

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 26, 2010

Approved September 23, 2010

The August 2010 Meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall in Burke.

Present: Frank Anderson, Leonard Bumbaca, Carey Campbell, Fred Costello, Roger Diedrich, Esther Ferington, Joe Gibson, Bill Hanks, Tania Hossain, Jeff Parnes, Scott Schlegel, Keith Taggart, Art Wells, and Ed Wyse.

Calendar

Planning the schedule for the current membership year was a focal point of this meeting. The results are reflected in the table below.

Currently the traditional meeting location—the Packard Center in Annandale—is not available due to renovation. Alternate meeting locations are planned for the remainder of 2010. After the Packard Center reopens, most meetings will be held there.

Fred Costello will coordinate pre-membership meeting *The Bulletin* deadline dates with Tania; the deadlines will be added to the planning calendar.

The topics preceded with a “♦” below are only tentatively associated with the month indicated; they could be swapped to other meeting dates that also have swappable topics.

Month	Membership	Board
Sep	16 Back to School Issues—Dr. Dale @ Braddock Hall	23 Legislative Program @ Braddock Hall
Oct	21 Legislative Program @ Braddock Hall	28 @ location to be determined [Jeff Parnes to explore a Sully District option]
Nov	18 ♦Transportation (tentatively VRE—their representative & BRAC mitigation—FDOT representative) [Carey Campbell to coordinate speakers] @ Braddock Hall, but an alternate south county location is sought. [Keith Taggart will look for a site.]	No meeting
Dec	16 ♦Environment (tentatively Chesapeake Bay—Virginia Department of Environmental Quality representative) [Roger Diedrich to coordinate speaker] @ Braddock Hall, but an alternate north or west county location is sought	2 traditionally a dinner meeting at a restaurant
2011		
Jan	20 FCPS Budget	27
Feb	17 ♦Land Use Planning [Fred Costello will determine scope and coordinate the program]	24
Mar	17 (or 24) County Budget	24 (or 17, depending on membership meeting date)
Apr	14 ♦To be determined (this is the second Thursday instead of the third to avoid the FCPS vacation week)	28
May	19 Report from Richmond & Election of Officers	26
Jun	16 Picnic, State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, Board of Supervisors Chair, & Installation of Officers	23

Other proposed meeting topics that could be scheduled on “swappable” dates were discussed:

- ◆What Federal election results mean for Fairfax County (best scheduled soon after elections in November)
- ◆Future federal and state budget trends (based upon reports debt reduction commissions (federal report is due December; the state report expected date of release is unknown))
- ◆Report from Federation appointees and representatives.

Also Tania suggested a membership service day. This would be scheduled on weekend.

Organizational Topics

Vacancies and Appointments—Tania Hossain

- The Human Services Chair is still vacant. David Mattoon regrets that his heavy schedule will prevent him from dedicating fully to the work of the Federation.
- The Legislative Chair position is newly filled by Frank Anderson.
- The Federation’s new representative to the Community Action Advisory Board is Tapan Banerjee.

Bulletin/Newsletter—Fred Costello

Newsletter articles are due August 29. The e-mail address is fedbulletineditor2010@fairfaxfederation.org.

Minutes—Ed Wyse

The board approved the minutes of the May 27, 2010, board meeting.

Treasurer’s Report—Scott Schlegel

Scott presented a proposed budget for the coming year. Scott noted that the Citizen of the Year banquet is the singular event that most affects the budget. The budget assumes the banquet is self-supporting and that membership will increase. The board changed the proposed amount of three line items slightly and asked Scott to detail the miscellaneous line item. The board voted to recommend that the membership approve the proposed budget as amended at this meeting.

Scott presented the current financial report; the board voted to receive and file it.

Old Business

A Federation Intern

Kosmo Tatalias is leading this initiative. Please send him your suggestions via fedwebmaster2010@fairfaxfederation.org.

The Federation’s request to the Board of Supervisors on the Redistricting Proposal —Jeff Parnes

The Federation had asked Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova to be included in the re-districting process. In a July 8 letter Chair Bulova said that she would recommend a Federation representative on the reapportionment committee when that committee is formed.

New Business

2011 Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet—Jeff Parnes

Jeff described his initial efforts to coordinate a guest speaker. By Federation policy, these discussions are not documented in minutes.

New lease

Scott and Tania are acting on a new lease for Packard Center meeting and storage space.

Board & Committee Reports

Association Services—Don Hinman (absent)—no report

Audit Committee—Bill Hanks

Bill, Charlie Dane, and Art Wells reviewed the Federation’s financial records earlier this month and found no irregularities. Art will present this finding at the next membership meeting.

Budget - Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall (absent)—no report

Education—Leonard Bumbaca (reporting), Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson

As reported in the May board minutes, the committee has restructured to an organization with three co-chairs. Two future membership meetings focus on the schools: Superintendent Dale discusses back-to-school issues in September and the school budget is the topic of the January meeting.

Environment - Flint Webb (absent) and Roger Diedrich—no report

Human Services—position vacant

Land Use - Fred Costello

Fred is a member of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force. He reports they have passed through the phases of learning existing conditions and development of guiding planning principles and are now evaluating existing Comprehensive Plan recommendations. Major concerns are the allowed mix of commercial versus residential buildings and current plans and assumptions about related transportation.

Legislation—Frank Anderson

Frank will send a reminder to Committee chairs to submit proposed revisions and edits to the legislative agenda.

Membership—Kahan Dhillon (absent)

Federation Policies and Procedures Revisions—Bill Hanks

Bill, John Jennison, and John Fee comprise a special committee to update the Federation's policies and procedures. Bill noted that input is pending from John Jennison on the Citizen of the Year banquet and from Jeff Parnes on webmaster duties.

Public Safety—G. Gail Parker (absent)—no report

Resolutions—Bill Hanks—no report

Transportation—Co-chairs Jeff Parnes (reporting), Roger Hoskin (absent), & Carey Campbell

The Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission elected Jeff as chair.

Mark Tipton, FCFCA representative, Trails and Sidewalks Committee; Lewis Grimm, a transportation professional from Franklin Farm; and Joseph Chudzik have agreed to serve on the Federation Transportation committee.

Mark Tipton provided the July 2010 Planning and Design Division's Transportation Projects Status Report regarding roads, sidewalks, trails, and bus shelters which are available on line at www.fcfca.org/committees/Transportation/UDBandTDBMonthlyStatusReport201007.pdf.

The contact for sidewalk requests or maintenance is Chris Wells (FCDOT) 703-877-5772 chris.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov. The contact for trail requests or trail maintenance on Park Authority land is Liz Cronauer (FCPA) 703-324-8629 Elizabeth.Cronauer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The following items are available on the Sully District Presentations page:

- 1) The presentations from the Board of Supervisors Transportation Subcommittee meeting of July 20 may be of interest:
 - VDOT briefed on the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Successes and Remaining Issues [PPT PDF](#)
 - FHWA briefed on their efforts building the last leg of the Fairfax County Parkway [PPT PDF](#)
 - Virginia DRPT briefed on their I-66 Transit Transportation Demand Management Study [PPT PDF](#)
 - FDOT briefed on their Residential Traffic Administration Program Traffic Calming [PPT PDF](#)
 - FDOT provided a letter which basically says that after the current funding is exhausted the Commonwealth has provided no additional funding [PDF](#)
- 2) The Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William counties' transportation offices provided status reports at the June 23 DATA breakfast:
 - Fairfax provided an verbal report

- Loudoun: [pdf ppt](#)
- Price William: [pdf ppt](#)

The Transportation Advisory Commission May 4 meeting presentations:

- Fairfax County's TDM Proffer Study Project Update: [PDF PPT](#)
- Fairfax County's Transportation Funding and Roadway Service Delivery Study: [PDF PPT](#)
- As part of the TAC's review of this study we had raised some questions and the staff thought it needed clarification before it answers some of our queries. This [Excel worksheet](#) was prepared by the staff so we could provide additional guidance before it could respond to our questions.

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites feedback on "Road Diet" in Reston. Roughly a year ago, VDOT reconfigured a portion of Lawyers Road with bike lanes and a center-turn lane, and now VDOT is inviting feedback from drivers and cyclists using the road through an online survey. The VDOT press release can be viewed at:

http://www.virginiadot.org/newsroom/northern_virginia/2010/vdot_invites_feedback_on47868.asp.

The survey can be viewed at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/t2m9slc>.

Jeff reported details on construction scheduled during the next few days on I-66 in the vicinities of the beltway and Nutley Street. A downloadable fact sheet on future I-66 interchange and new benefits at http://www.virginiahotlanes.com/uploads/1000/659-I_66_Fact_sheet_FINAL_8_09_10.pdf.

Website - Jeff Parnes

Jeff ran a script to change email links to the 2010 addresses. If you come across any page where the script missed a reference, please inform Jeff or Kosmo at fedwebmaster2010@fairfaxfederation.org.

The Federation's web site is ready to host district council web sites if a district council wishes to use this service.

Jeff reported that he can prepare committee distribution lists for chairs who wish it.

Photographs from the June picnic are on the web site.

District Council Reports

Braddock—Art Wells

The Braddock District Council meets September 14 to plan the budget and program for the coming year.

Lee—Don Hinman (absent)

Mason—Keith Taggart—no report

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo (absent)

Providence—Charles Hall (absent)

Springfield—Mike Thompson (absent)

Sully—Jeff Parnes

On August 25th the Sully District Council Board met to plan its schedule for 2010-2011.

(Dranesville and Hunter Mill districts do not have councils.)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting is scheduled September 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

The next board meeting is scheduled September 23, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall

Summary of Action Items from This Meeting

Action	Who
Coordinate <i>The Bulletin</i> deadlines with Tania	Fred Costello
Explore a Sully District location for the October board meeting	Jeff Parnes
Coordinate transportation program speakers for November membership meeting	Carey Campbell
Explore a south county location for November membership meeting	Keith Taggart
Coordinate environmental program speaker for December membership meeting	Roger Diedrich
Explore a north or west county location for December membership meeting	Not assigned
Coordinate a land use program & speakers for the February membership meeting	Fred Costello
Present the audit committee finding to the September membership meeting	Art Wells
Send a reminder to Committee chairs to propose revisions and edits to the legislative agenda	Frank Anderson

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary