

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2011

Approved February 17, 2010

The January 2011 Meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:35 p.m. in the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Superintendent's Conference Room, Falls Church. The attendance list is attached to file copy of the minutes.

Program: Fairfax County Public School Budget

Kristen Michael, Director of Budget, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Superintendent Jack D. Dale has released the school system's FY 2012 Proposed Budget of \$2.2 billion with a projected enrollment of 177,416 students. The proposed budget includes an additional 258.4 positions to support changes in student demographics and projected membership growth of 2,120 students as well as market scale adjustments and step increases for employees following two years of frozen salaries. The presentation format laid out differences from last year's budget. A lively discussion ensued regarding the assumptions and reasons for proposed budget proposals.

More information about the proposed School Budget is available at www.fcps.edu/fs/budget, including the presentation that Superintendent Dale gave to the school board on January 6th and that Ms. Michael gave at this meeting.

President Hossain expressed the Federation's gratitude for the informative presentation and presented Ms Michael with a Federation coffee cup. Thanks also go to Tim Thompson and the Education Committee for organizing this program.

Administrative Topics

Human Services Committee Chair-Designate—The Board will formalize the addition of Cherie Tripp Lejuene of Oakton as Chair of the Human Service Committee at the January 27 Board Meeting.

The Bulletin (newsletter)—Newsletter articles are due to the editor by January 24. Committee chairs and Federation representatives to other organizations are urged to share information via *The Bulletin*.

Minutes—The membership approved the minutes of the November 18, 2010, membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report—Scott Schlegel

Scott presented the treasurer's report, which the membership voted to receive and file.

New Members—Two new members to join the Federation are Colvin's Glen Citizens' Association and Lafayette Village Community Association, Inc. Linda Boone, the alternate representative from Lafayette Village, attended this meeting.

Old Business

2011 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award—Chair, 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>. SAIC will be a sponsor again this year. Jeff is confirming the guest speaker and the date.

New and Miscellaneous Business

Recruiting Federation Representatives—Don Hinman

Would you like to serve on a Fairfax County board or commission? The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association is looking for people to represent the Federation on the following:

- **Citizens Corps Council**
Promote and oversee Citizen Corps programs. Provide opportunities for special skills and interests. Identify best practices and report accomplishments. Focus on public education, training and volunteer opportunities for community and family safety. Develop action plans to involve the whole

community, including special needs groups. Use education, training and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues and disasters of all kinds. Information at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=7011051 & <http://www.fairfaxcountycitizencorps.org/>

- **Community Action Advisory Board**

--Advise the County Board and the Director of Family Services on the needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons and advises the recommends policies that promote meaningful change. The board provides oversight for state and federal Community Service Block Grant funds. The grants along with matching funds from Fairfax County are used to support community-based initiatives identified through the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool competitive grant process. Meets first Tuesday of the month. Information at <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/caab/>.

- **Engineering Standards Review Committee**

--Provide technical and engineering advisory services to the Board. Review input data for the annual update of the Public Facilities Manual. Meets first Thursday of the month. Information at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312.

To express your interest or ask questions, please contact Don Hinman, Federation 2nd Vice President at: fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org.

Please consider joining the Federation if your community association is not yet a member. Increased membership will enable us to be a stronger county-wide voice for community associations.

Check out the Federation website: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org>

Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan—2nd Vice President Don Hinman reporting

The county's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is preparing a Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan (PDRP). Information is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/pdrp>. The OEM held a focus group on January 18, 2010, to get input from community associations. Five people attended. The Federation was represented by 2nd VP Don Hinman. (Contact info: Fed2ndVP2010@fairfaxfederation.org) A work group session for community partners will be held February 9 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The planning focuses on such issues as (1) re-establishing the capacity of public and private health care delivery and essential services; (2) continuity of care for affected individuals; and (3) reconnection to essential services for displaced populations.

To keep up with the latest news and information about the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning project, sign up for email alerts <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/email/lists/>. Enter your e-mail address, go to the "Emergency Management" heading, and click the "start" button for the Pre-Disaster Recovery Planning Initiative, then click the continue button at the bottom of the page to subscribe.

Contact information for the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management is Marcelo Ferreira, Community Liaison 571-350-1013, e-mail marcelo.ferreira@fairfaxcounty.gov, and Amanda Phan, Emergency Planner 571-350-1010.

Board & Committee Reports

Budget—Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall

The committee will commence its annual review soon with Kosmo Tatalias being a key member of the committee.

Citizen Association Services—Don Hinman

The Common Interest Community Ombudsman Regulations and the Common Interest Community Employee Certification Standards have been approved by the governor's office and were published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on January 17. A public comment forum is open through March 18. The Common Interest Community Board will hold public hearings on the proposed regulations on March 3. Information is available at the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall website (<http://townhall.virginia.gov/>).

Education—Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson

The committee met January 15 to draft testimony on the proposed FCPS budget. Public hearings are scheduled January 24-25; therefore the committee will not have the opportunity to clear its positions with the FCFCA board in advance, as the board's next meeting is January 27.

Environment—Flint Webb

Tania reported that the Mt. Vernon District has brought to the environmental committee's attention the need for standardized cell tower approval criteria. There was discussion that this topic should be handled by the land use committee. Tania will inform Flint and Roger of that suggestion.

Human Services—Cherie Tripp Lejeune (designate)—no report

Land Use—Fred Costello

In support of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force, Fred computed the Gross Floor Areas around the three Reston Metrorail stations as allowed by zoning and as allowed by the current Comprehensive Plan. Fred's numbers have been spot checked by others; however they differ from the county staff's values. The county staff has been asked to help resolve the differences.

To help estimate the timing of the development, Fred developed the data for the age of existing buildings in each of the sub-areas along the areas around the stations.

Fred's analysis of the revenue benefits of commercial development show that, if the employees become residents of Fairfax County, the net revenue benefits of commercial development are offset by the net revenue losses due to residential development. (Commercial properties require less service than residential.)

The task force will be receiving reports from its various subcommittees in the near future.

Robert Goudie of the task force will speak on the Reston Metro Station development planning at the Federation's February meeting.

Legislation—Frank Anderson

The committee will circulate a survey for next year's legislative priorities. Frank is also working on the legislative membership programming scheduled for May. Tania presented the Federation's legislative program to the Fairfax General Assembly members on January 8, 2011, at the Fairfax County Government Center.

Public Safety—G. Gail Parker

Welcome to the two new members of the Public Safety Committee: Herb Smith and Gabe Goldberg. The Federation has appointed Herb Smith to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and Gabe Goldberg to the Fairfax County's Police Chief's Quarterly Round Table.

Resolutions—Bill Hanks—no report

Transportation—Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskins, and Jeff Parnes—no report

Website—Jeff Parnes

Please continue to give the webmasters Kosmo and Jeff your feedback for website updates on committee pages by emailing them at fedwebmaster2010@fairfaxfederation.org

District Council Reports

Seven supervisor districts have councils of citizens associations; Dranesville & Hunter Mill districts do not.

Braddock - Art Wells—no report

Lee—Don Hinman

Two upcoming events, both at the Franconia Government Center, are:

- Supervisor Jeff McKay will host the annual Lee District Open House, January 22, 1-3 p.m.
- The monthly district council meeting will be January 26. We will have an update on Fairfax County Zoning Enforcement and Code Compliance, from Rachel Perrot of the Office of Code Compliance.

We made two awards at our annual Lee District holiday banquet on December 8:

- We gave county planner Meghan Van Dam our Distinguished Public Service Professional Award. Among the many ways that Meghan served our district well was her work on the Springfield Mall Redevelopment Plan, the Springfield Connectivity Study, and Area Plan Reviews for the Comprehensive Plan.
- Our Citizenship Award went to Mary McCutchen for 38 years of community service, including reorganizing the Greater Wilton Woods Community Association, presiding over a Garden Club, serving on PTAs of multiple schools and the Citizen Advisory Committees of two police districts, organizing collections to help the families of soldiers serving overseas, and much more.

Mason—Keith Taggart—no report

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo—no report

Providence—(from Denise Rogers)—Providence will appoint a representative shortly.

Springfield—Mike Thompson—Ed Wyse reported the next district council meeting is scheduled for January 27. Supervisor Herrity is expected to attend.

Sully—Jeff Parnes—Sully is having their annual meeting today.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting is scheduled January 27, 2011, at 7:30 p.m., at the Packard Center.

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Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary