

## Board Meeting Minutes

October 2, 2014

**FINAL**

Approved October 23, 2014

The October meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:31 p.m. at the Braddock Hall.

### Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/ Springfield/ Membership), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock), Katherine Ward (Mt. Vernon), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education), Flint Webb (Providence/ Environment), Morgan Jameson (Human Services), Kathy Kaplan (Library), Gabriel Goldberg (Public Safety), Karen Campblin (Transportation), Nancy Trainer (Nominating/Education).

Other: Charlie Dane

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

Administrative Topics: Tim Thompson discussed the creation of a special committee for outreach with a sunset date of April 30, 2015. It would facilitate and promote community outreach and facilitate collaboration between civic associations; it would develop an outreach plan with both long term and short term goals.

1. Creation of Outreach Committee – Without objection the Outreach Committee was created with a sunset date of April 30, 2015.

Federation Appointments: Tim Thompson nominated the following members and chairs/ co-chairs of the following standing and special committees:

1. Nominating Committee Member – Annmarie Swope from ~~xx~~ Association in Hunter Mill District to be a member of the Nominating Committee.  
Nomination approved unanimously.
2. Outreach Committee Chair – Shaista Keating from Crosspoint Swim and Raquet, Inc. in Springfield District to Chair the new Outreach Committee.  
Nomination approved unanimously.
3. Finance Committee Member – Ed Saperstein, Ed Wyse and Matt Bell to be on the Finance Committee.  
Nomination approved unanimously.

4. Federation Representative to the Fairfax County School Board Human Relations Advisory Committee – Tim Thompson nominated Shaista Keating; approved unanimously; Katherine Ward abstained.
5. FCPS School Board Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee – Bill Barfield recommends reappointing Latisha Elcock, seconded by Fred Costello; approved unanimously; Ed Saperstein abstained.

**Bulletin/Newsletter:** Fred Costello – No report.

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. May 22, 2014 Board Meeting – Ed Wyse moved, seconded by Bill Barfield, to approve the May Board Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.
2. August 14, 2014 Board Meeting - Curtis Anderson moved, seconded by Matt Bell, to approve the August Board Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Matt Bell reported Total Assets of \$18,237.33, Total Liability of \$0.00, Total Equity of \$18,237.22, and Net Income of 614.41 as of October 2, 2014. Ed Wyse and Matt Bell indicated that the membership list has been reconciled with the Treasurer's records.

**Unfinished Business:** None to report.

**New Business:**

1. Legislative Package - Tim Thompson expressed his gratitude to the Co-Chairs, Karen Campblin and Morgan Jameson on the Legislative Committee. Bill Barfield reported on which committees had submitted proposals for consideration by the Legislative Committee. Each committee Chair presented the committee issues for consideration into the Legislative Package Top10 Issues. A compilation of the proposals is attached and a summary of the vote results is in Attachment 6.
  - a. **Public Safety (15P01)** – Gabe Goldberg reported on a proposal concerning distracted drivers and requiring the use of hands-free devices and non-use would be a primary offense. Approved **13-0-0**.
  - b. **Land Use (15L02)** – Fred Costello reported on the proposal on infill development to ensure current landowners that zoning limits are retained, with all features of redevelopment being included in the computation of zoning features. Failed **5-7-1**.
  - c. **Education** – Ed Saperstein reported on:
    - i. **(15E01)** - Support legislation to increase tobacco taxes, allocating the increased revenue to health care and education. Approved **12-1-0**.
    - ii. **(15E02)** - Support legislation permitting local school boards to set the opening date of the school year. Approved **10-2-1**.
    - iii. **(15E03)** - Support legislation to update the Local Composite Index (LCI) formula to better reflect current economic conditions and resource needs of a school system. Approved **11-0-2**.

- d. **Human Services** – Morgan Jameson reported no proposals. Kathy Kaplan recommended:
    - i. **(15H01)** - Removing the state population cap on library funds. Approved **13-0-0**.
    - ii. **(15H02)** - The state government declare libraries as an essential service. Approved **7-2-4**.
  - e. **Environment** – Flint Webb reported on two proposals and Matt Bell reported on a third proposal:
    - i. **(15C01)** - Revise the renewable portfolio standards for electric power generation to require renewable emission credits come from new projects developed in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Approved **8-2-3**.
    - ii. **(15C02)** - Give counties authority to develop a regional approach to Solid Waste Management including implementing an aggressive County-wide Recycling programs to include recycling of Construction and Demolition Debris. Approved **12-1-0**.
    - iii. **(15C03)** - Virginia implement a fee on the use of plastic bags or provide a credit for not using plastic bags in stores. Approved **9-4-0**.
  - f. **Transportation** – Karen Campblin discussed the significant funds already headed to northern Virginia and the ongoing process to prioritize projects and allocate funds.
    - i. **(15T01)** - Stricter guidelines on the transfer of the \$50 million state allocation. Approved **4-3-6**. (By post-vote debate, will be 11<sup>th</sup> Issue in Legislative Package).
    - ii. **(15T02)** - Support Richmond Highway multi-modal study for phase 2. Failed **5-6-2**
  - g. **Governance** – Bill Barfield (speaking for Fred Costello) presented proposals on:
    - i. **(15G01)** - Redistricting. Approved **9-0-4**.
    - ii. **(15G02)** - Require majority vote. Failed **5-8-0**.
    - iii. **(15G03)** - Subdivide Fairfax County. Failed **1-11-0**.
  - h. Matt Bell moved, seconded by Fred Costello to include the 11 of 15 proposals approved for the Legislative Package. Approved **11-1-0**
  - i. Bill Barfield discussed the process going forward: final write-up of Issues to Legislative Committee by Monday 6<sup>th</sup>. Package to be routed thru Board by the 13<sup>th</sup>. Final Package to be presented to Legislators at membership meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - j. Charlie Dane discussed the impending fiscal situation around 2017.
- 2. Fairfax County Transportation Bond Issue – Jeff Parnes moved, seconded by Morgan Jameson, to support the Fairfax County Transportation \$100 Million Bond Issue on the general election ballot. Motion approved.
  - 3. World Police and Fire Games – Bill Barfield suggested partnering with the World Police and Fire Games to be held in Fairfax County June 2015..
  - 4. Significance of FCFCA – Bill Barfield reported that he will meet with Chairman Sharon Bulova on the importance of the Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations.

### **Board & Committee Reports:**

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson and Paul Davis – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services - Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education - Ed Saperstein and Nancy Trainer – No report.
4. Environment - Flint Webb – Flint Webb submitted a detailed report (**attached**).  
October 11 is stream cleanup.
5. Human Services - Cherie Tripp Lejeune and Morgan Jameson – No report.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn – No report.
7. Legislation – Matt Bell and Bill Barfield - Conducted Board voting on Legislative Issues.
8. Library - Kathy Kaplan – Kathy Kaplan submitted a detailed report (**attached**).
9. Membership - Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain – No report.
10. Public Safety - Daniela Cockayne and Gabe Goldberg – No report.
11. Resolutions - Bill Hanks – No report.
12. Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – No report.
13. Website - Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello & Brian Graham – Jeff Parnes reported that the website has been updated with photos from the Citizen of the Year Banquet.

### **District Council Reports:**

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock - Art Wells – Art Wells submitted a report (**attached**).
2. Lee - Chris Soule – No report.
3. Mason - Roger Hoskins – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon - Katherine Ward – No report.
5. Providence - Flint Webb – Flint Webb submitted a report (**attached**).
6. Springfield - Ed Wyse – No report.
7. Sully - Jeff Parnes – Jeff Parnes reported on a successful meet and greet and will meet with police department this month.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

### **Next Meetings**

**Membership Meeting** “Legislative Package w/ Elected Officials” Oct 16, 2014,  
Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

**Board Meeting**, Oct 23, 2014, Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1.

## **Federation Board Meeting Agenda**

**7:30 pm, Thursday, October 2, 2014**

Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015

**Call to Order/Welcome** - Tim Thompson

▶ **Administrative Topics** - Tim Thompson

- Creation of Outreach Committee

▶ **Federation Appointments:**

- Nominations:
  - 1) Nominating Committee member
  - 2) Outreach Committee Chairman
  - 3) Finance Committee members

▶ **Bulletin/Newsletter** - Fred Costello

▶ **Meeting Minutes** - Curtis Anderson - approval of the Sept meeting minutes

▶ **Treasurer's Report**

▶ **Old Business**

- Legislative Package : Presentation of Committee Top 2 Issues
  - Education** - Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer
  - Transportation** - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin
  - Budget** - Curtis Anderson & Paul Davis
  - Public Safety** - Daniela Cockayne
  - Land Use** - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn
  - Environment** - Flint Webb
  - Human Services** - Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson
  - Citizens Association Services** - Don Hinman
- Legislative Package: Board Vote for Top 10 Issues

▶ **New Business**

▶ **Board & Committee Reports**

- Library** - Kathy Kaplan
- Legislation** - Bill Barfield & Matt Bell
- Membership** - Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain
- Resolutions** - Bill Hanks

**Website** - Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello & Brian Graham

▶ **District Council Reports (Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)**

**Braddock** - Art Wells

**Lee** - Chris Soule

**Mason** - Roger Hoskins

**Mt. Vernon** - Karen Pohorylo

**Providence** - Flint Webb

**Sully** - Jeff Parnes

**Springfield** - Ed Wyse

▶ **Membership - Open Floor**

▶ **Adjournment**

**Next Meetings: Membership Meeting** "Legislative Forum with Elected Officials", Oct 16, 2014, Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

**Board Meeting**, Oct 25, 2014, Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

## Attachment 2. **Environmental Report – Flint Webb, P.E. Environment Committee Chair**

Activity since the last Board meeting some key activities of the Environment committee:

- On August 18<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> attended the Friends of Accotink Creek (FACc) Town Hall Meeting.
  - **International Coastal Cleanup:** The FACc will be leading cleanups at 13 sites. The Federation will be sponsoring the cleanup at Accotink Creek and Old Lee Highway on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The site has good parking and easy stream access. **The Federation has agreed to help get the word out to encourage participation.** For more information see: <http://www.accotink.org/2014/InternationalCoastalCleanuppre-event2014.htm>.
  - **Accotink Creek Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL):** The Virginia DEQ has started working on developing a TMDL for Accotink Creek. They will be gathering new data rather than basing the TMDL on data that was gathered when developing the previous TMDL that was thrown out by the Court. For more information see: <http://www.accotink.org/TMDL.htm> or the DEQ site: <https://www.virginia.gov/connect/commonwealth-calendar/events/lists/public-hearing/2014/09/10/tmdlpublicmeetingaccotinkcreekandlongbranchinfairfaxcounty>.
  - **Whole Foods outreach/fundraiser:** The FACc has started identifying how they want to spend their portion of the proceeds from the Whole Foods fundraiser. They have earmarked \$500 to support field trip and other similar programs to educate Fairfax County school-aged on ecology and the natural environment of Lake Accotink and the stream. The Friends of Lake Accotink will also be donating a similar amount to the same cause. The FACc would also like to do a survey of the musclev populations in the lower Accotink Creek. The hope is that if the survey is done properly the data may be able to be used in the development of the TMDL. The FACc is also looking into getting water quality chemistry sensors to use for teaching stream monitoring.
  - **Scout projects:** There are a number of scout (Boy Scout and Girl Scout) projects that the FACc has been helping out with.
  - **Fairfax HS stream monitoring:** The FACc is assisting the Fairfax High School teach international baccalaureate (IB) about stream ecology by having them doing stream monitoring.
  - **501(c)3 filing:** The FACc has filed with the IRS for 501(c)3 tax exempt status. The IRS has reviewed our submittal and requested some minor changes to the bylaws, which have been taken care of.
  - **Merrifield park historical marker:** The FACc is working on getting a historical marker in the Merrifield part commemorating the “negro” neighborhood that used to be there.
- On September 13<sup>th</sup> the new Fairfax County Park Authority Director, Kirk Kincannon spoke about his vision for the County Parks. It appears that Mr. Kincannon hopes to solve the tight budget situation by augmenting the paid staff with more volunteer help from the community. Mr. Kincannon came back to Fairfax County after a stint managing the parks in Bolder Colorado

- The Federation Membership meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> included Friends of Accotink Creek. Kris Unger presented for the FAcC and Danielle Wynne presented on the FCPS Get2 Green program. The FAcC presentation can be found on the Environment page: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/environment1.htm>. The Get2 Green web site is: <http://www.fcps.edu/is/science/get2green/index.shtml>.
- On Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> I attended the People's Climate March in New York city. Over 400 thousand people attended the event from all over the world. I met one couple from Alaska and several people from France. There were a variety of perspectives on the climate change issue from people calling for increased use of nuclear power to people who wanted the discontinuation of nuclear power; from people calling for a moratorium on hydraulic fracturing to people who saw cheaper natural gas as being a good interim measure as renewable power comes on line and grid managers get used to managing power swings that may occur.

### Upcoming Events:

- October 11<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: **Federation co-sponsored stream clean up Accotink Creek at Old Lee Hwy**: From I-66 take Exit 62 onto Nutley Street (243) south, at end of Nutley turn right on Arlington Blvd (50), go about .75 miles to Fairfax Circle and turn left on Old Lee Hwy. Parking near bridge, across the street from Arties/Bowl America (near Home Depot lot), is where we meet. [Personal Google Map Drive/Bike/Transit directions](#). There is adequate parking and the FAcC will supply trash bags and gloves.
- October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 9:00 pm: **Friends of Accotink Creek Town Hall Meeting**, Audrey Moore RECenter.
- October 21<sup>st</sup>, 7:30 to 10:00 pm: **Providence District Council Membership Meeting**, Dunn Loring Administrative Center room 111.  
Speaker: Ms. Danielle Wynne, Ecologist DPWES, Stormwater Planning Division  
Topic: Ms. Wynne will discuss the environmental health (or lack thereof) of the streams in Providence District. She will also discuss recent stormwater system improvements and how they have improved the health of our streams and the plans for future stormwater improvements and what they are expected to do for the health of our streams.
- October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 to 10:00 pm: **Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) Baltimore-Washington Chapter Hydraulic Fracturing dinner meeting**, Outback Stakehouse, 15107 Sweitzer Lane Laurel, MD 20707,  
Speakers: Karen Irons, P.E., Air Quality Permits Program Manager of the Maryland Department of the Environment Air & Radiation Management Administration and  
Cathe Kalisz, P.E., Policy Advisor for the American Petroleum Institute.  
Cost: \$35 for non-A&WMA members included dinner.  
RSVP to Tiffany Dillow ([tdillow@dixonenvironmental.com](mailto:tdillow@dixonenvironmental.com)).



Attachment 3. **LIBRARY COMMITTEE report for October 2, 2014 Board meeting**

1. Library Friends groups provide over half a million dollars to FCPL. The Library Board passed a resolution in September calling for additional space for Friends' sorting and storage in plans for renovated libraries and in existing libraries. In September, Supervisor Foust facilitated a change to the library site plan to add additional space at the Tysons-Pimmit Library so Tysons Friends will be able to continue their book sales.
2. Chairman Bulova attended the first Director Selection Committee meeting. The committee will begin a national search for a new library director. The Library Board is given the authority by Virginia to set policy, the budget, and hire and fire the library director. Bulova stated that even though the Library Board is an authority and can appoint the new director, the Board of Supervisors needs to weigh in on the decision.
3. In spite of a new discard and transfer policy, 10 bins of books in good condition were transferred and discarded in September. Members of the Library Board have tried to get the criteria for "low demand" books altered so that books are not discarded after only 2 years of not being checked out. Their efforts have yet to be successful. Surrounding library systems only consider discarding low demand books after they have been inactive for 5 years.
4. The Library Board will meet October 8, 2014 to decide how best to achieve a possible \$800,000 cut to the library budget for FY16 requested by County Executive Ed Long. Library Administration suggested cutting 21 circulation aide positions permanently. The Library Board budget committee has met twice to consider other options including reducing the hours the library is open and cutting the materials budget. The workload stress from continuing vacancies is causing severe morale problems for library staff. There are currently 60 vacancies.

Kathy Kaplan

Attachment 4. **Braddock District**

The GMU/Community Forum met October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Kings Park Library. Supervisor Cook and Mayor Scott Silverthorne welcomed attendees. The agenda topics included updates of: (1) the GMU Master Plan, (2) World Police and Fire Games, (3) the Braddock/Route 123/ Kelly Drive drainage project, and (4) the opening of Fairfax City's Chain Bridge Road bridge.

The meeting of the Braddock District Council on October 8<sup>th</sup> will feature the kickoff of the county-wide campaign against neighborhood speeding.

The next meeting of the BDC's special "Aging in Place" committee will feature a presentation on Medicare (which was standing room only when presented last year).

Attachment 5. **Providence District Council Report – Flint Webb, Providence District Council Representative**

- On August 17<sup>th</sup> Jim Edmonson, President of AHOME (Affordable Home Ownership Means Everyone) presented the case for the need for increased funding for housing programs in Fairfax County. Mr. Edmondson's presentation can be viewed at [http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Prov\\_Counc\\_Afford\\_Housing\\_Pres\\_8-19-14.pdf](http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Prov_Counc_Afford_Housing_Pres_8-19-14.pdf).
- On September 10<sup>th</sup>, the Providence District Council co-sponsored a Candidate Meet and Greet with AARP Virginia, the League of Woman Voters of the Fairfax Area, Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia. All the 11<sup>th</sup> district candidates were represented but due to Congress being in session (they were debating military action against the Islamic State at the time), Gerry Connolly could not attend in person. The other candidates are Suzanne Scholte (Republican), Joe Galdo (Green), and Marc Harrold (Libertarian).
- The PDC is in the process of revising their bylaws and articles of incorporation.

**Upcoming Events:**

- October 21, 7:30 pm, **Providence District Council Membership Meeting**, Dunn Loring Administrative Center room 111.  
Speaker: Ms. Danielle Wynne, Ecologist DPWES, Stormwater Planning Division  
Topic: Ms. Wynne will discuss the environmental health (or lack thereof) of the streams in Providence District. She will also discuss recent stormwater system improvements and how they have improved the health of our streams and the plans for future stormwater improvements and what they are expected to do for the health of our streams.

Check the Providence District Council web site (<http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/>) for details

Attachment 6. FCFCA Legislative Issues – Summary of Board Vote Results, 2 October 2015

Vote seq	Cmtte	ID	Author	Legislative Issue	Yea	Nay	Abst.	Pas s
1	Pub Safety	15P01	Daniella/Gabe	Law for hands-free driving	13	0	0	yes
6	Hum Svcs	15H01	Kathy/Morgan	Remove state pop. cap on library funds	13	0	0	yes
3	Education	15E01	Ed/Nancy	Increase tobacco tax for schools	12	1	0	yes
9	Environ	15C02	Flint	Solid waste/debris control	12	1	0	yes
5	Education	15E03	Ed/Nancy	Update LCI	11	0	2	yes
4	Education	15E02	Ed/Nancy	School opening date	10	2	1	yes
13	Gov	15G01	Fred	Redistricting laws	9	0	4	yes
10	Environ	15C03	Matt/Flint	Plastic bag fee/credit	9	4	0	yes
8	Environ	15C01	Flint	Climate change & energy conserv	8	2	3	yes
7	Hum Svcs	15H02	Kathy/Morgan	Designate libraries as essential services	7	2	4	yes
12	Trans	15T02	Katherine/Jeff	Rt 1 multimodal Phase II funding	5	6	2	no
11	Trans	15T01	Karen/Jeff	Guidelines on \$50M funds transfer	4	3	6	yes
2	Land Use	15L02	Fred	Home owners control of zoning	5	7	1	no
14	Gov	15G02	Fred	Require majority vote	5	8	0	no
15	Gov	15G03	Fred	Subdivide Fairfax County	1	11	0	no