

Membership Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2013

Approved September 19, 2013

The June 2013 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was the annual picnic meeting, held at the Annandale Community Park. The picnic, which began at 6:30 p.m., was a great opportunity for sharing thoughts with others.

Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Mason District Supervisor Penny Gross attended the picnic and gave the keynote address. She noted that Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova, who was unable to attend, would have given a State of the County address. Ms. Gross said she would not try to replicate that and noted that Ms. Bulova had made a State of the County address earlier this year which is available online and urged us to view it if we have not yet. (Note: Available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/chairman_state_of_the_county.htm)

Ms. Gross announced that she has appointed a study group for the revitalization of Seven Corners, the first shopping center in the county, dating from the 1950's. She reminded us that we are on the eve of the next budget year and the next semi-annual real estate tax payment. She urged us to take advantage of the many free park concerts taking place this summer.

Delegate Mark Keam, 35th House District, congratulated new president Rob Jackson, thanked Tania Hossain for her service as past president, and noted that he himself is a former HOA president. He appreciates the grassroots work of volunteer associations and the advice that they provide to our legislators.

Congressman Gerry Connelly, a former president of the Federation, had planned to attend and address the group but had a late conflict. His Fairfax Outreach Director, Mike Collins, did attend. He told us that the congressman regretted being unable to attend and supports our efforts to serve the people. Mike asked that we keep him informed of our activities.

Tania opened the floor to membership and committee reports.

- Alan Ruof of Huntington Community Association thanked the Federation for supporting its efforts to secure support for the bond referendum to fund a levee in the Huntington flood zone.
- John Birch noted that his neighborhood's common area has a gifted park for which there is no maintenance money, hence the gardens are deteriorating. He sought advice how to address the issue.
- Art Wells relayed that the Braddock District Council's Committee on Aging sponsored a program on Medicare at its June 19 meeting that was quite informative and well attended.
- Cherie Lejeune asked us to look into the NextDoor app, a private social network that implements the neighbor-to-neighbor information sharing concept that she has been advocating. Our own Jeff Parnes, apart from his Federation, district council, and association duties, is leading the NextDoor effort in his Chantilly neighborhood. In fact, it is the largest county implementation to date.
- Tania Hossain reported that this past year the Federation has helped one association to revive and has helped several others to update their bylaws. She reminded us that this is one of the services that the Federation makes available to its members.

President Tania Hossain called the formal meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Installation of Officers: Supervisor Gross administered the oath of office to the officers who had been elected at the May membership meeting to serve for the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014. Those taking the oath were:

Position	Name	Residence Location
President	Rob Jackson	McLean
First Vice President	Ed Wyse	Springfield
Second Vice President	Bill Barfield	Braddock
Recording Secretary	Linda Boone	Annandale
Corresponding Secretary	Fred Costello	Reston
Treasurer	Scott Schlegel	McLean

Administrative and Organizational Actions

The Bulletin (Newsletter): Fred Costello, Editor—Newsletter articles are due to the editor by June 30.

Appointment and Approval of Committee Chairs, Newsletter Editor, and Webmaster:

Newly installed President Jackson nominated the following slate for board positions. The slate was approved by voice vote of incoming officers and active district council representatives.

Committee or Position	Nominee
Budget	Rob Jackson & Linda Boone
Citizens Association Services	Don Hinman
Education	Tim Thompson & Ed Saperstein
Environment	Flint Webb
Human Services	Morgan Jameson & Cherie Tripp Lejeune
Land Use	Matt Bell & Fred Costello
Legislation	Frank Anderson & Bill Barfield
Public Safety	Daniela Cockayne
Resolutions	Bill Hanks
Transportation	Karen Campblin & Jeff Parnes
<i>The Bulletin Editor</i>	Fred Costello
Website	Jeff Parnes

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 22, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

The next membership meeting will be September 19, Mason Governmental Center.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, 2012-2013 Recording Secretary &
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