

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2013

Approved 9-27-13

The August meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Rob Jackson at 7:34 p.m. at Braddock Hall.

**Present:** Rob Jackson, Ed Wyse, Bill Barfield, Linda Boone, Scott Schlegel, Ed Saperstein, Charlie Dane, William Hanks, Tim Thompson, Karen Campblin, Matt Bell, Flint Webb, Daniela Cockayne, John Cockayne, Cheri Lejeune, Jeff Parnes, Marcia McDevitt, Mark Zetts, Jennifer McCollough, Fred Costello

### Administrative Topics

The President deferred discussion of the County assuming control over BMP facilities and funding that using taxes until the Membership meeting because Jim Phelps was not available.

The President asked for volunteers to serve on a Nominating Committee--Tania Hossian, Sally Horn, Ed Saperstein, and Art Wells volunteered to be available to offer replacements should vacancies occur during the year and who will begin work in February to fill Board positions for next year. The committee was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

The President appointed the 2013-2014 Audit Committee—Matt Bell and Karen Campblin, with Bill Hanks as Chairman. The committee was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

### Calendar

Ed Wyse presented a draft calendar of both Board and Membership meetings for this year. Discussion resulted in the following Membership dates and topics:

September 19—Land Use; how to increase membership and provide members with more value. Ed will follow up with District Councils about attending the meeting.

October 17—Chief of Police Ed Roessler has currently accepted—ask him to change to November date, if possible to allow for Legislative meeting in October.

November 21—Legislative meeting currently proposed but legislation is due by early December, so want to move Legislative meeting to October, if possible.

December—no Membership meeting

January 23—Schools Budget

February 20—Environmental

March 27—Budget

April 10 —Report from Richmond

May 15 – annual meeting

### Board meetings

Held the fourth Thursday with the exception of March when the Budget discussions require switching the dates of the Board and Membership meetings. The calendar will be published and updated on the website. Final dates of meetings may change. The calendar was approved unanimously, subject to change.

The President plans to send meeting packages on Sunday before each Board meeting. Board meetings will address work matters; most of which will not be repeated during Membership meetings to keep those meetings focused on the topic of the meeting. If issues arise that need membership input, of course those will be discussed during the Membership meetings.

## Administrative and Organizational Topics

**Appointments:** Bill Barfield— Karen Campblin was appointed to the Route 1 Multimodal Alternatives Analysis Project.

**The Bulletin (newsletter):** Fred Costello, Editor—The deadline for articles for the September newsletter is September 1, 2013.

**Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:** Linda Boone, Recording Secretary—The Board approved the minutes of the May board meeting as presented.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—Scott identified items that changed from last year's budget such as: membership projected increased revenues of \$2600; cost of the Citizen of the Year Banquet of \$2300 in food costs; postage; rent is reduced; reduced contributions to AHOME; and need to buy new Federation mugs \$300. The new budget reflects an ending surplus of \$70. Approval resolution moved by Bill Hanks; seconded by Tim Thompson; unanimously approved. Treasurer's report was received and filed.

**Membership:** Ed Wyse—Ed noted that 103 letters have been sent this year to nonmember community associations asking them to join the Federation. It was suggested to:

- attend HOA meetings of prospective HOAs personally;
- work through the District Councils;
- look at Dranesville for other organizations to represent that district;
- consider different format for meetings such as conferencing or call-in sessions. Cheri Lejeune will work with the membership committee on this.

## New Business

Citizen of the Year— Tania Hossain's report was deferred until the September meeting. Names were suggested as potential speakers for the 2014 event.

### Discussion of Residential Studios

Land Use members met with County staff and others to clarify the proposed Zoning change and presented a draft resolution to the Board for consideration. Questions from meetings with Zoning and others are:

Q: What is low income?

A: Varies

Q: Why 75 unit limit?

A: No reason for limit.

Q: How close do units need to be to transit?

A: ¼ mile

There are over 68,000 apartments in the County but only 1300 are designated as affordable units. Open space is an issue. Discussion was lively about whether the real name of the project should be Single Room Occupancy (SRO) units. There was a philosophical discussion about this new housing model: creates some instability with leases for 1 year; clustering low income residents together; plan to deal with homelessness; need identified for aging population; meets needs of other residents. Board of Supervisors has referred the subject back to the Planning Commission because it needs more work. Lots of discussion and points of view expressed. Attached Resolution with 2 friendly amendments passed with 2 abstentions. The Resolution will be presented to the Membership meeting in September before it is transmitted to the Board of Supervisors as a Federation position.

### Libraries discussion

Members from the Libraries presented information and identified the issues surrounding a pilot plan to reduce staffing and change the operating model at Reston Regional and Burke libraries. Marcia McDevitt presented information about the proposed changes to the library model of operations. Citizens need to have time to study and be aware of these changes—budget impacts, changes to how libraries are used,

etc. Bill Hanks' motion to appoint a special Study Committee was approved, unanimously. Kathy Kaplan will chair the committee with members from district councils and others to study the issues and prepare a resolution for the Federation to consider sending to the Board of Supervisors.

## **Board and Committee Reports**

**Budget:** Linda Boone—no report.

**Citizen Association Services:** Don Hinman—not present.

**Education:** Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—Leonard is no longer the co-chair of the committee but will remain on the committee. No other report.

**Environment:** Flint Webb— I-66 improvements group is recommending mass transit extension to Centreville. Wakefield Run is moving native plants if anyone needs them—available on all Wednesdays and some Saturdays. Accotink Creek fall cleanup is coming. The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Board of Supervisor's hearing will be on December 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 4 pm concerning the Stormwater Management Ordinance.

Flint will chair a Climate Change conference on Sept 10-11, 2013 sponsored by the Air and Waste Management Association conference. As part of that, the Baltimore-Washington chapter meeting will host Ms. Takako Wakiyama, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies in Japan, to discuss climate change after the nuclear incident at Fukushima. The dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 7 pm – 8:30pm at the Russia House Restaurant, 790 Herndon, VA 20170, 703-787-8880. The cost is \$40. RSVP with main dish choice to Flint Webb, [C.Flint.Webb@saic.com](mailto:C.Flint.Webb@saic.com), 703-676-8943 by September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Human Services:** Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson— Committee wants to continue to use the software Nextdoor to generate press and improve communications within HOAs. Want to market this to other associations. There appears to be a problem with using the application in larger associations, which Cherie will research.

**Land Use:** Matt Bell & Fred Costello—already discussed under Residential Studios.

**Legislation:** Frank Anderson—not present.

**Public Safety:** Daniela Cockayne—working on Public Safety meeting for October but will ask the new Chief of Police Ed Roessler if he can reschedule to November.

**Resolutions:** Bill Hanks— one resolution concerning Residential Studios from tonight is ready to go.

**Transportation:** Jeff Parnes— various meetings to be held in next few months. The MWCOG TPB Regional Priorities Plan has been posted and is accepting comments. Go to Sully website for link and to comment. Three separate jurisdictions (VA, MA & DC) build roads in the area making it difficult to get a coordinated plan of priorities of work to be done. It was suggested that Jeff propose a regional road building organization similar to WMATA.

County's \$3B shortfall in transportation has been reduced because of additional state funding. Board of Supervisors is holding community meetings to gather information as to which projects to spend the available funding.

**Website:** Jeff Parnes--The Federation calendar will be updated.

## District Council Reports

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

**Braddock:** Art Wells— Several state delegates attended awards party. New officers were elected for 2013-14. The BDC Best of Braddock Awards ceremony and picnic in July was attended by about 180 residents. Seven elected officials helped present the awards: Congressman Gerry Connolly, State Senators David Marsden and Chap Petersen, State Delegates David Bulova and Eileen Filler-Corn, Chairman of Fairfax County School Board Ilrong Moon, and Braddock District Supervisor John Cook. The master of ceremonies was Chairman of the BDC Bill Barfield. All twelve winners received certificates of achievement or recognition and their names were officially entered into the 10 July, 2013, Congressional Record, Virginia State Senate Record, and the Virginia State Legislature Record.

**Lee:** Chris Soule—no report.

**Mason:** Roger Hoskin—no report.

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

**Providence District Council:** Flint Webb-- Stormwater ordinance discussed. Jim Phelps will recap discussion of Residential Studios at the Membership Meeting on September 19.

**Springfield:** Ed Wyse— no report.

**Sully:** Jeff Parnes—August 21 meeting had about 100 participants. The issue regards the Girl Scouts' plan to build a 6000 square foot structure to store/maintain equipment. Council did not pass a resolution after 2 hours of discussion. Options could be to make the building look like a house. The Scouts and the Council want to work toward a solution.

VDOT has proposed a roundabout at Schneider Crossroads (Pleasant Valley and Braddock roads near Cox Farms) as a traffic management option. In a two to one vote, the Council voted against the roundabout. More discussion will follow about how to improve the intersection.

### Old Business/New Business

Charlie Dane raised the issue that Federation reps to citizens committee are required to prepare reports to the Board –written, oral or in the Bulletin. Limited reports have been done in the past and we need another way to receive them so the Federation knows what other committees are doing. In the By-laws the 2<sup>nd</sup> VP must obtain reports semiannually. Bill Barfield will work with our appointees to get the reports prepared this year, perhaps as short Powerpoint highlights. Another suggestion was that the representatives could report through the appropriate Federation committees.

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

### Next Meetings

Membership Meeting—September 19, 2013, 7:30 pm at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Board Meeting—September 26, 2013, 7:30 pm at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

Minutes prepared by Linda Boone, Recording Secretary