



# Membership Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2012

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The April 2012 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. at the Packard Center in Annandale. The attendance list is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

## **Program—Forum with Members of the Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC)**

The TAC is charged with advising the Board of Supervisors on transportation related policies and issues, in accordance with an adopted work plan approved by the Board, and/or as directed by the Board. Four members of the county's Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) joined us for a discussion of their work and of the transportation challenges facing Fairfax County. Jeff Parnes kicked off the discussion with an overview of the TAC's work and each member made a brief statement. Then the floor opened for questions and discussions. Panel members were:

- Jeffrey Parnes, TAC Chair, Representative from Sully District
- Jenifer Joy Madden, TAC Vice Chair, Representative from Hunter Mill District
- Roger L. Hoskin, TAC Secretary, Representative from Mason District
- Kevin Morse, TAC Member, Representative from Braddock District

At the conclusion of the discussion, Tania thanked the panel members for sharing their insights with us and presented a Federation mug to each.

The presentation slides that supported Jeff's introduction are available on the Federation's website <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/transportation1.htm>. More information about the TAC is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/tac/>.

## **Administrative Topics**

**The Bulletin (Newsletter):** Fred Costello, Editor—Newsletter articles are due to the editor by April 27, 2012.

**Minutes:** Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary—The membership approved the minutes of the March 2012 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—Scott presented the report of current financial status. The membership voted to receive and file the treasurer's report.

**Membership:** Don Hinman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President—Membership now includes 37 associations. Twenty-nine are "paid up"; checks were received today from some of the others.

**Nominations:** Jeff Parnes—The Nominations Committee met on April 16 and forged the following nomination slate for 2012-2013 officers to propose for election at the May membership meeting:

Position	Nominee
President	Tania Hossain (incumbent)
First Vice President	Rob Jackson
Second Vice President	no nomination made
Recording Secretary	Ed Wyse (incumbent)
Corresponding Secretary	Fred Costello (incumbent)
Treasurer	Scott Schlegel (incumbent)

At the May membership meeting the floor will be open for additional nominations.

Members of the Nominations Committee are Jeff Parnes (chair), Joe Gibson, Don Hinman, Flint Webb, and Chris Soule.

## **Old Business**

**Citizen of the Year Awards and Banquet:** Jeff Parnes

Treasurer Scott Schlegel provided a financial report for the 2012 banquet.

Jeff provided a status report that included:

- The governor's office has expressed an interest in sending recognition to the awardees. Jeff updated contacts and process to ensure that such recognition is timelier in future years.
- The 2013 banquet will be held at the same location on April 7. Mark your calendar. Next year the bar open hours will be extended.
- Jeff has begun the speaker search.
- Jeff is sorting photos and will be posting the best to the Federation's website soon. At that time he would appreciate help identifying those in the photos.
- SAIC has increased its sponsorship donation by 1/3 over last year's contribution.
- Jeff has received thank you notes from the awardees who expressed appreciation for the awards and for the banquet recognitions.

**Packard Center Lease:** Scott Schlegel—Earlier we had made an offer to the Japanese American Care Fund (JACF), who will assume direct lease of our Packard Center meeting room (#124) on May 1, for our continued use of the room for evening meetings. This morning they countered with a rental rate that exceeded our offer and seemed unworkable. Charlie Dane suggested that we could afford to lease the room for nine membership meetings annually and make alternative arrangements for board meetings. The membership agreed with this approach; Scott will negotiate a lease with the JACF.

### New Business

**2012-2013 Federation Budget:** Scott Schlegel—Scott presented a proposed budget for the next membership year. After discussion and minor adjustments, the membership approved the budget.

### Board & Committee Reports

**Citizen Association Services:** Don Hinman—Don highlighted three subjects about which the committee intends to assist our membership.

- The committee is studying the advantages and disadvantages for a civic association in incorporation to be able to share this knowledge. Don solicits the experiences and opinions of civic association leaders.
- The Federation intends to play an educational role in explaining how recent legislation will affect homeowner and condominium associations.
- The Federation intends to play an educational role in clarifying the role of the Virginia Office of the Common Interest Community Ombudsman.

**Education:** Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, and Tim Thompson—Tim reported that the committee is preparing budget testimony to present to the school board.

**Environment:** Roger Diedrich & Flint Webb—Flint noted the committee has an important role in educating on environmental issues and events and provided a list of current activities.

- It is stream cleanup time again. See the Alice Ferguson Foundation web site ([www.fergusonfoundation.org/cleanup](http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/cleanup)). Cleanups are scheduled throughout the Potomac Watershed through April 28th.
- Spring is also the time for invasive species removal. For invasive species removal opportunities see the Fairfax County Park Authority web site: [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resources/IMA/).
- Earth Day programs occur throughout the region this weekend, including on the National Mall. See the web site: (<http://dc.about.com/od/specialevents/a/EarthDayMall.htm>).

The Committee is working on a resolution requesting that the Fairfax Congressional delegation support funding for EPA and resist moves to interfere with the EPA's ability to protect our environment as directed in existing environmental laws.



**Flint Webb on Stream Cleanup Duty, Removing an I-beam from Vienna South Side Park**

Ana Prados has been representing the Federation on the Metropolitan Air Quality Committee Technical Coordinating Committee and reports an issue with the transportation emissions budget and transportation conformity. The issue is to ensure that vehicle emissions don't cause the region to fall out of attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Projections show that the transportation budget will be exceeded in 2025 unless changes are made. The Maryland Department of Environment is concerned that the budget is too high to ensure that downwind monitors—particularly the monitor in Edgewood Maryland, north of Baltimore—will come into attainment as a result of transport from the Washington Metropolitan area. The District Department of Environment agrees that there is a potential that the fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions budget will be exceeded, but the NOx budget is less than what is necessary to stay in attainment and feels that pollutant trading will mean that attainment can be maintained. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality does not think that there is an issue. The Environmental Committee is considering what our recommendation will be.

Congratulations to Co-chair Roger Diedrich, who will be receiving the Sanders-Henn Community Hero Award from the Coalition for Smarter Growth for his contributions to the environment and smart growth. The award will be presented at the 2012 Livable Communities Leadership Award Reception on May 2nd at the National Trust for Historic Preservation in DC. For tickets, go to the [www.SmartGrowth.net](http://www.SmartGrowth.net) web site.

**Website:** Jeff Parnes—The Federation's home page has an RSVP for the June 21<sup>st</sup> picnic on which respondents can state what they will bring to the potluck. The Citizen of the Year banquet pictures will be posted soon.

The other committees had no reports this evening: Budget: Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall; Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune; Land Use: Fred Costello; Legislation: Frank Anderson and Jason Ha; Public Safety: As'ad Hess-Linckost; Resolutions: Bill Hanks; and Transportation: Carey Campbell and Jeff Parnes.

### **District Council Reports**

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

**Braddock:** Art Wells—Charlie Dane reported. On April 11 the BDC hosted a legislative forum. The next meeting is May 9. Supervisor Cook has called a Citizen Governance Conference on May 5 to provide people with the information and structure needed to help form and participate in a number of advisory committees that will work directly with Supervisor Cook and his office, advising on policy and helping create a long term vision for Braddock District. It remains to be seen what, if any, relationship this new advisory structure will have with the district council.

**Lee:** Chris Soule—The council met at the end of March with Supervisor McKay on its role and the way forward. The council seeks to enlarge and diversify membership on the Land Use Committee.

**Mason:** John Birch—Mason District Council efforts are focused on land use issues (infill) and related stormwater management, emergency response and disaster preparedness, and cleanups, where collaboration on common border cleanups between associations has proven fruitful.

**Providence:** Flint Webb—The reconstituted Providence District Council held a meeting last Wednesday (April 18th). The topic was Healthy Homes. The presenter was Dan Ryan with the National Center for Healthy Housing. He made an excellent presentation about how to make your house healthier, safer, and more energy efficient. Mr. Ryan handed out a handy Healthy Home Maintenance checklist. The next Providence District Council meeting will be Tuesday May 15th. The topic will be the report from Richmond (now that there is a budget).

**Sully:** Jeff Parnes—The council's March 28 meeting featured a presentation on the county budget by county staff. The program for the April 25 meeting includes plans for Automated Traffic Management (ATM) on I-66 and proposed residential development on the EDS property along Centreville road north of Wall Road and south of the Cox offices.

Reports were not received from the other councils' representatives: Mount Vernon, Karen Pohorylo; and Springfield, Mike Thompson.

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

**Next Meetings**

The next board meeting is on Thursday, April 26, 2012, 7:30 p.m., at the Packard Center.

The next membership meeting is Thursday, May 17, 2012, 7:30 p.m., at the West Springfield Government Center Community Room, 6140 Rolling Rd, Springfield (~ 2 miles south of Braddock Hall).

The annual picnic meeting is Thursday, June 21, 6:30 p.m., at the Annandale Community Park Picnic Shelter.

*Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary*