

## Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 2014

**FINAL**

Approved March 9,  
2015

The October meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:38 p.m. at the Braddock Hall.

**Present:**

**BOARD:**

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), and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), Katherine Ward (Mt. Vernon).

Committee Chairs: Cherie Tripp Lejeune (Human Services), Kathy Kaplan (Library), Karen Campblin (Transportation), Nancy Trainer (Nominating/Education).

Other: David Swink and John Cockayne.

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

Legislative Package - Tim Thompson expressed his gratitude to the Co-Chairs, Karen Campblin and Morgan Jameson, and Bill Barfield and Matt Bell on the Legislative Committee for a well-received package. There was substantial discussion about next steps, how to handle incoming issues in the future, and to ensure that personal viewpoints do not override the membership input.

Administrative Topics: None.

Federation Appointments: None.

**Bulletin/Newsletter:** Fred Costello – input due November 1.

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. October 2, 2014 Board Meeting – Matt Bell moved, seconded by Flint Webb, to approve the October 2, 2014 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 23, 2014. Ed Wyse and Matt Bell indicated that the membership list has been reconciled with the

Treasurer's records. Flint Webb moved, seconded by Curtis Anderson to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted; approved unanimously.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Legislative Package - Tim Thompson expressed his gratitude to the Co-Chairs, Karen Campblin and Morgan Jameson, and Bill Barfield and Matt Bell on the Legislative Committee for a well-received package. There was substantial discussion about next steps, how to handle incoming issues in the future, and to ensure that personal viewpoints do not override the membership input.

**New Business:**

1. Draft Resolution Opposing Fall Cankerworm Spraying – Flint Webb discussed the proposed resolution (Attachment 1). Flint Webb moved to adopt the Draft Resolution, seconded by Karen Campblin; approved with one abstention and one no vote.
2. Draft Resolution on Fairfax County Public Library Collection Maintenance – Kathy Kaplan moved to adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 2), seconded by Flint Webb; Nancy Trainer moved, seconded by Katherine Ward to delete the word “new” from two places in the last Whereas; Curtis Anderson moved to table the motion to the December Board meeting, seconded by Tim Thompson; motion to table approved 6-5-1. The committee will reach out to get a representative from the Trustees Committees to address the resolutions at the December Membership meeting.
3. Draft Resolution Rt. 1 Multi-modal Analysis Study Phase 2 Funding – Karen Campblin moved to adopt the proposed resolution (Attachment 3), seconded by Katherine Ward; approved unanimously.
4. Cherie Tripp Lejeune moved to make a contribution of \$100 from the FCFCA to a charity of choice in honor of Jean Packard, seconded by Bill Barfield; approved unanimously.

**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 – Nancy Trainer noted various issues being followed by the Education Committee.
4. Environment - Flint Webb – Flint Webb noted that there are applications for hydraulic fracturing in Manassas. Stream Cleanup went well. He discussed the importance of tourism to the county; the Fairfax Forward process and the county's Strategic Plan for Success; and formalizing and funding revitalization areas.
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 – Bill Barfield had a good meeting with Chairman Sharon Bulova that recognized the good work of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA). She made several suggestions for FCFCA to strengthen its position.

8. Library - Kathy Kaplan – Kathy Kaplan noted that there is a meeting at the Oakton Library to increase support for the libraries. Very few children’s books are being purchased. Kathy Kaplan’s Freedom of Information Act requests have not been answered.
9. Membership - Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain – Ed Wyse reported the following status as of October 23:
  - a. 2014-2015 Paid Members 37
  - b. 2013-2014 Grace Members 15
  - c. Renewal Reminders sent April, and October 8
  - d. Renewal Reminders since October 8
    - i. Online submissions (grace members) 3
    - ii. Grace paid said “soon” 1
    - iii. Report not renewing (Virginia Run) 1
    - iv. New member reportedly applied by mail 1
  - e. Next mailbox pickup this weekend.
  - f. Ed Wyse also reported that the FCFCA member associations (less South County Federation) represents 46,800 homes through its members. The FCFCA has 52 member associations. The South County Federation, an FCFCA member, is composed of 33 member communities. The seven district councils are represented on the FCFCA board.
10. Public Safety - Daniela Cockayne and Gabe Goldberg – John Cockayne reported on a rash of motor cycle racing at night in Mason District, including one death; there is concern it may spread.
11. Resolutions - Bill Hanks – No report.
12. Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Karen Campblin reported on the Community Leadership Program which emphasizes transportation. (look up Parnes email)
13. Outreach – Shaista Keating – No report.
14. 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 discussed Braddock District Council next meeting November 12; next BDC “Aging in Place” meeting on November 19.
2. Lee - Chris Soule – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon - Katherine Ward – Discussed (1) tourism importance to the county, specifically historical places like Woodlawn Plantation, (2) Fairfax Forward process and the county’s Strategic Plan for Success, and (3) formalizing and funding revitalization areas.
5. Providence - Flint Webb – Flint Webb reported that Danielle Wynn spoke about storm water and stream issues, how the streams are monitored in Providence District, and about stream remediation efforts. Next meeting on November 18 is on Public Safety.
6. Springfield - Ed Wyse – No report.
7. Sully - Jeff Parnes – No report.

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

**Next Meetings:**

**Membership Meeting** – Public Safety - November 20, 2014, Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

**Board Meeting**, December 4, 2014, Fortune Restaurant, Seven Corners Shopping Center, 6249 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA 22044.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

**Draft Resolution**  
**Opposing Fall Cankerworm Spraying**  
**Approved:**

WHEREAS, Fairfax County maintains an insecticide spraying program to reduce populations of a native insect, the Fall Cankerworm *Alsophila pometaria* (commonly referred to as “inchworm”);

WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2013, Fairfax County sprayed approximately 2,200 acres and 1,965 acres, respectively, in the County with a commercial application of the bacterial insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk);

WHEREAS, the County conducts spraying for the Fall Cankerworm in the early spring to minimize impacts on other species of moth and butterfly larvae,

WHEREAS, climate changes is causing the emergence of moth and butterfly larvae to emerge earlier each year;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) is a native moth caterpillar that has irruptions (population increases) every few years as part of its natural population dynamics; there are natural forces that keep these irruptions in check, including predatory insects and birds;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) is an important food source for wildlife including migrating and breeding birds in Fairfax County; spraying occurs in spring, an especially critical period when many birds are migrating through Fairfax County or raising their young;

WHEREAS, this spraying program is lethal to all species of butterflies and moths present in their caterpillar stage in the sprayed areas (not just the Fall Cankerworm) and thus could be an important contributing factor to the declines in local butterfly and moth populations, along with the songbirds and other wildlife that depend on this caterpillar as an important food source;

WHEREAS, according to the American Bird Conservancy, National Audubon Society, North American Butterfly Association, and conservationists nationwide it is widely published that many migrating and resident songbirds, and many butterfly and moth species along the Eastern Seaboard are declining;

WHEREAS, Fairfax County does not monitor the impact of the Fall Cankerworm on tree health or mortality, thus failing to show any harm directly attributable to this native insect to the trees; the County also does not monitor the impact of the spraying on other native butterfly and moth species that are just as vulnerable to the Btk spraying as the Fall Cankerworm, nor does it monitor the indirect impacts on birds and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, continuous and repeated spraying typically results in an unnatural pesticide dependence (known as the “pesticide treadmill”) and negatively impacts the overall biodiversity needed to support tree health;

WHEREAS, trees in Fairfax County are under much greater threat from non-native invasive plants such as English Ivy, Kudzu, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, and others than from the Fall Cankerworm;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm does not bite or sting, and poses no threat to human health or safety;

WHEREAS, Ashley Kennedy, a trained entomologist, testified at the May 22, 2014 Board of Supervisors budget hearing against the continuation of this program, having consulted with more than one dozen similarly trained entomologists from institutions around the country, all of whom agree that the significantly negative impact of this program on songbirds, butterflies (including our state butterfly, the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail), and moths does not justify the focus of this program on the killing of one native species of caterpillar, just because the inchworms may be “bothersome” to a relatively few County residents;

WHEREAS, any “nuisance” caused by the appearance of the Fall Cankerworm does not justify the costs, damage to wildlife and risks of insecticide spraying program;

WHEREAS, alternative, less destructive approaches are available to manage nuisance-related concerns, including education and community outreach on the importance of the Fall Cankerworm to our urban ecosystem and the value of a diverse mix of native tree species in resisting damage from Fall Cankerworm outbreaks, along with increased promotion of tree banding as an option for citizens who wish to control the Fall Cankerworm; only a fraction of the annual spraying cost would be needed to develop and distribute these materials to County residents;

WHEREAS, at least six community groups have committed to assisting Fairfax County in developing more balanced communications materials, including alternatives to insecticide spraying that are available for controlling the Fall Cankerworm;

WHEREAS, the county staff says this program can be opted out of through their mailed postcard program, this process does not fully inform the citizens of the program and its impact. Furthermore, while the county staff may feel it is meeting its notification goal it is not. Citizens are inundated with bulk “trash” advertisements and it is most likely that these post cards are simply not recognized as an important notification from the County.

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated in the Fairfax County Budget for the Forest Pest Program are \$1,105,927 for FY 2015 and \$1,105,316 for FY 2014 (Revised);<sup>1</sup>

Be it RESOLVED, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association recommends the immediate termination of the Fairfax County Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program;

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<sup>1</sup> The Forest Pest Program represents a portion of the Integrated Pest Management Program, Fund 40080, which has appropriated \$3,128,092 under the FY 2015 Adopted Budget Plan and \$3,115,655 under the FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan.

Further Be It RESOLVED, the Federation recommends that a portion of the funds approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program be reallocated to citizen education and community outreach as described above, along with increased funding for the County's Tree Action Plan to increase native species diversity and otherwise improve forest health in Fairfax County.

Attachment 2

## FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS

### RESOLUTION ON FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### COLLECTION MAINTENANCE

Draft for FedBoard 10/23/14

#### **Background**

Since 2005, hundreds of thousands of books have been discarded from the Fairfax County Public Library as noted in the library's internal documents, the FCPL Collection Overview 2006-2014. Because of current and projected budget constraints, FCPL should make all efforts to maintain and preserve its current collection of books.

#### **Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted to cancel the Beta Plan November 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted November 2013 that books in the collection should be mended and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors voted November 2013 that donated books should be added to the collection and,

WHEREAS, thousands of nonfiction books in good condition are being discarded due to low activity, including last copies, and

WHEREAS, Library Board Trustee Michael Cutrone asked the Library Board and the Library Director for a pause in the discarding of nonfiction books designated low activity until such time as a thorough reassessment of policy can be made, and

WHEREAS, Jennifer McCullough, President of the Fairfax County Public Library Employees' Association stated that many library branches do not have staff to mend and repair books, and

WHEREAS, books in otherwise good condition needing minor mending are being discarded as bad condition, and

WHEREAS, books with no condition problems other than a previous and successful mending are being discarded as bad condition, and

WHEREAS, books bearing FCPL identification that are currently on the shelves, but not in the online catalog, are being discarded, and

WHEREAS, single copies of donated new books that are not already in the online catalog are not added to the catalog by Technical Operations because of a rule that there must be four copies of a single title added to the catalog, and those donated new books are subsequently donated to Friends groups,

THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for the Fairfax County Public Library to pause discarding nonfiction books based on low activity criteria until a comprehensive collection inventory has been completed, and



BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for nonfiction books in good condition to not be discarded until an evaluation of the collection is completed to assess the state of the collection, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for retained low activity nonfiction books to be sent to branches with empty shelves and to not to be discarded, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for a halt to discarding last copies of books in the FCPL collection, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for books needing simple repairs of torn pages, a loose page, cracked spines, broken spines, and shaken bindings to be mended by library staff or volunteers, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for previously mended books with successful mending to not be discarded, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for library staff and library volunteers to be trained to mend FCPL books and to mend FCPL books, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for books that bear FCPL library markings and are on the shelves, but for unknown reasons are not in the online catalog, to be added to the catalog and not discarded, and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for donated new books to be added to the collection even if there are less than four copies donated.

Attachment 3

**Draft Resolution as of 10-11-2014**  
**Rt. 1 Multi-modal Analysis Study Phase 2 Funding**

**BACKGROUND: Dedicated Phase 2 funding from the State Legislature in the amount of \$4 million dollars is required in order for the Federal Dollars to be applied for. Without the completion of Phase 2 the State and the County have wasted \$2M tax payer dollars that funded the phase 1 study. The phase 1 study has involved all stakeholders (citizens, elected officials, county and state staff).**

WHEREAS: VA Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) is currently undertaking the Phase 1 Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis Study. This study will result in the “preferred option” recommendation for mass transit along 15 miles of Rt. 1. This study is due to be completed by January 2015.

WHEREAS : The anticipated Phase 1 study preferred solution results would offer metro underground from Huntington Ave to Hybla Valley and BRT to PW County Woodbridge VRE station.

WHEREAS: Several previous studies regarding feasibility of mass transit have taken place over the past 25 years but none have been fully funded. This lack of funding has resulted in a waste of tax payers’ dollars and continued traffic jams on a major roadway.

WHEREAS: The Rt. 1 corridor, from the Prince William County VRE in Woodbridge, to the 495 beltway is a heavily traveled national roadway that acts as a local artery as well as a throughway for traffic heading from the south to areas north of the region.

WHEREAS: The Master Plan for Ft Belvoir is estimating a total of 56,000 employees by 2030, an increase of 24,000 from the current employee population.

WHEREAS: Multi-modal transportation to include mass transit, auto lanes, and pedestrian and bike lanes will provide several enhanced quality of life aspects to this corridor. These aspects are:

- Environmental: reduction in health harming emissions and the reduction in fossil fuel usage
- Transportation: reduce on road traffic during peak travel times and shopping weekend hours which will in turn reduce the frustrations for both locals and transitory visitors
- Public Safety: reduce the auto accidents and pedestrian accidents by offering sidewalks and bike lanes dedicated to non-motorized oriented vehicles.
- Economic Development: Studies and reality prove that Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) bring higher quality of life and more economic income to an area when there are mass transit stations available. Developers and businesses congregate around these areas bringing in more jobs, more income for businesses and more tax revenue for the State and the County.
- Quality of Life Improvements: TOD’s bring better shops, restaurants, housing, urban parks etc. all resulting in places for citizens of all economic status to meet and enjoy life.

WHEREAS: Federal Funding is required to make mass transit along Rt 1 corridor, from Prince William (PW) County's Woodbridge VRE station to the 495 Beltway, a reality. This funding cannot be secured without the completion of the Rt 1 Multi-Modal Phase 2 Analysis Study (engineering and environmental considerations).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Fairfax Federation of Citizen Associations urges and recommends our State Legislators to immediately fully fund the required \$4 million dollars to conduct the Phase 2 Study for the Rt 1 Multi-Modal Analysis.**

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That Governor McAuliffe encourage the State Legislative body to fund Rt. 1 Phase 2 Multi-Modal Analysis Study.**

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: The Federation urges the Fairfax County BOS to work closely with the State Legislators to make the Phase 2 funding a reality.**