmen's absences, this item was not addressed.

Participants noted that possible sources of information for the Federation's budget review could be obtained from:

- District council budget committee reports
- Issue-oriented groups who demonstrate complete understanding of their functional areas
- The County Budget Advisory Committee (if one exists)

Tania will query Carey and Charlie on their finding a speaker for the March membership meeting.

### **Education | Charlie Dane**

Charlie thanked other board members for their feedback on the testimony the Federation's Education Committee had prepared on the school system budget. Charlie gave the committee's position on the proposed FCPS budget to the school board yesterday; the testimony is on the Federation web site.

Charlie and Walt Carlson attended the school board's retreat as observers. At the retreat, Charlie learned of the role of assistant principals in implementing a planned team approach in schools. Budget cuts that reduce assistant principals could be expected to hinder success of the team approach.

### **Environment | Flint Webb**

Ana Prados desires to continue representing the Federation on the MWAQ Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Federation is pleased with her service there. Jeff has sent the letter re-nominating her to the TAC.

The Environment Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission held a public workshop on January 6, 2010, on a draft Policy Plan Amendment proposal addressing disturbances to Environmental Quality Corridors (EQC). The EQC system is an open space system in Fairfax County that is designed to link and preserve natural resource areas; by doing so, it also provides significant opportunities for passive recreation. A background document containing the "Strawman" draft Plan Amendment is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/eqcdisturbancesstrawman.pdf>.

On the topic of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, Flint noted that the county does not plan to establish an actual baseline of its 2005 inventory. Without a baseline, the county could claim post-2005 credit for actions taken before 2005 to reduce greenhouse gas reductions. Flint will draft a resolution that the Federation supports conducting a 2005 inventory of greenhouse gas emissions. This inventory will enable a more accurate and honest accounting of emission reductions that have occurred—or that do occur in the future—since the baseline date of 2005.

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

A Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is a coalition of community leaders committed to assessing Fairfax County's most pressing health needs and developing a strategic plan that will improve the overall health of our community. The coalition will utilize the Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) strategic process developed by the CDC and NACCHO to guide them through this effort.

The Fairfax County Health Department is sponsoring MAPP—A Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax—in-inaugural community coalition dinner meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010 at the Fairfax County Government Center from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tania has agreed to attend as the Federation representative.

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

With the help of the county's Kevin Sneed, Fred developed a rationale for the amount of proffers that should be offered by developers to cover the cost of school construction.

Fred has attended meetings of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. The first meetings consisted of county presentations and discussion of how the task force should be organized. The task force awaits the existing conditions report from the Department of Planning and Zoning (DPZ). The task force's current focus is on the

Dulles Corridor. Work on Town Centers will not start until next year. The task force heard from three citizens groups at its January 26 meeting. The citizen groups offered planning principles with some specific numbers, such as providing 33% open space (although there was disagreement on what constitutes open space).

Two Reston developments that are under study by the DPZ, Fairway Apartments and the Wiehle Station, have helped educate Fred on the details. Fred advocates mandating the inclusion of computer-generated 3D computer models in Area Plans Reviews. These models would permit virtual walk-through and drive-through capability. To demonstrate the capability, Fred developed a 3D model of the Wiehle Avenue Station Project using Google SketchUp.

Fred reported a January 20 forum from the Cato Institute on the book Gridlock: Why We're Stuck in Traffic and What to Do about It, by Randall O'Toole. The presenters were:

- Randall O'Toole (author), Senior Fellow, Cato Institute
- Anthony Downs, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institute
- Michael Replogle, Global Policy Director and Founder, Institute for Transportation and Development Policy

Fred posted a one-page summary on the Federation's web site. The video of the complete forum is available for viewing at <http://www.cato.org/event.php?eventid=6666>.

### **Legislation | Tania Hossain**

Merrily Pierce (past Federation President) of the Hunter Mill District staff alerted us to a bill that would require the Commonwealth Transportation Board to establish a corridor for a western bypass. She stated that the Federation has long opposed the bypass and wondered if we would take any action.

On this particular issue, long time members of the board recall that the Federation some years ago hosted a forum on the western bypass, but believe the Federation never took a position. Regardless, given the passage of time since then, the Federation would have to re-examine the issue before establishing a position.

Jeff suggested that if Federation members are aware of proposed bills on which the Federation has taken a recent position, then we ought to reiterate our position to our legislative delegation. He suggested that our legislation chair, Tania, be the clearing house for generating such position papers. She would restate the position and forward the particulars to our Corresponding Secretary Esther, who would then prepare a letter (email) for the President to sign. Tania and Esther agreed with this suggestion.

Jeff asked Bill Hanks, who agreed, to create an index of positions of the Federation that could be examined for reference when issues arise for current consideration starting as of this date. Jeff thought that an index of past positions would be worthwhile, but there was no consensus as to whether this would be a feasible effort.

### **Membership | Tania Hossain**

Tania will follow up with Janet Hedetniemi about a replacement check for the membership check that was not received.

Tania will contact former member associations that are not current members and to ask them to return to the Federation.

Tania will prepare letters to send to libraries asking them to make Federation brochures available to their patrons.

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

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

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

The board discussed the issue of Fairfax County assuming road maintenance responsibility from VDOT. As background, the only Virginia counties that maintain their own roads are Arlington and Henrico. This arrangement was created statutorily when paved highways were relatively new, VDOT was being created, and Arlington and Henrico were the most urban areas in the commonwealth. This concept was studied by Fairfax County in 1990 and 1992 and may be under consideration again. The Board of Supervisors looks to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) for the citizen review portion of the decision process. Both Roger and Jeff are members of both TAC and the Federation, which means the Federation will be kept informed of the study's progress.

### **Website | Jeff Parnes**

Jeff announced he will post pictures of board members that he took this evening on the web site's contact page—<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/contactus1.htm>. Members not at this meeting (and those present who do not like the photo taken) should send Jeff a photo for posting.

### **District Council Reports**

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

The main topic of the January 12 district council meeting was mowing of highway medians, with four options considered.

On January 23 Supervisor Cook, the district council, and the county staff put on a neighborhood Leadership Institute.

February 3 is the date for the Braddock - George Mason Forum, including Fairfax City residents.

In its February 9 meeting, the council will vote on mowing options and have a program on how to run community associations.

February 17 is the date for the Wakefield Chapel Northern Virginia Community College Forum

The first of two Neighborhood Colleges begins March 24 and runs six weeks on Wednesday evenings.

#### **Dranesville—N/A**

#### **Hunter Mill—N/A**

#### **Lee | Don Hinman**

Delegate Mark Sickles will host a town hall meeting for constituents on January 30, 10 a.m. to noon, at Kingstowne's Snyder Center, Also attending will be Senator George Barker and Supervisor Jeff McKay.

Supervisor Jeff McKay will host the annual Lee District Open House, also on January 30, starting at 1 p.m. at the Franconia Government Center,

#### **Mason | Roger Hoskins**

Mason District will hold a special election to fill its school board position.

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

Kahan reported that Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland will again host a district "bus tour," which is an overview of what is happening in the district, at the Mount Vernon High School, in March. For a list of all planned meetings in the district, see the web site <http://mvcca.org>, Council Documents table, Calendar link.

The council has begun long-range strategic planning in three stages: laying groundwork, presentation/branding, and outreach to stakeholders, including Lee District.

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

Tania will attend the next Province District Council meeting.

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

#### **Sully | Jeff Parnes**

The council's January 27 meeting featured a presentation by the Park Authority.

The council's February meeting will be on School Budget with Kathy Smith, Chairman of FCPS.

The March meeting topic is county budget and the April meeting topic is human services.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

### **Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting is scheduled February 18, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled March 4, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.

**Summary of Action Items from This Meeting**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
Jeff Parnes	Work with John to obtain presenter(s) for February membership meeting
Kahan Dhillon	Ensure the Packard Center is reserved for the March 4 meeting
Jeff Parnes	Coordinate with the Washington Post regarding sponsorship for the Citizen of the Year
Tania Hossain	Ensure the Budget Committee Co-chairs are securing a presenter for the March membership meeting.
All	Explore temporary meeting facilities and report options to Kahan.
Kahan Dhillon & Esther Ferington	Choose which representatives will report at the April 15 meeting.
Esther Ferington & Kosmo Tatalais	Post Chairman Bulova's resolution acknowledgement letter to the web site.
Bill Hanks	Create an index of past positions of the Federation.
Tania Hossain	Contact former member associations that are not current members and ask them to return to the Federation.
Tania Hossain	Prepare letters to send to libraries asking them to make Federation brochures available to their patrons.
Members for whom Jeff does not yet have a photo or who don't like the photo Jeff posted	Send picture of self to Jeff for posting on the Federation's web site's contact page
Tania Hossain	Follow up with Janet Hedetniemi about a replacement check for the membership check that was not received.
Tania Hossain	Attend the Providence District Council meeting.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary

**FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS**  
**DRAFT RESOLUTION**  
Advertised Real-Estate Tax Rate  
**(Approved by the Federation's General Membership on ???)**

WHEREAS the incomes of many residents of Fairfax County, including teachers and retirees, have not increased in this last year;

WHEREAS the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) increased 2.6% during this last year<sup>1</sup>, further burdening residents of Fairfax County;

WHEREAS the County Executive has proposed a balanced budget based on a tax rate of \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed value<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS a tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value will not increase the average real-estate tax paid by County residents<sup>2</sup>;

WHEREAS the Commonwealth of Virginia will provide Fairfax County \$61M<sup>3</sup> from a re-computed Local Composite Index (LCI);

WHEREAS the budget shows the managed reserve at \$68M<sup>4</sup> plus \$12.43M<sup>2</sup> remaining in reserves from the previous year;

WHEREAS the selected tax rate is customarily chosen to be less than the advertised rate;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Citizens Associations recommends that the Advertised Rate be set at \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value, under the assumption that the Commonwealth of Virginia will provide, from various sources, at net increase in the transfer of \$61M. With the understanding that should the additional funding from the state is not forthcoming, the County could access the managed reserve fund.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/cpi.nr0.htm>

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/cex\\_slide\\_presentation\\_fy2011\\_advertised.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/cex_slide_presentation_fy2011_advertised.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdffiles/lci\\_freeze.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/lee/pdffiles/lci_freeze.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/offsite/?pg=http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/excel/gf\\_fund\\_statement\\_for\\_web.xls](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/offsite/?pg=http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/advertised/excel/gf_fund_statement_for_web.xls)