

Board Meeting Minutes

October 24, 2013

Approved 12-5-13

Call to Order/Welcome – Rob Jackson

The October 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, Bill Barfield, Linda Boone, Scott Schlegel, Ed Saperstein, William Hanks, Tim Thompson, Morgan Jameson, Flint Webb, Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello, Kathy Kaplan, Art Wells, Matt Bell, Linda Boone. Representative of League of Women Voters.

Administrative Topics

Although not present, Tania Hossain recommended that the Board be subsidized to attend the holiday Board meeting in December. The Board has done lots of good work this year and the budget is sufficient to allow about \$500 to be spent on food at the December Board meeting.

Appointments: Bill Barfield— None

The Bulletin (Newsletter): Fred Costello, Editor—November 1 is the due date for articles for the November issue.

Board Meeting Minutes: Linda Boone, Recording Secretary—The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September board meeting as presented. Filed for record.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel, Treasurer— Memberships have increased, so the budget is looking better than projected. Following a motion by Mr. Webb and seconded by Mr. Saperstein, the report was received and filed.

Board and Committee Reports

Budget: Linda Boone—Nothing new to report. President Jackson will provide copy of a brief by Len Wales that he heard at the MCA discussing County budgeting.

Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman—not present.

Education: Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—Ed Saperstein highlighted that the new Superintendent is looking at Thomas Jefferson admissions; math sequences; starting time of schools by ranges of times; and other issues in addition to the ones being discussed in the press. It will be a tough budget year. There is more than a \$140M projected deficit due to health insurance costs, loss in funds from state, retirement fund, and student population increases.

If anyone would like to attend the program with Superintendent Garza at the Committee of 100, contact Mr. Hanks for tickets.

Land Use: Fred Costello—President Jackson attended a meeting that discussed the RSU resolution. The District Councils are doing outreach to developers. President Jackson will be contacting housing advocates. Planning Commission meeting is scheduled to discuss this issue and many groups will be attending to address concerns about the various resolutions. Are the various resolutions that run parallel to the Federation's diluting the Federation's efforts? No, the Federation is the focal point for this effort. Board members are encouraged to attend upcoming meetings.

Environment: Flint Webb— has 3 proposed resolutions for the Legislative package (deer management, litter, and climate change). Friends of Accotink Creek is setting up a series of environmental speakers for any HOA or Civic Association that is looking for speakers. Also this weekend is the last weekend for stream cleanups.

Human Services: Morgan Jameson—seniors are becoming more responsive to technology to help with community communication. Mr. Webb mentioned that the Friends of Accotink Creek noticed that homeless persons are living near the creek and Human Services personnel have been notified. Bill Hanks, the AHOME representative, mentioned that AHOME is meeting in November at which meeting AHOME may recommend that the bond issues in 2014 include an affordable housing amount. Morgan closed with a personal plea for Residential Studio Units, pointing out that the County needs affordable housing so that recent graduates can make Fairfax County their home.

Library Ad hoc Committee: Kathy Kaplan reported that two new County committees have been formed—one about discarding books and one to broaden outreach programs. Ms. Kaplan met with Mr. Molchany, County Chief Information Officer, who said he regretted that the Beta Plan and Strategic Plan were implemented without sufficient community input. The Board of Supervisors approved the 2014 Budget which included the strategic plan and Beta Plan. A group of librarians are re-writing future strategies for the libraries. Trustees and Board of Supervisors will make the decision about how the libraries are constituted in the future. Serious legal issues have arisen about the Trustees' management of the libraries—is there an independent oversight of the libraries? The Library Foundation has issues that have been identified to Mr. Molchany. Does the Federation Library Committee want another meeting with Chairman Bulova and Mr. Molchany? No, not at this time. Three Trustees and Mr. Molchany are the members of the County's adhoc committee. League of Women Voters' report that will be published next month requests that the Trustee meeting notes be published on the County's website. The Federation has time to gather additional community input that can be offered to the Board of Supervisors before any decisions are made. Trustees will report to Board of Supervisors on November 17, 2013. The Trustees are scheduling more outreach sessions. Ms. Kaplan will provide an updated report to the Federation Board at the December 5 meeting.

Legislation: Frank Anderson— Mr. Barfield requested that if the Board had any other proposals, we needed to provide them for review now. Members will vote on the proposals at the November 21 meeting using multi-voting. Mr. Barfield has contacted several delegates to let them know that we will have a summarized list of proposal items to present to them prior to the next General Assembly session.

Membership: Per the Treasurer, he has 40 paid HOA members of the Federation. *NOTE: Per the First Vice President, the Federation only has 39 paid members.*

Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne—by phone Ms. Cockayne participated in the meeting but had no report. Police Chief Roessler will present at the November Membership meeting.

Resolutions: Bill Hanks— no report

Transportation: Jeff Parnes/Karen Campblin—Mr. Parnes reported there are several meetings upcoming to allow residents to learn about and vote on options for transportation projects in the County --

November 5 at Falls Church High School, November 12 at the Government Center, November 21 and 23 at other locations. Check the webpage if you are interested in attending. Road improvements and bus stop improvements, etc. will be included.

Future of Dulles Airport discussed and that development of terminals C and D are on hold due to monetary constraints. By 2040 there will be another side of the airport developed.

WMATA will receive the Wiehle Avenue project opening soon. Future plans will be posted on the website.

Website: Jeff Parnes—Alfresco is being evaluated to create folders for our committees that will hold documents as archives for the Board and committees work, drafts, etc. He will send invitations to all Board members to join.

District Council Reports

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

President would like the names of the District chairs/contacts. 270 members are in the Distribution List for Federation matters. May want to have a smaller list of paid members to offer members some exclusive benefits for being paid members.

President Jackson would like 1-2 members from each District Council to meet with housing advocates to discuss the topic of RSUs. Let him know the names as he is scheduling the meeting now.

Braddock: Art Wells—

RSU meeting last week with 25 members.

The Braddock District Council (BDC) hosted a meeting concerning the proposed Residential Studio Units (RSU) amendment. The 24 participants included the President of the Federation, Chairs of the Braddock and Providence District Councils, the President of the McLean Homeowners Association, and representatives from Mason and Mount Vernon Districts. The informal group met for the second time at the Mclean Community Center on October 23rd.

The BDC's Special Committee on "Aging in Place" is sponsoring an information meeting on Medicare at 7:00 p.m. on October 30th at the Kings Park Library Meeting Room.

On September 30th the BDC co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters a "Meet and Greet" meeting with candidates for the five districts covering Braddock District in the House of Delegates and for Fairfax County Sheriff in the November election.

At its September 11th meeting the BDC:

- Chair was assumed by Cliff Keenan following four terms by Bill Barfield now the Second VP of the Federation;
- Topics of discussion included the parking situation at NOVA's Annandale campus;
- Approved numerous changes to its bylaws. Foremost was requiring a minimum of four meetings during the year in addition to the annual September meeting and more should the Leadership consider it necessary; and
- The BDC's next meeting will be on November 13th at Braddock Hall.

Lee: Chris Soule—not present.

Mason: Roger Hoskin—not present.

Mount Vernon: Karen Pohorylo—not present.

Providence District Council: Flint Webb—There have been meetings about libraries, RSUs, and meet and greet with candidates for Sheriff/delegates co-sponsored by the PDC and the League of Women Voters. The next meeting is on November 19 at the Dunn Loring Admin Center and the topic of information will be 911 service.

Springfield: Ed Wyse—not present, but offered report by email. The Springfield District Council and Supervisor Herry will co-host a town hall meeting on the Residential Studio Units ordinance on December 4th, 7:30 p.m., at the West Springfield Governmental Center.

Sully: Jeff Parnes—Dulles Airport meeting last evening. November will host meeting about Rail to Centreville and RSUs. Libraries will be discussed at the December meeting.

Old Business/New Business

Budget for Citizen of the Year was sent by Tania Hossain. Mr. Parnes is concerned about the amount of donations projected in the budget which is anticipated but not guaranteed. There is a silent auction planned for the event.

Matt Bell asked if the Federation has reviewed the County's legislative planning for this year. The Legislative Committee will review prior to the Membership meeting.

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Next Meetings

Membership Meeting—November 21, 2013, 7:30 pm at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Board Meeting—December 5, 2013, at 6:30 pm at a restaurant TBD.

Minutes prepared by Linda Boone, Recording Secretary