

## Board Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2013

Approved April 25, 2013

The March 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 Mason Governmental Center.

Present: Matthew Bell, Linda Boone, Leonard Bumbaca, Karen Campblin (guest; prospective member, Transportation Committee), Daniela Cockayne, John Cockayne (guest), Fred Costello, Charlie Dane (member, Education Committee), Tania Hossain, Morgan Jameson, Rob Jackson, Cherie Lejeune, Ed Saperstein, Chris Soule, Tim Thompson, Art Wells, and Ed Wyse.

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

**Appointments:** Linda Boone—The board approved the appointment of Daniela Cockayne as co-chair of the Public Safety Committee. We are recruiting representatives to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board and the Citizens Corp Council; both positions are currently open.

**The Bulletin (newsletter):** Fred Costello, Editor—The deadline for articles for the April newsletter is March 30.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary—The board approved the minutes of the February 2013 board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—Scott had distributed the report to board members via e-mail several days prior to the meeting. Tania noted that we are entering a period of numerous transactions as tickets are sold for the Citizen of the Year banquet. The board voted to receive and file the treasurer's report.

**Citizen of the Year (COY) Awards and Banquet:** Jeff Parnes, Chair—no report.

**Membership:** Tania Hossain—no report

**Website:** Jeff Parnes—no report

### Old Business

**Access4All Letter to Cox:** The Education Committee presented a draft letter to send to Cox Cable asking the company to expand its plan for low cost broadband access to families of students who qualify for free/low cost meals at school. Currently Cox offers a monthly Internet access rate of \$9.60 to families whose children qualify for free meals at school. This letter asks Cox to expand the program to families whose children qualify for reduced cost meals at school. The board approved the letter.

**Anti-litter Resolution:** Tania presented an anti-littering resolution that she has been coordinating. The resolution asks the Board of Supervisors to establish a Litter Prevention Task Force to educate the public, involve the business community, and recommend legislation. The board approved the resolution.

**Budget Resolution:** The primary purpose of this meeting was to approve a budget resolution to be presented to the membership for its approval at the March 28 meeting. First Vice President & Budget Committee Co-chair Rob Jackson chaired this portion of the meeting. Committee chairs explained their portions of the resolution and the board adopted them with some modifications. These sections of the resolution were either not ready for review tonight or have been assigned for additional development prior to the March 28 meeting: transportation, pensions, and public safety. The board voted (5-4-1) to recommend the real estate tax remain at \$1.075, the current rate, instead of increasing to \$1.095 as the County Executive has recommended. The board voted (5-1-2) to approve the entire resolution, less the parts that are not yet concluded. The Budget Committee will distribute the draft report to the membership prior to the March 28 meeting.

## Board and Committee Reports

**Budget:** Rob Jackson and Linda Boone—The committee met with Susan Datta of the Office of Management and Budget to clarify issues related to the advertised budget. They also coordinated with committee chairs and consolidated their individual resolutions in preparation for tonight's meeting.

**Citizen Association Services:** Don Hinman—no report.

**Education:** Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—see New Business.

**Environment:** Flint Webb—*Flint submitted this report via e-mail to the board.*

- **EPA Proposed Acceptance of the Metropolitan Washington 1997 8-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration – March 20**

Air Quality Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia; Attainment Demonstration for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard for the DC-MD-VA Moderate Nonattainment Area, 17161-17168 <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-20/html/2013-06421.htm>, <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-03-20/pdf/2013-06421.pdf>. Comments are due by April 19<sup>th</sup>. There has been some discussion that the transportation conformity emission estimates are wrong.

- **EPA announced Philadelphia tries to turn stormwater cleanup into an investment opportunity – March 19**

Philadelphia is looking for private-sector financing for the city's groundbreaking "green infrastructure" plan for cleansing polluted stormwater. The Philadelphia cleanup scheme -- which uses vegetation instead of traditional mortar-and-steel infrastructure to capture and cleanse stormwater -- is the first large-scale green water cleanup proposal ever permitted by U.S. EPA and is being watched closely by municipal officials nationwide as a lower-cost way to comply with the federal Clean Water Act. For more information on this approach see the pay for performance report at <http://www.nrdc.org/water/stormwater/green-infrastructure-pa.asp>.

- **Friends of Accotink Creek (FAC) – March 18**

The FAC was treated to an excellent presentation about the Wakefield Run stream restoration project. The project will cost \$440K total but the County stormwater program is only paying for \$300K of that with ~\$50K coming from the County Park Authority and \$35K coming from Dominion Power. A major portion of the project will involve re-doing the bad stormwater management practices being followed by VDOT when they put in the I-495 HOT lanes. The official "Golden Shovel" ground breaking will be the beginning of July. The County is looking for support from the community to provide tree plantings once the project is completed in the Fall.

The FAC also officially adopted by-laws and held officer and board elections. They have filed for incorporation with the State and are in the process of filing for 501(c)(3) status.

There are Accotink Creek stream cleanups scheduled for every weekend in April and the first weekend in May please sign up (<http://www.accotink.org/PotomacWatershedCleanupre-event2013.htm>) or just show up.

- **Stormwater Ordinance – March 8**

The County released a draft Stormwater Ordinance. For more information see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/stormwaterordinance.htm>.

- **EPA Releases Report Linking Ozone to Disease – February 19**

A U.S. EPA science review has reaffirmed that exposure to ozone -- a precursor to smog -- is associated with respiratory and cardiovascular disease and death. The 1,200-page [integrated science assessment](#) is the first update to EPA's ozone review since 2006 and is meant to guide the writing of national air quality standards. The document reflects evidence from studies released since the 2006 review.

- **Uranium Mining – February 19**

Uranium mining may be dead in the General Assembly but an article in the E&E News suggests that the lobbyists have taken the fight to Governor McDonnell.

- **Traces of Anxiety Drug Affect Behavior in Fish – February 14**

Researchers in Sweden found that fish exposed to Oxazepam anti-anxiety medications became less social. The Federation's Legislative Program urges research and ensuing legislation to mitigate pharmaceutical and endocrine disrupter pollution in Virginia waters. For further information about the Swedish research see [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/15/science/traces-of-anxiety-drug-may-affect-fish-behavior-study-shows.html?\\_r=1&](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/02/15/science/traces-of-anxiety-drug-may-affect-fish-behavior-study-shows.html?_r=1&).

- **EPA Invites Communities to Apply for Smart Growth Assistance – February 13**

The EPA put a call out to communities that would like smart growth implementation assistance (SGIA). The program will provide assistance in four areas:

1. **Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change** – Projects should aim to develop planning principles and building design guidelines that ensure future development provides communities with better protection against storms, floods, and other natural disasters.
2. **Redevelopment for Job Creation** – Projects should aim to support growing industries that provide quality jobs for existing residents using land use policies that direct development to existing neighborhoods, are pedestrian-friendly, allow for transit connections, and are close to businesses and public services.
3. **Manufactured and Modular Homes in Sustainable Neighborhood Design** – Projects should help communities that are using manufactured and modular homes to address sudden population and economic growth. These communities should provide a mix of uses and maximize existing streets and other infrastructure investments, community gathering spaces, and water and energy efficiency.
4. **Medical and Social Service Facilities Siting** – Projects should aim to explore planning for high-quality community service facilities, including health care centers and social services centers, in ways that support neighborhood economic development and healthy communities.

For more information on the SGIA program and applications visit <http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm>.

For more information on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities visit <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov>

- **Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, Technical Advisory Committee – February 12**

1. **Tier 3 tailpipe emission standards:** EPA is in the process of developing tailpipe emission standards for cars and light-duty trucks. The emissions of heavy-duty trucks will also be affected by revised fuel sulfur standards. The rule is expected to include tailpipe emission standards for oxides of nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>), reactive volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (PM) and will lower the sulfur content limits for gasoline to allow for use of 3-way catalyst controls. The rule is expected to lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from existing vehicles by 25%. The reduction in current vehicles is achieved by the introduction of cleaner fuels. The rule is projected to be published in the Federal Register this March. The TAC approved a letter for action by the MWAQC to go to EPA endorsing the new standards.
2. **New road-side air quality monitors:** EPA is requiring States (including the District of Columbia) to install road side ambient air quality monitors. One of the new Virginia monitors will be installed near the mixing bowl. The exact location of the new monitor has not been determined yet but it is expected that wherever the new monitor is sited it will likely be among the highest reading monitors in the region. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has upgraded all the ozone monitors so that the QA/QC can be done overnight.
3. **Mobile emissions budget:** The VOC and NO<sub>x</sub> budgets are projected to continue to drop due to new tailpipe emissions standards but are projected to start increasing again in 2040 as the area

continues to grow. Due to changes the mobile emissions budget will need to go through a second round of public review.

4. **Stakeholder Member Appointments:** Ana Prados was re-appointed to the TAC representing the Federation. Other stakeholder representatives come from the Edison Electric Institute, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, and the Department of Defense.

For more information see

[http://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE\\_ID=97](http://www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=97).

- **First Round of Public Meetings: Fairfax Connector Silver Line, Phase 1 Bus Service Plan – January 31 - February 11**

The Fairfax Connector held a number of public hearings on the proposed bus service changes that will take place once the Silver Line to Wiehle Road has opened up in December of this year. There will be 12 new Fairfax Connector routes, 21 existing routes (41% of all Connector routes) will be modified and six routes will be discontinued. Many of the routes being modified had been terminating at the West Falls Church Metro stations – they now will terminate at the Wiehle Road Metro station instead. Other routes that will be modified are routes that had terminated at the Tyson's Westpark Park and Ride and those will terminate at one of the Tyson's area Metro stations instead. The discontinued routes are duplicated by Metro Service or some of the new routes. The time between Silver Line trains is expected to be 6 minutes during rush hour; the same as the current and future Orange Line. To accommodate Silver Line trains going through the Roslyn tunnel the Blue Line frequency will be decreased or some Blue Line Trains may terminate at the Roslyn Metro Station. The Connector expects that there will be no increased cost to the system as a result of the changes and in fact they are expecting the time between busses will decrease due to the shorter bus runs. The plan will be taken up by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in July. For more information see the Fairfax Connector Silver Line, Phase 1 Bus Service Plan web site <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/dullesrail/>.

- **Friends of Accotink Creek (FACc) – February 4**

The FACc has started planning the Sustainable Living Presentations as part of the Lands and Waters Grant. The topics include:

- Stormwater Management at Home: This program would involve having professionals look at stormwater management issues at individual homes or neighborhoods and discuss remedies including rough cost estimates.
- Composting for Your Home: Discuss options for composting household food scraps and how to use home compost.
- What is an RPA and What You Can and Can't Do: This will be a basic primer on Resource Protection Areas.
- Permeable Pavers: This will discuss the different types of porous pavers and how they could be used in your yards.
- Native Plant Landscaping: This will be a basic introduction to the wonderful native plants and how they could be used in your yard.

All these programs are in development but may be available to your homeowner or civic association later this year. If there are any of these topics that your HOA or CA would like to have contact Flint Webb, the Federation Environment Chair and he will put you in touch with the folks preparing the presentations.

#### **Upcoming Meetings:**

April 6 – May 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanups start. See

<http://trashnetwork.fergusonfoundation.org/map/> or  
<http://www.accotink.org/PotomacWatershedCleanupre-event2013.htm>.

April 15 – Monthly Meeting of Friends of Accotink Creek. 7 pm Audrey Moore Rec Center, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003. See <http://www.accotink.org/>.

May 11 – Green Breakfast. 8:30 to 10:00 am Brion's Grill 10621 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032 -- located in the University Shopping Mall (Braddock Road and Route 123) across the street from the Roanoke River Road entrance to George Mason University.

**Human Services:** Cherie Tripp Lejeune and Morgan Jameson—no report.

**Land Use:** Fred Costello—no report.

**Legislation:** Frank Anderson—Delegate Rust has committed to participate in the April program: Report from Richmond.

**Public Safety:** Daniela Cockayne & Melissa Smarr—Five members of the board toured the county's Emergency Operations Center on March 13.

**Resolutions:** Bill Hanks—no report

**Transportation:** 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 FY2014 Advertised County Budget was featured subject of the March 13th meeting. Presentations were made by Joseph LaHait and Christina Jackson from the Office of Management and Budget which stimulated considerable interest and discussion by attendees.

Supervisor Cook is sponsoring a second FY2014 Budget Town Hall meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 p.m., at Robinson Secondary School. County Executive Ed Long will participate.

The BDC's "Aging in Place" Committee received two interesting, informative, and relevant presentations at its March 20th meeting. Featured were the Sheperd Center of Fairfax-Burke by Kathy Taminin and John Taylor and transportation services available within Fairfax County by Jeanna Muhoro from the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Both presentations sparked considerable discussion by the good turnout of interested citizens. The committee's next two meetings will be on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at Braddock Hall.

**Lee: Chris Soule**—On March 13th, the LDACO hosted Supervisor McKay and Lee district school board member Tammy Kaufax for a discussion on the FY '14 budget.

On April 24th, LDACO will host our next meeting. Our topic of discussion will be on land use. County staff will be on hand to describe the process from inception to shovel in the ground, with a focus on citizen input into the process. Additional information about the role of the Lee district land user advisory committee will be discussed.

**Mason:** Roger Hoskin—no report

**Mount Vernon:** Karen Pohorylo—no report

**Providence:** Flint Webb—*Flint submitted this report to the board via e-mail.*

The Providence District Council held a Program and Policy Advisory Committee organizing conference call. The Committee developed a tentative outline for PDC meetings for the year.

The PDC will be having monthly meetings on the third Tuesday evening every month. See <http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/>.

### Upcoming meetings:

April 16 – Legislative Delegation (TBD). Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Board elections will take place at 7 pm and the budget presentation will begin at 7:15.

May 21 – Public Safety or Area Plan Review Process (TBD)

June 18 – Metro West Update

July – Picnic and optional meeting on July 16. The picnic will probably be a weekend event.

August 20 – Optional meeting

September 17 – Stormwater Ordinance and/or Stream Restorations in Providence District

October 15 – Candidate meeting

November 12 – TBD (date moved to avoid Thanksgiving week)

December 10 – Holiday party (date moved away from Christmas week)

**Springfield:** Ed Wyse—Supervisor Herrity and the Office of Management and Budget will host a Budget Town Hall at the West Springfield Governmental Center on March 26.

**Sully:** Jeff Parnes—no report.

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

### **Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting will be March 28, 7:30 p.m., at Braddock Hall, Burke. County Executive Ed Long will be our guest.

The Citizen of the Year Banquet will be April 7 at the Tysons Corner Crowne Plaza Hotel.

The next board meeting will be April 25, 7:30 p.m., at the FCPS Dunn Loring Administration Center (Entrance 2, Conference Room 111).

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary