

## Board Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2012

Approved February 16, 2012

The January 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: Fred Costello, Charlie Dane, Joe Gibson, Bill Hanks, Jason Ha, Tania Hossain, Ed Saperstein, Scott Schlegel, Tim Thompson, Flint Webb, and Ed Wyse.

### Administrative and Organizational Topics – Tania Hossain

#### Federation Appointments—*Joe Gibson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

Joe recommended the board reappoint the following Federation incumbent representatives to other organizations. The board approved the reappointments.

Organization	End of Current Term	Representative
Airports Advisory Committee	January 31, 2012	Frank Crandall
Community Action Advisory Board	Mid-2012	Margaret Thaxton
Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee	December 31, 2011	John Hanks
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Council	December 31, 2011	Ann Prodos

Joe nominated Jim Phelps to be the Federation's representative to the Engineering Standards Review Board. The board approved the nomination.

Joe reported that several other incumbents are nearing the end of their terms. Joe is exploring with the other organization whether the representatives are participating and whether each organization has term limits.

Joe suggested in the future inviting representatives, one per Federation meeting—either membership or board meetings, to give a 10-minute update on their organizations' undertakings. This idea was well received.

**Federation Calendar Change—*Tania Hossain***—Due to the county's budget process schedule, the Federation tonight changed its schedule.

Date	Meeting	Comment
February 16	Board	Develop Federation recommendation on advertised tax rate
February 23	Membership	Switch program from budget, probably to public safety.
March 15	Board	Formerly this was scheduled to be a membership meeting. Program: budget position.
March 23	Membership	Formerly this was scheduled to be a board meeting. Program: budget position.

***The Bulletin (newsletter)***—*Fred Costello*—The deadline for articles for the next newsletter has been extended to February 2, but this is an absolute deadline.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes**—*Ed Wyse*—The board approved the minutes of the December 2011 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report—Scott Schlegel**—Scott provided a handout report and briefed key points. The board voted to receive and file the treasurer's report.

## **Old Business—None**

## **New & Miscellaneous Business**

**AHOME Housing Hall of Fame**—Bill Hanks distributed information about the AHOME's first annual reception. This will be held March 6, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Atrium of Capital One, 1680 Capital One Drive, McLean. Tickets are \$45 which may be purchased by sending a check to AHOME, 8124 Viola St, Springfield VA 22152. Honorees include Judi Booe, Federation President in 1987 and AHOME President, 1989-1993.

### **Board and Committee Reports**

**Budget—Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall**—Charlie Dane provided corrected budget schedule information to replace incorrect information that had been distributed in the FCPS presentation of January 10. The county executive will release his advertised budget on February 28. The Board of Supervisors will set the advertised tax rate on March 8. See also the Federation meetings schedule change under Administrative and Organizational Topics above. The board began discussing an advertised tax rate resolution, then asked Charlie Dane and Joe Gibson to draft a resolution for board consideration at the February board meeting.

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

**Citizen of the Year (COY)—Jeff Parnes**—We have received three COY nominations. Emails soliciting further nominations were sent out this week and a last round will be sent out this weekend. January 31st is the closing date for the receipt of nominations.

I contacted the nine organizations that provide the selection committee. Two (Arts Council and LWVFA) have identified their representatives and their representative's availability for the first week of February so the selection committee can meet. I will follow up with the seven organizations that did not respond.

We have a contract with the Tysons Corner Royal Crowne Hotel for 25 March at the same \$50 per attendee rate we had last year. There are no additional fees.

The Treasurer has agreed that we will institute a PayPal credit card payment option on the RSVP page for pre-payments only; we aren't planning to accept them at the banquet.

Carol Hawn has agreed to prepare the program one last time.

Jeff also asked if someone could retrieve the Cup from last year's recipient, and Tania offered to do so.

Our preferred speaker is not available. We will look at alternates as mentioned at the December Board meeting. If anyone has possible speaker connections please contact Jeff ASAP! At this meeting the board brainstormed additional speaker options. Joe Gibson will pass this information to Jeff and Tim Thompson will follow up with one suggestion.

After we make the COY/COM/SGA selections, Jeff will update the invitations and send them to the printer. Pending their actual availability, the letter stuffing/COY planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for 18 February. Please contact Jeff if you'd like to have a free lunch (and help out).

**Education—Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson**—Ed presented testimony that he had drafted to present to the FCSB on the school budget. The board reviewed the draft testimony and amended portions. Ed will introduce himself as co-chair of the Education Committee and present the testimony as the position of the Federation board.

**Environment—Roger Diedrich and Flint Webb**—This month the committee acted as the Federation lead on a request from Stewart Schwartz, Executive Director of the Fairfax Coalition for Smarter Growth (FCSG) to endorse the document *Agenda for a Sustainable and Competitive Fairfax County*. Actually earlier Roger and Flint had helped draft the document. When Flint shared the document with the board, he received many comments about the document as it existed then. Flint sent the comments to Stewart who returned a revised draft on January 13, which Federation members have not yet studied. In this

meeting there were questions about the purpose, intended audience, and timing of the document. Flint explained the document was intended for the state legislators and county supervisors and was originally planned to be delivered before the General Assembly session began. The Environmental Committee will lead a review of the revised draft, seeking input from other relevant committees. If the other committees agree, the Federation as a whole could endorse the document; if the other committees do not agree, the Environmental Committee could endorse the document but only in its own name.

**Human Services**—*Cherie Lejeune*—No report.

**Land Use**—*Fred Costello*

Joe Gibson distributed a *Washington Post* column by Steven Pearlstein, January 15, 2012, specifically quoting this section: "It is reasonable to ask landowners who will realize windfalls from infrastructure to help pay for these public investments, and in the current political environment it is folly to think that other taxpayers will agree to do so."

Fred reported that the work of the Reston Task Force is advancing very slowly. We are awaiting FCDOT's infrastructure analysis. GMU's Center for Regional Analysis (Lisa Sturtevant) presented an update to the jobs and housing demands that showed a considerable decrease from its predictions made in June 2010. The demand for new construction is almost totally driven by the Federal employment and budget.

**Legislation**—*Frank Anderson and Jason Ha*—Jason reported that the committee will reduce the Federation's 2013 Legislative Program to about half the size of this year's program. The concept is to focus Federation efforts where it will have the most effect. Jason is tracking legislation to see how it correlates to the Federation's Legislative Program.

**Membership**—*Don Hinman*—no report.

**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*—Today's *Washington Post* featured a letter to the editor from Jeff in which he poked fun at the proposal to sell naming rights to Virginia's transportation infrastructure.

**Website**—*Jeff Parnes*—The webmaster is looking for folks who would like to help him out!

## District Council Reports

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

**Braddock**—*Art Wells*—Charlie Dane reported on the program of the January 11 meeting. Dr. Darryle Craig, Division Director, Countywide Service Integration and Planning Management, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, spoke on Cultural Competency. Michelle Gregory, Division Director, Countywide Service Integration and Planning Management, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services, addressed Economic, Housing, and Health Care Trends in Fairfax County.

**Providence**—*Flint Webb*—Michelle Thompson, Fairfax County's Homeowner and Community Association Liaison, spoke at the most recent meeting. No one was willing to run for the position of president of the council and the newsletter editor is quitting. Two more meetings with programs are planned, but the council's survival after that is uncertain.

**Springfield**—*Mike Thompson*—Ed Wyse reported the next meeting will be January 31.

**Sully**—*Jeff Parnes*—January's meeting was on Public Safety with representatives from the Virginia State and Fairfax County police (Fair Oaks and Sully Stations) and the Fairfax Sheriff's Department. February's meeting (on the 22nd) will be on the FCPS budget with the Sully and at-large School Board representatives invited as well as FCPS staff. The Council is planning a tour of the County's Emergency Operations Center for a Saturday. December saw the first SDC member organization apply for membership in both the Council and the Federation using the single application form that Sully uses.

There were no reports from the other district councils. Their representatives are Lee—Don Hinman, Mason—John Birch, and Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo.

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

**Next Meetings**

The next board meeting will be February 16 (this time the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month), 7:30 p.m., in the Packard Center, Annandale.

The next membership meeting will be February 23 (this time the 4th Thursday of the month), 7:30 p.m., in the Packard Center, Annandale. The program topic is tentatively planned to be public safety.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary