

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2011

Approved October 20, 2011

The September 15, 2011 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:30 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale.

### **Program: Presentation by George Lamb: Conservation—From Backyard to Community**

Conservation in the United States has a long and proud tradition. One hundred and seven years ago, John Muir convinced Teddy Roosevelt to go camping in the Yosemite Valley. Over three days he lobbied the President to create a national park to preserve the valley and a stand of giant redwoods. In the 1930's great dust storms that ravaged the Midwest had moved east and blotted out the sun over the nation's capital and drove grit between the teeth of New Yorkers. Thus was born the Soil Conservation Districts that restored conservation on our farm lands. Today we live and work in very different ways than John Muir and the 1930's farmers, yet we inhabit the same lands as they did. In this talk we'll discuss what it means to be a 21st century conservationist in Fairfax County, what is being done to advance the Fairfax County environmental agenda, and how to participate in an urban conservation ethic.

George Lamb was appointed as a Director of the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District to fill the seat of the late Sally Ormsby in 2009. Over the past two years he's learned much about practical conservation and realized that very few people have the opportunity or experience to practice conservation. He spends weekends fighting invasive plants in his back-yard and chasing his two daughters. He is also Vice Chair of the Fairfax County Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC), which is appointed by the Board of Supervisors to advise them on environmental issues across the County.

### **Administrative Topics**

**Minutes:** Membership minutes for May and June were approved.

**The Bulletin (newsletter):** Bulletin articles are due to the editor by September 29.

**Treasurer's Report:** There were no changes in the treasurer's report since the August Board meeting. The treasurer's report was received and filed.

**Membership:** Don Hinman introduced a guest, Joe Gillme of the Midtown Condominium Association, Midtown Alexandria Station. His association is considering joining the Federation.

### **Old Business: None**

### **New and Miscellaneous Business**

#### **Audit Committee Report – Bill Hanks**

The Audit Committee reported that there were no discrepancies in accounting and financial reporting. The Audit Committee report has been filed and its recommendation for a backup treasurer has been implemented

### **Board & Committee Reports**

**Association Services — Don Hinman:** No report.

**Budget – Charlie Hall and Carey Campbell:** No report

**Education – Leonard Bumbaca, Tim Thompson and Ed Saperstein:** No report

**Environment — Flint Webb and Roger Diedrich:** Discussed comments to the Planning Commission on proposed Green Building standards.

**Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune:** No report.

**Land Use- Fred Costello:** The County has decided to analyze three transportation alternatives associated with development along the Metrorail corridor. Previously, the County planned on only one.

**Legislation – Frank Anderson and Jason Ha:** Legislative programming is to begin in September.

**Membership – Don Hinman:** Don is contacting District representatives to encourage membership in the Federation. To date we have sent over 400 membership notices. We have already received dues from 19 associations.

**Public Safety – As’ad Hess-Linckost:** No report

**Resolutions – Bill Hanks:** No report

**Transportation – Jeff Parnes and Carey Campbell:** There has been no change in the report from the August Board meeting

**Website – Jeff Parnes:** No report.

### **District Council Reports**

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

There were no reports from the district councils. Their representatives are Braddock—Art Wells; Lee—Don Hinman; Mason—Keith Taggart; Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo; Providence—Flint Webb; Springfield—Mike Thompson; and Sully—Jeff Parnes

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

### **Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled September 22, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. Both meetings will be at the Packard Center, Annandale.

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