

## Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 28, 2010

Approved December 2, 2010

The October 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 the South County Center.

Present: Kahan Dhillon, Don Hinman, Joe Gibson (guest), Bill Hanks, Judy Harbeck, Tania Hossain, Jeff Parnes, Gail Parker, Flint Webb, and Ed Wyse.

### **Organizational Topics** – *Tania Hossain*

**Chair of the Human Services Committee** – We are in discussion with a candidate for this position; it may be filled by January 2011.

**The Bulletin (newsletter)** – Newsletter articles are due by November. 1. The e-mail address is [fedbulletineditor2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedbulletineditor2010@fairfaxfederation.org).

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes** – The board approved the minutes of the September 23, 2010, board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – The board voted to accept and file the treasurer's' report.

**Calendar Decisions** – (1) Homeowner association management issues is a backup program topic in the event one of the currently scheduled programs cannot be presented this year. Don would coordinate this program. (2) The December 2 board meeting will be at the Marco Polo restaurant in Vienna.

### **Old Business**

#### **General Assembly's Redistricting Hearings** – *Tania Hossain*

Tania spoke for the Federation at the House of Delegates' hearing on reapportionment of Virginia's U.S. House and Commonwealth General Assembly districts, held at George Mason University on October 5. The focus of the Federation's message was to urge adoption of the Iowa model for redistricting. The Federation's testimony is available at

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/testimony/TestimonyRedistrictingHearing101005.pdf>

Tania is scheduled to testify at a hearing of the Virginia Senate's Committee on Privileges and Elections - Redistricting Subcommittee on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. in the Herndon Town Council Chambers. More information about the Senate's hearing is available in the following news release:

<http://dlsGIS.state.va.us/Ref/NewsReleases/NewsRelease091610.pdf>

#### **COY Banquet** – *Jeff Parnes*

Please spread the word about the next Citizen of the Year Award. More information is available on our website at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>

### **New and Miscellaneous Business: none**

### **Board & Committee Reports**

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

Kosmo Tatalias provided the following update via email on behalf of the Budget Committee: "At this afternoon's meeting of the BOS Budget Committee, Deputy County Executive Edward L. Long, Jr. presented the FY 2012-FY 2014 Forecast for the county's expected revenues and disbursements, and Dr. Jack Dale presented the same for the FCPS. Below is a short summary of the county presentation, and I presume that Charlie Dane or Tim Thompson will report to you on the FCPS forecast. At the moment, neither presentation is online.

FY2012 Shortfall:

Additional Revenues	\$78.3M
Disbursement Increases	(\$64.9M)

Balances used in FY 2011 (\$67.9M)  
 Total (\$54.5M)

BUT this does NOT include:

- an increase in the schools operating transfer
- compensation increases
- infrastructure costs because of Capital Construction and Rail to Dulles
- costs related to services for the 2% expected increase in population.

County employees have had no raises for 2 years. Adding \$32.6M to the County compensation program and \$76M to the FCPS compensation program brings the FY 2012 shortfall to **(\$163M)**. Looking to FY 2012 and FY 2014, the shortfalls are currently projected to be **(\$268M)** and **(\$328M)** respectively because there is no hope of such a surge in the economy and revenues from real estate property taxes to provide relief. The presentation went into detail for each area of revenues and the economic conditions affecting each. On the disbursement side, only general costs were covered (such as retirement, health insurance, OPEB, debt service), with Metro and IT being the only programs mentioned.”

**Citizen Association Services—Don Hinman**

Homeowner association governance issues and problems were the subject of the Oct. 27 meeting of the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations (LDACO). Attendees benefited from an excellent presentation by Michele Thompson, the Fairfax County's liaison to home owner associations (HOAs) and community associations. She tailored the presentation to issues raised by Lee District HOA and Condo Board members that were communicated to Michele in advance. A key problem discussed at the meeting was the difficulty and expense involved in amending HOA governing documents, particularly the covenants, also referred to as the Declaration.

The Association Services Committee recommends that other district councils invite Michele to their meetings to address issues of concern facing their HOAs.

**Education – Judy Harbeck**

Tim Thompson sent the following budget update via email; reporting it was provided by Charlie Dane and Kosmo Tatalias. “Below is the FCPS Budget info as presented by Superintendent Jack Dale today to the Fairfax County School Board (FCSB) and the county Board of Supervisors (BOS)...

FY 2012 Summary Revenue Assumptions ----- \$ 21.8 M  
 Expenditure Assumptions ----- 104.9 M  
 Total Deficit ----- (\$ 83.1 M)

**Reserve Use**

- Compensation Reserve Depleted ----- 3.0 M
- VRS Reserve Utilized for Rate Increase ----- 15.0 M

Projected Deficit for FY2012 (\$ 65.1 M)

**Challenges:**

- o Loss of ARRA (Fed'l Gov't stimulus funds - \$50M)
- o VRS Holiday
- o VRS rate increases beginning in FY 2012
- o VRS repayments begin in FY 2013
- o Local Composite Index (LCI), last year \$61M, fluctuations unknown (General Assembly could/can "play" w/ this again)
- o Student enrollment continues to INCREASE - 2120 more in Sept. 2010 (over 700 not registered until 1st day of school)
- o Employee Compensation is a PRIORITY

**Revenue Assumptions:**

County Transfer (no change) ----- \$ 0.0 M  
 Sales Tax (3.4% projected increase) ----- 8.5 M  
 State Aid (from State's biennial budget) ----- 12.4 M  
 Federal Aid (2% projected increase) ----- 0.8 M  
 Stimulus Funding ----- (26.9 M)

Education Job Funding -----21.3 M

Expenditure Assumptions:

Membership (students) Growth ----- \$17.7 M  
Retirement -----20.9 M  
OPEB (GASB 45) ----- (5.0 M)  
Other (med insurance, worker's comp, etc) -----13.0 M  
Market Scale Adjustment (COLA @ 2%) -----35.8 M  
STEP (averages 2.3%) -----40.2 M  
Lapse (turnover and vacancy savings) -----(28.4 M)  
Instructional Mandates (online SOL tests) ----- 8.5 M  
Student Achievement Gap (SAG) projects ----- 1.5 M  
Stimulus Priorities - ? -  
- Maintaining general & special education class size  
- Deficit doesn't include Title 1 / ARRA fund

Future Considerations:

Employee compensation  
Enrollment Growth (FY 2012 projected to be 177,416 from 175,296 this year - FT 2011)  
Restore Class Size (i.e., reduce the average class by 2.0 students)  
Full Day Kindergarten (ADK)  
Foreign Language Programs  
Restore Instructional Supply Funding  
Early Childhood Education  
Preventative Maintenance  
Bus Replacement  
Computer & Equipment Replacement\*

**Environment - Roger Diedrich (absent) and Flint Webb**

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District will be our guest at the December 16 meeting. They are currently working on the content of the program and will be focused on environmental issues.

**Human Services—position vacant**

Tania provided an update on the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Project. This project has conducted surveys and focus groups to identify needs by eight categories and priorities for improvement. Tania will send the link to board members.

**Land Use - Fred Costello (absent—no report)**

**Legislation — Frank Anderson (absent)**

Frank is assembling and formatting the Legislative Program. The Federation will post it on the Federation's web site and send the link to county, state, and Federal officials. The program is in two parts: the first has only recommendations; the second has both recommendations and justifications.

**Membership—Kahan Dhillon**

The next step in the membership drive is to send invitational letters to past members who were members before 2009-2010 but not during 2009-2010.

**Federation Policies and Procedures—Bill Hanks**

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**

Gail is seeking new members for the committee from across the county. She reported an expert's forecast of severe gasoline shortages in five years. She will send public safety articles to Fred for *The Bulletin*.

**Resolutions—Bill Hanks—no report**

**Transportation—Carey Campbell (absent), Roger Hoskin (absent), & Jeff Parnes (reporting)**

Carey has responsibility to coordinate next month's membership meeting program.

Herndon has held or will hold a meeting on what it wants from the new Metro stations.

Many transportation presentations are available on the Sully District Council's web site.

The county is exploring assuming transportation "operations" from VDOT. The county prefers that VDOT retains "construction" and maintenance" responsibilities.

**Website - Jeff Parnes**

More photographs are posted on the web site. Jeff asks for help identifying those who are currently unidentified.

**District Council Reports**

**Braddock—Art Wells (absent)**

Bill Hanks reported that the Braddock District Council is switching its monthly meeting date to the second Wednesday. The budget advisory committee holds its first meeting November 3, 2010.

**Lee—Don Hinman** See the Association Services Committee report above.

**Mason—Keith Taggart (absent)**

**Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo (absent)**

Kahan reported that Supervisor Hyland has launched a District Visioning Task Force that he says, "provides an opportunity to examine Mount Vernon today and more important what we want Mount Vernon to be tomorrow both short term and long term. We will look at land use, public safety, human services, education, parks and recreation, environmental issues, economic and business issues and challenges facing seniors just to name a few. This effort will focus on goals for the Mount Vernon District to be accomplished to make our quality of life even better."

The Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) has launched a Special Committee on Long-Range Strategic Planning to draft the MVCCA Long Range Strategic Plan. The committee's work is outlined on the MVCCA web site (<http://mvcca.org/strategic.htm>) and in the newsletter, *MVCCA Report*.

**Providence—Charles Hall ((absent)**

**Springfield—Mike Thompson (absent)**

**Sully—Jeff Parnes**

The October meeting featured a status report on transportation projects from Tad Borkowsk of the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and a Land Use and Transportation presentation from Sara V. Mariska of Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, Emrich & Walsh, P.C. regarding a special exception proposed to build hotels on Long and Foster headquarters property.

The next meeting will be November 17; the program is an update from the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

**Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting is scheduled November 18, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

The next board meeting is scheduled December 2, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna.

**Summary of Action Items from This Meeting**

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>
Prepare to coordinate the program topic of homeowner association management issues in the event a schedule program cannot be presented this year	Don Hinman
Make reservations at the Marco Polo restaurant for the December 4 board meeting	Tania Hossain
Please spread the word to nominate for the next Citizen of the Year Award	All
Send to the board the Internet address of the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Project	Tania Hossain
Assemble and format the Legislative Program	Frank Anderson
Post the Legislative Program on the Federation's web site	Jeff Parnes
Send the URL of the Legislative Program to county, state, and Federal officials	Tania Hossain
Send invitational letters to past members who were members before 2009-2010 but not during 2009-2010	Kahan Dhillon or Tania Hossain
Send the policy and procedures for the Citizen of the Year award to Bill Hanks	John Jennison
Send the policy and procedures for the Federation's web site to Bill Hanks	Jeff Parnes
Coordinate the November membership meeting program on transportation	Carey Campbell

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary