

## Board Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2013

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The May 2013 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 Braddock Hall.

Present: Linda Boone, Leonard Bumbaca, Karen Campblin, Daniela Cockayne, John Cockayne (representative to Citizens Corps Council), Fred Costello, Tania Hossain, Rob Jackson, Art Wells, Flint Webb, and Ed Wyse. Jeff Parnes arrived after adjournment.

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

**Appointments:** Linda Boone—The position of representative to the Criminal Justice Advisory Board is open.

**The Bulletin (newsletter):** Fred Costello, Editor—The deadline for articles for the June newsletter is May 28.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—Scott was not present at this meeting; the financial position was described as unchanged since last week's report.

**Membership:** Tania Hossain—Tania noted that two organizations have apparently mailed their dues checks to the Packard Center and she is trying to track down those checks. One of the organizations is the Truro Homes Association.

**Website:** Jeff Parnes—no report.

### New Business

**Picnic RSVP and Potluck Planning:** Board members are urged to RSVP soon for the June 20 picnic and to identify what items they plan to bring to the picnic. RSVP may be made online via the Federation's website or by e-mail to [FedTreas2013@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedTreas2013@fairfaxfederation.org).

**Air Rights:** The suggestion was offered that the Federation should examine the issue of air rights over Silver Line subway stations and decide whether to take a position. An extra expense now to install the necessary foundations would make sale of air rights feasible in the future. On the other hand, if there would be no future demand for such expensive real estate in the future, then the foundation installation expense would be wasted.

### Board and Committee Reports

**Budget:** Rob Jackson and Linda Boone—There was a short discussion of how to approach building the Federation's budget position next year.

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

**Education:** Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—This evening Charlie Dane and Tim are attending the school board's budget meeting, where the primary area of interest is employee compensation. Leonard asked other board members to inform the Education Committee where they think it should focus. A suggestion was made that the Federation meet the new superintendent.

**Environment:** Flint Webb—The Friends of Accotink Creek (FACc) on May 18 held a post clean up celebration. Spring 2013 clean up statistics are: 12 segments of stream covered, 358 volunteers, 315 bags, 36 tires, and one engine block.

At the monthly meeting on May 20 the FACc started planning a community meeting in the fall to celebrate the Wakefield Run restoration project, discussed the language of a letter in support of the Citizens' Action

Plan for Litter Prevention, and heard Roger Diedrich's report about the I-66 Tier 1 EIS adopted by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Kent Richardson has completed his Eagle Project to install two boot brush stations in Lake Accotink Park. The boot brush station includes information about the spreading of invasive species being distributed on improperly cleaned boots.

**Human Services:** Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson—*Cherie sent the following report via e-mail for the minutes.*

May 18th marked a special Human Services Council meeting attended by Chairman Bulova who honored the 25th year anniversary of the committee. The keynote speaker was The Honorable William Hazel, Virginia Secretary of Health and Human Resources. A slideshow representing the Human Services Department in VA and accomplishments can be found on slideshare:

<http://www.slideshare.net/fairfaxcounty/reshaping-va-public-and-private-health-services-delivery-system>.

Healthier Fairfax has finished phase one on research regarding Lifestyles. Next phase will be part of a larger grant offered by the CDC but we were told due to sequestration it is on hold indefinitely. I attended the summary meeting last week and recommended that we should first inventory all the current community programs and the organizations sponsoring existing programs that could support all the initiatives that were the final ones selected: obesity (nutrition for children), smoking cessation, and exercise. I made a comment to inventory all community programs that already address these selections. This recommendation was well received by Sarah White and the other county health stakeholders who agreed that spending more money on the same programs made no sense. Discussion about wider public engagement for healthier lifestyles has been added to the next agenda.

The ribbon cutting for McLean's Senior Source telephone service was May 15. The program, offered by a group called McLean Community: A Village for All Ages, which I took part in during all its phases, will offer non-emergency information on health, entertainment, education, housing, recreation, transportation, and opportunities for community involvement and social interaction. Starting May 21, the program will begin offering services from Tuesdays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to noon, in the lobby of the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. The program has trained 43 volunteers so far, and, yes, I took the training to understand how it will work. Reston for a Lifetime also wants to do a similar phone service.

Some of you will remember my Mobile Neighbor concept. To review, it was taking existing HOA phone directories and putting them on the Internet for easy retrieval in times of an emergency or similar. Well, as they say you wait long enough, someone will make your solution come to life. Software developers have come up with Nextdoor and it is blazing across the US and getting many participants and it is very popular with many police departments for Neighborhood Watches. It is an easy program that allows a community to your chosen neighborhood and it is a communication tool that nobody but those who live legitimately in the boundaries can participate in. I have reached out to three supervisors: John Foust, Cathy Hudgins, and Stephen Frey and will contact the remainder after this holiday weekend to demonstrate the value of this type of digital tool. I look forward to sharing more at the next Federation meeting which by that time the three neighborhoods in Fairfax will have launched the app and will be up and running for some initial feedback. I already launched it in my neighborhood and as I gather the emails of my neighbors to invite, they are joining and, we will be learning together. I am also introducing to some senior buildings that I work and volunteer in. If you want more information sooner about it, please contact me.

**Land Use:** Matt Bell & Fred Costello—(a) Tania thanked Matt and Fred for arranging the Fairfax Forward program at the last membership meeting. She recommended that next year we continue to co-host similar programs with district councils. (b) Fred is following up with Meghan Van Dam to insure that comprehensive plans are harmonized with forecasts. Tania asked him to keep the board informed of his findings. (c) Matt and Rob are working on a resolution to standardize across the supervisor districts the process for public involvement in comprehensive planning.

**Legislation:** Frank Anderson—Rob noted that he has received legislative feedback that the Federation would be better served to focus on a few key items in its legislative packages. This comment generated discussion about strategy for the legislative position document.

**Public Safety:** Daniela Cockayne & Melissa Smarr—Daniela will meet with a master police officer at Franconia District Station on May 24 to coordinate an immediate crime alert system. Daniela's objective is a countywide application.

**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—(a) At its May meeting, the council voted to change its bylaws to hold a minimum of four meetings annually, with additional meetings to be held if required. (b) The council has term limits for its chair and incumbent Chair Bill Barfield, having served four consecutive terms in office, is not eligible to serve again. The nominations committee is assembling a slate of nominees. Bill is now the Federation's Second Vice President-elect, we have obtained a quality officer.

**Lee:** Chris Soule—no report.

**Mason:** Roger Hoskin—Tania noted the success of the joint meeting last week and mentioned that we may in the future join with the MDC, and perhaps other councils, to sponsor a candidates' night.

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

**Providence District Council:** Flint Webb—(a) The Providence District Council hosted State Senators Dick Saslaw and Chap Peterson, and Delegates Mark Keam and David Bulova who all represent portions of Providence District (even if it is just one precinct as with David Bulova).

Senator Dick Saslaw provided an excellent summary of the transportation funding compromise.

Delegate Mark Keam spoke about his hopes that a new administration will support Medicare expansion. Mark Keam also talked about his and David Bulova's efforts to maintain local control of schools.

Delegate David Bulova focused on several issues this session including:

- Making texting and driving a primary offense. He relayed a story of a constituent that was run over by a driver that was texting and driving but since the legislature made it a secondary offense the driver was not charged with involuntary manslaughter or reckless driving but only the minor offense of texting while driving.
- Digital assets reform allowing parents to get legal access to their children's digital records. There are three million FaceBook sites for people who have passed away and there is now a way for parents in Virginia can get access to the accounts of their deceased children.

Senator Chap Peterson thanked David Bulova about his efforts with the digital assess reforms relating a story of a client that is very much looking forward to get access to their diseased child's account so they can finally get closure about what happened that led to his suicide. Chap Peterson also spoke about reforms that were made with how mass transit programs are funded—requiring the use of performance metrics which will likely lead to additional funding for Northern Virginia mass transit programs because they have more riders than mass transit programs in other parts of Virginia.

(b) The June 18 meeting will be on Metro West Update.

(c) Flint is now the council's Vice Chair and the Program and Policy Advisory Committee Chair.

**Springfield:** Ed Wyse—no report.

**Sully:** Jeff Parnes—no report

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

## **Next Meetings**

The Federations' Annual Picnic and Installation of the 2013-2014 Federation Officers is June 20, 6:30 p.m., at the Annandale Community Park Picnic Shelter. Please invite neighbors, friends, and family to join us at this informal and fun event for the community.

The no board meetings are currently scheduled; the next board meeting is forecast for August.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary(2012-2013)