

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2014

FINAL

Approved October 16,
2014

The August meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:40 p.m. at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ Civic Association of West Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/ Legislation), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association).

District Council Representatives (DCR): Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment),

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Kathy Kaplan (Library/ Woodside at Holly Oak), Daniela Cockayne (Public Safety/Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association, Gabriel Goldberg (Public Safety/ Walnut Hill Homeowners Association).

Members: John Birch (Bel Air Civic Association), John Cockayne (Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), Larry Clark (South County Federation), Liz Kirchner (Camelot), John Hanley (Reston Citizens Association), Jon Clark (Annandale Acres Civic Association), Joanna Garcia (Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc.), Amanda Sansbury (Lafayette Village Community Association), Pete Conklin (Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association), John Simonetti (North Springfield Civic Association), Mike Perel (Oak Hill Citizens Association)

Other: Kris Unger (Friends of Accotink Creek), Elaine Tholen (Fairfax County Public Schools).

Administrative and Organizational Topics:

1. Meeting Minutes: John Birch (Bel Air Civic Association) moved, seconded by Ed Wyse, to approve the June 2014 Membership Meeting minutes as presented (**attached**). Approved unanimously.

2. Audit Committee Report: John Birch (Bel Air Civic Association) moved, seconded by Bill Barfield, to approve the July 2014 Audit Committee Report (attached). Approved unanimously.

Membership Programming:

Environment Committee: Flint Webb introduced Kris Unger and Elaine Tholen who discussed Stream Stewardship on behalf of Friends of Accotink Creek and the Fairfax County Public Schools.

- Next Student Environmental Action Showcase (SEAS 2015) meeting on April 9, 2015 at George Mason Center for the Arts.

Unfinished Business:

1. Resolution on Audit of Library System Gift Fund (Library Committee): Kathy Kaplan, Chair of the Library Committee, discussed the resolution presented in the bulletin (**attached**). Kathy Kaplan moved, seconded by Gabe Goldberg, to approve the resolution as submitted. Approved unanimously.
 - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests an independent comprehensive fiscal audit of the Fairfax County Public Library.
 - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests a complete collection inventory of the Fairfax County Public Library.
 - **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests an audit of the system gift fund.
2. Legislative Committee – Legislative Survey Results: Bill Barfield and Matt Bell, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Committee, discussed the results of the legislative survey. The survey was originally closed on 9/9/2014, but has been reopened for additional respondents. Initially, the top three areas of concern are Education, Transportation, and Finance/Budget. More analysis will be done and reported at the next meeting. Initial survey responses show the top three most important general areas of concern are Education, Transportation, and Finance/Budget. Committee recommended that the next Board meeting be postponed one week to October 2 to give the standing Federation committee chairs more time to compile their respective survey results into the Legislative Program Evaluation Form. More analysis is being done and final report to be given at the October 16 membership meeting.

New Business:

1. Kathy Kaplan reported on a meeting of the Library Friends and asked for additional volunteers to help contact the Supervisors.
2. John Birch reported that the McLean Citizens Association had a Disaster Preparedness Forum 9/17/2014.

3. Green Breakfast meeting at Brion's Grille on Saturday, September 13 introduced the new Fairfax County Park Authority Director Kirk Kincannon.
4. Art Wells from Braddock District submitted a report (attached).
5. Flint Webb from Providence District announced that the District Council will meet on October 21st at the Dunn Loring Center – Topic: Stream Restoration and Water Quality in Providence District.
6. Tim Thompson, on behalf of Jeff Parnes from Sully District, announced that there will be a candidates' night on Monday, September 22 at 7:30 pm. In addition, there will be a large transportation bond on the ballot.
7. Larry Clark (South County Federation) noted that the Federation will be relooking at the Vulcan Quarry/Fairfax County Water Authority Agreement due to concerns over blasting conditions and validation of the underlying assumptions and assertions.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting will be October 2, 2014, 7:30 pm, at Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke. VA 22015.

The next Membership meeting will be October 16, 7:30 p.m., at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003 – Topic: Meet Our Legislators and the Federation Citizens Associations' Top 10 Issues.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Membership Meeting Agenda

7:30 pm, Thursday, September 18, 2014
Mason Governmental Center – 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

▶ **Call to Order/Welcome** – Tim Thompson

Introduction of new officers of the Federation to the Membership

▶ **Administrative Matters** – Tim Thompson

Approval of the June 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

Approval of the July 2014 Audit Committee Report

▶ **Membership Programming – Environment Committee**

Topic: Stream Stewardship

Presented by: Friends of Accotink Creek

▶ **Old Business**

Resolution on Audit of library system gift fund (Library Committee)

Legislative Committee – Legislative Survey results

▶ **New Business**

Membership business and announcements

▶ **Adjournment**

▶ **Next Meetings:**

BOARD –

October 2, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. Braddock Hall 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

MEMBERSHIP –

October 16, 2014 at 7:30pm Mason Gov't Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Topic: Meet Our Legislators and the Federation's Top 10 Citizen Association's Issues

Membership Meeting Minutes

(repeated from August Bulletin)

Thursday, June 19, 2014

Draft to be submitted for approval on 9/18/2014

The June 2014 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was the annual picnic meeting, held at the Annandale Community Park picnic shelter. The potluck picnic began at 6:30 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., First Vice President Ed Wyse opened the meeting.

Administrative Matters

Election of Recording Secretary: Chairman of the Nominations Committee Tania Hossain put forward Curtis Anderson as the committee's nominee for recording secretary and solicited other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations. Mr. Anderson was elected by unanimous voice vote.

Address, Certificate of Recognition, and Federation Mug: Braddock District Supervisor John Cook attended the picnic and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of community organizations such as the Federation and its member associations. Supervisor Cook presented the Federation with a certificate of recognition that reads "in appreciation of your continued dedication to the community" and bears the John F Kennedy quote, "Efforts and courage are not enough without purpose and direction." The Federation presented Supervisor Cook with a Federation mug.

Installation of Officers: Supervisor Cook administered the oath of office to the officers-elect who will serve for the period July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015. Those taking the oath were:

Position Name

President Tim Thompson

First Vice President Ed Wyse

Second Vice President Bill Barfield

Recording Secretary Curtis Anderson

Corresponding Secretary Fred Costello

Treasurer Matt Bell

Minutes—The May Membership Meeting Minutes were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Bulletin—Input to the Bulletin is due on August 1. (Since changed to 9 AM on Saturday after the Federation Board meeting.)

There was no other urgent business for the membership.

Old Business/New Business

Old Business—There was no old business.

New Business: Resolution on Infrastructure Joint Board of Supervisors (BOS)/ Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Committee: The Federation board, at its May meeting, recommended this resolution for consideration by the membership. Charlie Dane, the author, provided background information and rationale. The resolution:

- commends the members of the BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee for the cooperation shown in their work to address facility needs by both the County and FCPS;

- commends both boards for taking steps to implement the recommendations contained in the Committee's report;
- recommends the County and FCPS facilities staff, under the auspices of the BOS/ FCPS Infrastructure Committee, develop common criteria for assessing facility condition and the urgency of renovations, jointly carry out inspections of both County and FCPS facilities, and ensure that square footage comparisons are of comparable entities; and
- recommends that the County hire a qualified, independent contractor to evaluate the County's design and construction process for the purpose of resolving the difference in costs per square foot and to assess FCPS and the County's utilization of administrative and warehouse space.

The resolution was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Announcements:

Alan Ruof of the Huntington Community Association updated the Federation on the status of flood control project that protects his community.

Former President Tania Hossain and First Vice President Ed Wyse expressed the Federation's gratitude to three officers whose tenures were ending:

Rob Jackson One year each as First Vice President and President

Linda Boone One year each as Second Vice President and Recording Secretary

Scott Schlegel Seven years as Treasurer

Adjournment

The formal Federation Membership meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Afterwards, a decorative cake that bore a congratulations message for 74 years of Federation service to the county was cut and shared. Art Wells had provided this cake. Post-meeting socializing continued for some time.

Next Meetings

The next Board meeting will be held on August 14, 2014, at the Braddock Government Center.;


The next Membership meeting will be held on September 18, 2014, at the Mason District Government Center.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary Pro Tem

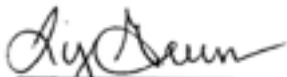
REPORT OF THE FEDERATION AUDIT COMMITTEE
July 22, 2014

We have reviewed the financial records of the Federation for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and summarize our findings as follows:


	<u>Full-Year Treasurer's Reports</u>	<u>Audit Committee Findings</u>
Balance: July 1, 2013	13,998.43	<u>13,998.43</u>
Income: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	14,720.57	<u>14,720.57</u>
Expenditures: July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	11,096.08	<u>11,096.08</u>
Balance: June 30, 2014	17,622.92	<u>17,622.92</u>



William W. Hanks, Chairman



Liz Greene, Member



Charles Dane, Member

Selected supporting documents were examined and accuracy verified including reconciliation of June 30, 2014, bank statement with Treasurer's end-of-year report.

RESOLUTION FOR AUDIT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Approved by Federation Board August 14, 2014

Background

A comprehensive collection inventory of Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) collection has not been done since 1988.

Total collection numbers in internal Collection Overview documents cannot be reconciled since 2006 or even yearly. There is a 66,000 volume discrepancy in the FY14 document alone. Additionally, there are discrepancies in the budget numbers in official library documents. The 2011 IMLS (United States Institute of Museum and Library Services) report lists the FCPL budget as \$32.9M. The Library Journal Star Library rating (published in the Washington Post in 2014) for 2011 records a FCPL budget of \$35M. Fairfax County budget documents record the 2011 library budget as \$25M.

Techniques for the massive book dumping that occurred October 2012 to September 2013 has resulted in gaps in the recording of collection data. Books are on the shelves that are not in the catalog.

There is no way to verify the status of books currently held at Technical Operations. Prior to discard, books are held at Technical Operations. All of the increase of holdings for FY14 are in Technical Operations. The branches showed an overall decrease in holdings, per Terry Maynard's August 2014 Cumulative Collection Overview.

The Library Board has convened a committee to begin a national search for a new Library Director. In order to go forward, the new Library Director will need accurate data to assess what is needed to stabilize and rehabilitate the collection and to actualize a workable plan for the future of the library.

Deputy Library Director Melanie Quinn has stated that about \$100,000 per year from Friends of Library groups' ongoing book sales goes into the system gift fund and is used by the Library Director at his discretion. The system gift fund has never been audited. Melanie Quinn declined to provide information as to how the money was spent by the Library Director.

Resolution

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Public Library has not had a complete audit with a collection inventory since 1988;

WHEREAS there are discrepancies in county documents between 2006 and 2014 regarding collection holdings;

WHEREAS a new Library Director needs a full understanding of the finances and holdings of the library;

WHEREAS the system gift fund has never been audited;

WHEREAS President Jennifer McCullough of Fairfax County Public Library Employee Association called for more transparency in library operations in her July 9, 2014 statement to the Library Board;

THEREFORE

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BRADDOCK DISTRICT REPORT

The Braddock District Council (BDC) elected its officers for the 2014-2015 at its meeting on June 11th. The incumbents headed by President Cliff Keenan were unanimously reelected for their second terms.

The BDS and the Supervisor's Office jointly sponsored its annual picnic on July 9th. In addition to the delicious food and the camaraderie among the many citizens who attended, "Best of Braddock" awards were made to seven (7) citizens, organizations and businesses that were recognized for their civic contributions within Braddock District.

The BDC's September 10th meeting was well attended and featured a highly interesting, timely, and informative presentation by Jim Ciampini and Charlie Fitzhugh from the Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance.

The BDC's special "Aging in Place" committee met on August 20th which featured a presentation by Ken Plummer from the Fairfax County Library Board and Helen Ignatenke the Head Librarian at the Kings Park Library. At its September 17th meeting the featured presentation was on the new Fairfax 50+ Social Media Site.

On September 29th the Supervisor's office will hold its Annual Pool Leaders Meeting at Braddock Hall.

The University Community Forum will meet on October 1st at the Kings Park Library.

The "Braddock District Neighborhood College" is a six week, one night a week course in community leadership organized by the Supervisor's office. The course begins Thursday, October 9th and runs through November 13th and will be conducted at the Little River Glen Senior Center. Each session will be from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The course is designed by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Neighborhood Services. The instructors are county employees and community volunteers with expertise in the areas that they will cover.