

Board Meeting Minutes

September 22, 2011

Approved October 27, 2011

The September 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 Packard Center in Annandale.

Present: Frank Anderson, Leonard Bumbaca, Fred Costello, Roger Diedrich, Joe Gibson, Bill Hanks, Tania Hossain, Flint Webb, Art Wells, and Ed Wyse. Don Hinman was present before the meeting began but had to leave. Tim Thompson joined the meeting at the mid-point.

The main purpose of this meeting was initial development of the legislative package. This is reported below in the Board and Committee Reports, Legislation, on page 2.

Administrative and Organizational Topics – Tania Hossain

2011 – 2012 Calendar

President Tania Hossain recommended deleting from the calendar the Open House, first scheduled for October 8 and rescheduled for October 15, due to other priorities. The board concurred. The calendar is available at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/calendar.htm>

Officers and Board Vacancies and Appointments: Joe Gibson

Most positions have been filled; there was no new information to present.

The Bulletin (newsletter) – Fred Costello

The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is September 28. As always the most recently published *The Bulletin* is available at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/bulletin/FCFCAbulletincurrent.pdf>.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – Ed Wyse

The board approved the minutes of the August meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Scott Schlegel

The board voted to receive and file the treasurer's report, which is unchanged from that distributed at the membership meeting of September 15.

Old Business—None

New & Miscellaneous Business

School Bond Referendum

Len Forkas, Chairman of Fairfax Citizens for Better Schools made a short presentation supporting the 2011 School Bond referendum, provided handouts, and answered questions from board members. More information is available at http://www.fairfaxchamber.org/index.php?src=gendocs&ref=FSB_Home&category=Fairfax%20School%200Bond. The board decided to recommend that the membership approve a resolution supporting the bond referendum. Two board members voted nay.

Election Transparency

David Poole of the Virginia Public Access Project had been scheduled to present on election transparency and the Whipple Report but he was unable to attend the meeting. His organization's web site is at www.vpap.org/. Mr. Poole will be invited to participate in a future membership meeting.

Board and Committee Reports

Budget—Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall—no report

Citizen Association Services—Don Hinman—no report

Citizen of the Year—Jeff Parnes

Citizen of the Year nominations will be accepted starting December 1, 2011.

Education—*Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—no report*

The committee is planning the January membership program on the school budget.

Environment—*Roger Diedrich and Flint Webb*

Committee actions:

- Flint provided testimony at the Green Building workshop on revision of Fairfax County's Green Building policies on September 6.
- Flint participated in the Baltimore-Washington DC Chapter, Air & Waste Management Association, Networking Meeting on September 15. The subject was Northern Virginia Greenhouse Gas Inventories, especially how Arlington County conducted its greenhouse gases inventory and the issues involved in inventory measurement, such as the difficulty comparing inventories between jurisdictions that have different characteristics (for example, total area, population density, green space, and highways) and the difficulties in determining appropriate remedial actions and measuring their effectiveness.

Pending environmental events:

- Rain Gardens Workshop at ArtSpace Herndon, sponsored by the Town of Herndon, September 24
- Moving Planet Rally (transportation alternatives not using fossil fuels), sponsored by the Sierra Club, at Dunn Loring Park, September 24
- Invasive Plant Removal, sponsored by NVCT, in the City of Fairfax at the intersection of Hallman & Main St., along the headwaters of Accotink Creek, September 25
- Electronic Sunday: September 25 at the I-95 Complex; October 23 at the I-66 Transfer Station; and November 20 at the I-66 Transfer Station. More information is at <http://lorton.patch.com/articles/fairfax-county-releases-schedule-of-electric-sundays-for-2011>

Human Services—*Cherie Lejeune—no report*

Land Use—*Fred Costello*

The committee is planning the December membership program. Fred has invited a commercial developer to present his viewpoint of issues. Fred requested that we inform him of topics about which we would like the developer to discuss. Send topics suggestions to Fred, e-mail recommended.

Legislation—*Frank Anderson and Jason Ha*

The majority of this meeting was devoted to the Federation's legislative package. Beginning with the previous year's legislative package, Frank led this initial review of suggested changes submitted by board members. Items were added, deleted, and modified. Some deletions were the result of past legislative action on the Federation's positions. Some items in the package were referred to committees and sponsors for additional research and refinement. Frank will coordinate the actions decided during this discussion. The board will continue development of the legislative package at its October meeting.

Membership—Don Hinman and Charlie Dane

At this point, nineteen members have paid their 2011-2012 membership dues. At this time last year, eleven had paid. Paid up members are:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chantilly Highlands Homes Association• Civic Association of West Springfield Village• Colvin Glen Citizens Association• Country Club View Civic Association• Greenbriar Civic Association• Hayfield Citizens Association• Holmes Run Acres Civic Association• Huntington Grove II HOA• Innisfree Community Association• Lafayette Village Community Association | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• McLean Hamlet Citizens Association• Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association• North Springfield Civic Association• Stone Haven Civic Association• Stratford on the Potomac Sect Four Corp• Truro Homes Association• Walnut Hill HOA• Waynewood Citizens Association• Wolf Run Estates Association |
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Public Safety—As'ad Hess-Linckost—no report

Resolutions and Policies and Procedures (P&P)—Bill Hanks—no report

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

Website—Jeff Parnes—no report

District Council Reports

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

Braddock—Art Wells

The Braddock District Council's (BDC) sponsored a well attended debate among the three candidates for district supervisor.

The University Community Forum (UCF) has been rescheduled to October 26, 7:30 p.m., in the Fairfax City Hall Chambers. The main event of the meeting will be the Mason West Campus Connector Open House; normal UCF business will also be conducted.

Lee—Don Hinman—no report

Mason—John Birch—no report

Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo—no report

Providence—Flint Webb—no report

Springfield—Mike Thompson—no report

Sully—Jeff Parnes—no report (see report given at Sep 15 membership meeting)

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Next Meetings

The membership meeting will be October 20, 7:30 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale. The program topic is human services.

The next board meeting will be October 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale. The board will continue to develop the legislative package.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary