

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Membership Meeting Agenda (Revised)

Thursday, 18 February 2009 7:30 p.m.

Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

Call to Order/Welcome/Updates - Tania Hossain, Federation 1st Vice President

Calendar:

Month	Membership	Board
Feb	18 - Tyson's Corner Plan	25
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation (4 th Thursday)	18 (3 rd Thursday) Budget
Apr	15 - Report from Federation Appointees & Representatives	22
May	20- Report from Richmond (Selected Fairfax County legislators)	27
Jun	17 - Picnic - State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, BOS Chair, Officer Installation	24

Program:

Fairfax County Park Authority

Presenters: William G. Boule, Chair of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board
Cindy Messinger, Deputy Director, Fairfax County Park Authority

The Future of Tyson's Corner

Presenter: Clark Tyler, Tyson's Task Force Chair

Administrative Items:

- **Approval of 21 Jan 2010 Membership Meetings Minutes:** Ed Wyse
<http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/201001MinutesMemberDraft.pdf>
- **Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schegel
- **Officer and Committee Chair Vacancies:**
 - Human Services - Chair
 - Bulletin Editor - Carol is planning to step down after the June 2010 bulletin. If you're interested in serving as Bulletin Editor when she steps down please either contact her (FedBulletinEditor2009@fairfaxfederation.org) or Jeff (FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).
- **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.

Old Business:

- **Recent Actions**
 - Letter to Governor (7 Feb 10) to Urge that the Local Composite Index be Recalculated This Year
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/letters/LettertoGovmcDonnellreL.CI100207.pdf>

New Business:

- 2010-2011 Officer Nominations Committee - John
 - The Nominations committee is looking for representatives from member organizations to serve on the committee. Please send John an email if interested at (FedPastPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).

Board & Committee Reports

- Association Services - Don Hinman

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- Budget - Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall
 - Federation Budget Committee Kickoff Meeting on Wed, Feb. 24, 7:30 PM
 - Jeff is scheduled to be the 69th speaker at the 7 April 2010 budget public hearing.
- Citizen of the Year - John
 - Nominations are open until 28 Feb 2010 - <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>
 - Banquet April/May
 - Douglas Koelemay of SAIC indicated that it enjoyed its sponsorship of the Federation's Annual Awards Dinner in March 2009 and would like to renew its sponsorship in 2010.
 - The Washington Post is only doing in-kind donations this year - providing items that could be auctioned at meetings, speakers at events.
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
- Environment - Flint Webb
 - The upcoming Greening Fairfax seminar might of interest to the Federation membership.
http://www.fcfa.org/fcfa/committees/Environment/100327FCRP_GreeningSeriesAgenda.pdf
 - The sponsor, the Fairfax County Restoration Project (www.fcrpp3.org), is a new environmental public-private partnership. Its leader, Amy Gould, is doing an impressive job of bringing players together and would probably be a valuable partner for the Federation. She has focused on habitat restoration in the wake of the HOT lanes project and on nudging Dominion Power toward encouraging native species in their easements
 - This sounds very interesting. Unfortunately with all the snow I am way behind at work
 - An Arctic Imperative: Local Implications for Current Climate Science and Diplomacy
 - Are you wondering about the state of climate science? Attend our roundtable on February 18th and learn from the experts.
 - Please join Virginia Conservation Network for a light breakfast and roundtable moderated by: His Excellency Wegger Chr. Strommen, Ambassador of Norway to the United States
 - **When:** February 18, 2010 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 - **Where:** University of Richmond Downtown Community Room. 626 East Broad Street, Richmond VA
 - **Featuring presentations by:**
 - Dr. Walt Meier, Research Scientist at the National Snow and Ice Data Center, University of Colorado, Boulder
 - Dr. Ellen Douglas, Associate Professor Hydrology, University of Massachusetts
 - Rafe Pomerance, Senior Fellow, Clean Air-Cool Planet
 - **RSVP:** 804.644.0283 or vcn@vcnva.org
 - Supporting the Clean Air Act is certainly a noble cause. But there are other issues we may want to bring up.
 - Join us at Senator Webb's Falls Church office next Friday to urge him to stand up for the Clean Air Act!
 - This week is the President's Day district work period for our Senators. Normally, Senators take this opportunity to hear from their constituents but Sen. Webb will be MIA - visiting Guam and Japan.
 - Right now we aren't sure if Senator Webb will reject attempts to weaken the Clean Air Act. So, rather than miss this opportunity to engage him, we will meet his staff, hold signs, and see how many honks for clean air we can get from passing cars to make it loud and clear that his absence is noticed!
 - Come to Sen. Webb's office for a rally to let him know that Virginians support the Clean Air Act!
 - Here are the details:
 - WHO: You, your friends and family
 - WHAT: Rally to protect the Clean Air Act at Senator Webb's office. We'll be delivering hand-written letters and postcards to Sen. Webb's staff, then rallying support outside and counting how many honks we can get in support of clean air.
 - WHEN: 11:00am-12:30pm, Friday, February 19, 2010
 - WHERE: Senator Webb's Northern Virginia District Office, 7309 Arlington Boulevard, Suite 316, Falls Church, VA 22042. [Click here for a map!](#)
 - RSVP: <http://action.sierraclub.org/SenatorWebb>
 - QUESTIONS: Kate Pollard, (703) 865-6659, Kate.pollard@sierraclub.org
- Human Services - **Vacant**
- Land Use - Fred Costello

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- The Federation was asked if it was undertaking any serious examination of corruption and incompetence in parts of the Fairfax County government.
- The following points were raised:
 - You can start with zoning -- a lack of documentable, disciplined and unbiased processes. Abandonment of standards for minimum parking, building
 - Setbacks, service lanes, open space requirements, planting specifications, etc.
 - Part of this problem rests squarely with the Board of Supervisors -- for failing to maintain adequate levels of professionalism; and a weak code of ethics regarding maintaining arms-length postures in dealing with developers, special interests, etc. Turnover in staff has resulted in a loss of institutional knowledge, and best practices.
- Is this something on which there is a broad consensus that there is a problem?
- Legislation - Tania Hossain
- Membership - Tania Hossain
 - I have 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 give me the names of a newer president.
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell
 - 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

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

- Braddock - Art Wells
- Lee - Don Hinman
- Mason - Roger Hoskins
- Mt. Vernon - Karen Pohorylo
- Providence - Charles Hall
- Sully - Jeff Parnes
 - Heard Parks report on 27 January
 - Planning for a School Budget presentation on 24 February
- Springfield - Mike Thompson

Closing Announcements:

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Membership Meeting - 25 March 2010, 7:30 PM

Next Board Meeting - 25 February 2010, 7:30 PM