

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
7:30 pm, Thursday, 22 April 2010

Call to Order/Welcome - Jeff Parnes

Calendar:

Month	Membership	Board	Newsletter Deadline
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 - Tania suggest a prospective chair who has been invited to a forthcoming meeting.
 - Bulletin - Fred has volunteered to take over as Bulletin editor when Carol steps down after the June 2010 bulletin.
 - Engineering Standards Review Committee (ESRC) appointee and Citizen Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) appointee
- **Bulletin/Newsletter - Carol**
 - Newsletter articles due 30 April
- **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes -**
 - 18 Mar 10 - Ed Wyse Recording Secretary: The draft minutes are available at <<<http://www.fcfa.org/minutes-agenda/201003MinutesBoardDraft.pdf>>>
- **Treasurer's Report - Scott**
- **Expected absences**
 - Esther, Tania,

Old Business

- **COY - John**
 - We need to drum up attendees!
 - Is anyone available during an upcoming day to walk thru with Heather at the Crown Plaza? We need to take care of a few things:
 - Registration table
 - outside announcement board
 - Some questions from Heather at the Crown Plaza:
 - What type of dessert will you be offering? Carrot Cake for Chocolate Cake?
 - Final Numbers? Meal Selections?
 - Display Tables for Sponsors?
 - Bar Inside Ballroom or Outside in Foyer?
 - Carol is working on the Citizen of the Year Program;
 - I do have the following comments or questions:
 - What are we naming the cup, if anything? It was called "The Washington Post Cup", but now that's no longer the name. This hit home last week when Laura McDowall passed away (1975 recipient); her obituary referred to her as the recipient of "The Washington Star Cup" as Citizen of the Year.
 - I'm concerned about the agenda for the evening. While working on page two, I personally believe it is way too much talking before we actually eat the entrée, if we list it like this. I simply believe we have Jeff, Doug, and the Governor speak, we eat, Governor can leave, then do Citation of Merit and then Citizen of the Year, as in the past. Otherwise, there is no build-up for the latter. For so many years, the guest speaker didn't

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introduce the citizen of the year, and there is no reason why this year. I'm just very concerned that one small step could derail such a tight agenda.

- If we have table sponsors, I need to know who they are immediately. By the way, I saw an email (by another organization) that said tickets for this are \$70.00 (and they weren't talking tables), so there was some confusion about this split-cost idea.
- I need to get this to Alfredo as soon as possible so he can begin setup.
- I'm working on the bios and will send them out starting tomorrow.

• Tyson's Corner Presentation

- We invited representatives of the Greater Tyson's Citizens Coalition and the MCA's P&Z Committee to the April Federation membership meeting. They could not make it.
- Charlie Hall and Fred have proposed the following letter:
 - <http://www.fcfc.org/committees/Landuse/LetterTysonsCorner20YearIncrementalPlanningDraft100421V2.pdf>
 - Because so many uncertainties are in play, everyone had expected a few months delay before the Planning Commission submitted its recommendation to the board. That has not happened. A public hearing is scheduled by the commission on Thursday. Of even greater significance, the commission's markup meeting is scheduled for May 12. (Tysons schedule is at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysons_docs/tysonscommitteeschedule.pdf.) Unfortunately, that will be before the May members meeting.
 - The commissions Tysons subcommittee is strongly for the staged planning approach, and we've been advised that the larger commission favors it, as well, but many options remain on the table. Especially since we stop short of a full endorsement, I think the draft as written carries a clear sentiment that we want this approach examined very closely before a final decision is made, and would be genuinely of value to the commission. At the very least, we could submit in writing in plenty of time as the Planning Commission works on a final planning document. I'm planning on doing that cross-county migration myself.
 - On a more positive note, the timing of the May membership meeting is ideal for a follow-up resolution/letter before the board decides. By that time, we should have a more solid indication of where the Planning Commission is going, and be able to submit a clearer recommendation for action to the membership. But I think an early statement of values in our draft letter has real value now.
 - I'm open to thoughts, but I think it's worth the Federations consideration.
- John reports that the April 2010 edition of the Planning Communicator Newsletter is now available online at:
- <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/newsletters.htm> The current issue presents an in-depth look at the Tysons Corner Plan as well as APR and land use updates.

New and Miscellaneous Business

- **Public Safety Resolution on Virginia Avenue Railroad Tunnel - Gail**
 - What makes this a safety issue is that 42,000 folks are killed EVERY YEAR on our roadways; 330,000 folks are injured or maimed on our roadways EVERY YEAR. Rail is safer and it will help us have cleaner air and cleaner water. Thus the tie in to Public Safety. Also, in some jurisdictions, the traffic is so dense that emergency vehicles CAN NOT get through to help, i.e., in Virginia Beach each summer! Roanoke also has issues with traffic blocking emergency vehicles. It is a public safety issue.
 - Also, as the speed of traffic increases so does the fatalities; the speed limit(s) in Virginia are being raised from 55 to 65MPH. We can expect more fatalities on Virginia roadways as a result. We need Rail.
 - I believe some (if not all) of the other projects ARE part of the National Gateway Initiative. If they are not, we really should consider a resolution supporting them, too.
 - My information came from the National Gateway Initiative expert for CSX who works with the COG Freight committee. He has a Virginia person who is willing to brief us (with a little notice) on the National Gateway Initiative, if we wish.
 - <http://www.fcfc.org/committees/PublicSafety/ResolutionVirginiaAvenueTunnelandNationalGatewayInitiativeDraft100422V3.pdf>

○ Nomination Committee - John

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- 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.
 - The BOS today approved the "marked up" budget, which will in all likelihood be the final budget.
 - The \$11M in restorations came from reducing the reserve for state reductions by half.
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
 - Thoughts on FCPS Budget Testimony
- Environment - Flint Webb
 - I attended the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, Technical Advisory Committee meeting on 13 April along with Ana, the Federation's representative on the TAC. Sunil presented the PowerPoint presentation that I handed out at the FEN meeting yesterday. Here is what I learned today that I hadn't realized before:
 - 1) The County has already stopped maintaining the monitors except for the Mount Vernon Monitor and the TEOM in Annandale, (The TEOM monitor is used for forecasting particulate matter compliance, it can give you an instantaneous measurement that is not as accurate as the FRM monitors.)
 - 2) DEQ is continuing to maintain the FRM PM monitor at Lee District Park and will eventually move take over the TEOM measurements when Fairfax County stops,
 - 3) Slide 4 of Sunil's presentation shows the minimum number of monitors for metropolitan areas. For metropolitan areas our size we should have a minimum of 3 ozone monitors, 3 FRM monitors, and 2 TEOM monitors. Before the elimination of the Fairfax Monitors we have 18 ozone monitors, 12 FRM monitors, and 3 TEOM monitors. After the elimination of the Fairfax County monitors they will have 14 ozone, 10 FRM and 3 TEOM monitors.
 - 4) the Lee District Park monitor is 2 miles from the Mount Vernon monitor and the Cub Run ozone monitor on the western edge of the county is 9 miles from the Sterling monitor
 - 5) The EPA has cut back on their grants to States to maintain monitoring networks, but has increased the requirements for monitors by requiring new NO₂, SO₂ and lead monitors. The NO₂ monitors will need to be near major traffic corridors and the SO₂ monitors will need to be near sources of SO₂ (which probably means the Mirant Potomac River power plant.
 - 6) Charles Turner stated that they will be collecting air toxics at the Lee District Park location. It is not mentioned on the slides Sunil put out but I think air toxics are a critical piece in understanding air quality health risks and may even be more important in the long run than criteria pollutants (the criteria pollutants are ozone (made in a reaction between photochemical reactive volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x)), NO₂, SO₂, PM (currently PM with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5})), CO and lead).
 - What still disturbs me:
 - 1) the Mount Vernon monitor has consistently shown higher values than the Lee District Park monitor. On this point Charles Turner (Director, Air Quality Monitoring for DEQ) said "Long term differences between Lee Park and Mount Vernon are not statistically significant". Looking at the design values on slide 7 of Sunil's presentation it looks like the design values were ~2 ppb (parts per billion) higher in 2003-2005 (~2%), 1 ppb higher in the 2004-2006 period (~1%), 3 ppb higher in 2005-2007 (~3%) and 1 ppb higher in 2006-2008 (~1%). For the 2002-2004 and 2007-2009 period they appear to be the same.
 - 2) The Mount Vernon monitor has Northern Virginia's and the Region's highest design value (the measure used to determine whether the region is in attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The current ozone NAAQS is 75 ppb and all but the Chantilly (or Cub Run) monitors have been reading over the NAAQS. EPA has proposed that they will be setting the new ozone NAAQS at between 60-70 ppb which will mean that all the monitors will be reading non-attainment. (In fact I understand that if they set the standard at 60 ppb there isn't a monitor in the Country that will be in attainment.)
 - 3) The McLean FRM monitor has a design value of 12.7 ug/m³ (micrograms per cubic meter) - the third highest in the region, and the highest value in northern Virginia for the annual PM NAAQS. The Lee District Park FRM has been reading only just above 12 ug/m³. The annual average PM NAAQS is 15 ug/m³. However, the Lee District Park has been reading the highest for the 24-hour PM NAAQS at 31 ug/m³ (the highest value in the region is 32

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ug/m³ and the NAAQS is 35 ug/m³). It is also important to point out that it was the 24-hour NAAQS that we have not been in attainment for most recently.

4) EPA has acknowledged that the region has demonstrated that they have "clean data" recently (meaning that the area has been meeting the NAAQS recently) but they still haven't acted on our PM State Implementation Plan that we submitted in 2007 and don't plan to be acting on it any time soon.

- IN SUMMARY While I don't like that the highest reading ozone monitor will soon be going away, I understand the economic necessities and concede that the data is probably not significantly different than the Lee District Park monitor. I am glad that they will continue to be collecting both FRM and TEOM data in Fairfax County and concede that if only one FRM monitor can be kept, the Lee District Park monitor would be the one to keep. I am glad that DEQ will be collecting air toxics information at the Lee District Park.
- The comment period will end April 30th. The DEQ web site to find out more and enter comments is: <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/air/permitting/monitoring.htm>.
- Ana has a few more items:
 - 1) Note that Lee District Park will have a total of three monitors, ozone, PM_{2.5} daily (FRM), and PM_{2.5} hourly (TEOM)
 - 2) The part that I didn't like is that some of the folks at the meeting asked for "public support" for this. I argued that if they really want public support, it won't be easy and that they should come up with some dollar amounts for all the money they will presumably be saving.
 - 3) The MDE folks (Maryland Department of the Environment), who are usually the good guys (at least compared to VA DEQ) were on DEQ's side, emphasizing how the DC metro area has so many more monitors than any other region in the southeast and how we've monitored so much more than other areas in the past, and how letting go of the monitors won't affect attainment or public health. I didn't ask this question because there was not time, but my response to that would have been: If these additional monitors are so useless, why were they put there in the first place by the county and DEQ? Obviously, at some points, someone thought they would be beneficial
 - 4) It is a shame that this monitoring will be discontinued but I do not think we can get DEQ or the County to put the monitors back in since they are legally not required to do so.
- Human Services - **Vacant**
- Land Use- Fred Costello
- Legislation - Tania Hossain
 - Working on updating the legislative program with GA activities.
- Membership -Tania Hossain
 - Membership letters
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks (in Florida)
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell

- Website - Jeff Parnes

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
 - April - Human Services
 - May - Report from Richmond
 - June - State of Sully
- Springfield - Mike Thompson

Adjournment

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