

Board Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2015

Approved April 23, 2015

The March 26, 2015, meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:35 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center.

Present:

BOARD:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Bulletin Editor), and Jeff Parnes (Transportation/Sully District). Tania Hossain (Past President/COY committees chair) joined for a COY report.

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock), John Birch (Mason), and Flint Webb (Providence).

Standing/Special Committee Chairs: Daniela Cockayne (Public Safety), Cherie Tripp Lejeune (Human Services), Ed Saperstein (Education). Jack Dobbyn (Land Use) joined via telephone for the Healthy Family Services discussion.

Administrative and Organizational Topics

Ad Hoc Police Policy Review Commission: This new commission held its first meeting on March 23 and is due to render its report by October; hence it will probably hold 3 to 4 meetings monthly. The Federation has two seats on the commission, filled by President Tim Thompson and Public Safety Chair Daniela Cockayne.

Citizen of Year Banquet: The Selection Committee met March 14. Awardees were announced via e-mail to 400 Federation members and other Federation friends. Invitations have been sent to potential attendees, including friends of the awardees. Tania asks the board to identify to her other persons to whom we should send invitations. A press release will soon be issued. The Federation's website is activated to accept banquet reservations and ticket sales; payment may be made via PayPal online or personal check mailed to the Federation. Because of awardees' affiliations, we expect both publicity from the Northern Virginia Family Services and the Fairfax Advocates for Better Biking.

Personal Appointments: Tim nominated Shaista Keating to be Co-chair of the Membership Committee, which has been vacant. The board approved via voice vote. Since autumn 2014 Shaista has been chair of the special (temporary) Outreach Committee that will disband in April. It is hoped that members of the Outreach Committee will transition to the Membership Committee and continue the work of recruiting and outreach.

Representative to the Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee: The term of the incumbent Federation representative, John Hanks, expired in December 2014. We

received a communication this week in which the county asks us to nominate a representative for the current term. Because, since receipt of the message, the president and second vice president have been unable to contact John Hanks to determine his interest in continuing in the position, the president did not make a nomination to the board at this meeting. A nomination will be made at the next board meeting.

Representative to AHOME (Affordable Housing Means Everyone): This position remains vacant.

Representative to Citizen Corps Council: Daniela asked when is the end of the term for assignment of her husband John as representative and her as alternate. Action: Daniela will check with the Citizen Corps Council.

The Bulletin (newsletter): Fred Costello – Articles for the April edition are due March 28, 9 a.m.

Meeting Minutes: The board acted on two set of minutes:

- May 23, 2014: approved by voice vote.
- March 9, 2015: approved by voice vote with the stipulation that the recording secretary consider several suggestions made by e-mail in the last several days, described in this meeting as regarding spelling and formatting.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report.

2015-2016 Budget: The Finance Committee is scheduled to meet March 30 to draft the 2015-2016 budget. The board discussed allocations for debates, open houses, and contributions.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Resolution on not Funding the Healthy Families Program: Cherie Lejuene noted that the county's advertised budget completely eliminates funding for the longstanding Healthy Families program, which she described as a means to fix problems early and cheaply before they became more severe and more costly to address. She urged the Federation to take a stand even though she had no written resolution and the Federation had already passed its budget resolution through the membership on March 19. After discussion, Cherie moved for a board-approved letter opposing the Healthy Families defunding, to be signed by the president and by her as committee chair. Second not recorded. The board approved this motion by a voice vote with the stipulation that Cherie draft the resolution and vet it with board members via e-mail.
2. Meetup: Ed Wyse announced that the Federation would abandon its subscription to MeetUp. This social networking allows event organizers to announce events (such as Federation meetings) and be exposed to individuals who would be interested. Experience has shown that this is not a way to reach community association leaders. Also the subscription rate has climbed to \$12 monthly.

3. June Picnic Location: Ed Wyse moved; second not recorded, to hold the June picnic at the shelter at Mason District Park instead of at Annandale Community Park. Furthermore, if Mason District Park shelter was not available, to let Ed reserve another park shelter in the central part of the county. The motion passed on a voice vote. The primary reason for change of venue is to obtain a larger capacity shelter (75 seats versus 24).
4. I-66 Coalition: Tania announced that a number of volunteer organizations are banding together to form the I-66 Coalition whose aim is to mitigate the impacts of I-66 expansion on nearby neighborhoods. She urged the Federation to join the dialog and support the coalition's purpose.
5. Neighbor-to-Neighbor: Cherie recounted that she is the chair of the Neighbor-to-Neighbor committee of the 50+ Plan. She seeks to recruit, through the Federation, committee members from across the county to enable this effort. Two channels were suggested:
 - a. *The Bulletin* (newsletter): Cherie to write the article and send to the editor.
 - b. E-mail to district council leaders/Federation representatives: Cherie to write the message and provide to the president to send.
6. Contribution to AHOME: In the April 2014 board discussion on the budget, the late Bill Hanks recommended a 2014-2015 contribution to AHOME of \$1000, which the board approved. In May the membership approved the board-recommended budget, although it is not clear now whether the membership was aware to whom the \$1000 contribution was intended. Jeff Parnes moved, Fred Costello seconded, to contribute \$1000 to AHOME in memory of Bill Hanks. The board approved the motion on a voice vote.

Board & Committee Reports:

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson - Since membership approval of the resolution on March 19, Curtis has finalized the document. The corresponding secretary, Fred, will draft a letter for the president and committee chair to sign to transmit the resolution to the board of supervisors. Curtis will give testimony to the board of supervisors on April 9; he is the 47th speaker. He will give paper copies of the resolution to the board members as part of this appearance.
2. Citizens Association Services - Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education - Ed Saperstein and Nancy Trainer – no report
4. Environment - Flint Webb – Flint announced the native seedling sale being conducted by the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District. New development Americana Plaza will feature a wetland meadow. He opined that current I-66 capacity improvement discussions have not seriously considered any option other than widening the highway.
5. Human Services - Cherie Tripp Lejeune and Morgan Jameson – Cherie reported that the Fairfax County 50+ Community Action Plan is in effect. She is leading the 7-person committee for the Neighbor to Neighbor initiative. This initiative will increase awareness of the village concept and existing online tools. It will also

offer guidance & resources to community groups to implement online tools or create new neighbor-helping-neighbor villages. There will be opportunities to survey neighbors using NextDoor and to cite the Federation's name.

6. Land Use - Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn – no report
7. Legislation – Bill Barfield & Matt Bell – Bill distributed a handout (at Attachment 1) that shows the activity level of Fairfax County's members of the General Assembly: numbers of committee assignments, conference assignments, and instances of being chief patron, chief co-patron, and co-patron. A second page (at Attachment 2) lays out by type of bill or resolution the quantity achieving each type of ultimate disposition and quantity of legislative actions referred to each committee by ultimate resolutions. Bill will provide these tables with a textual explanation for publication in April's *The Bulletin*.

Bill also described two questions the committee will address:

- a. Can we improve over this year in the method we used to solicit issues from the membership?
 - b. Should we change our process for developing the budget resolution?
8. Library - Kathy Kaplan – Kathy submitted a written report (shortened & paraphrased by the minutes writer)
 - a. On March 24 Pimmit Hills Citizens Assn (Dranesville) endorsed RCA's Feb 9 resolution on the library, "Additional Resources for Fairfax County Public Library." (<http://ffxlibraryadvocates.blogspot.com/2015/03/pimmit-hills-citizens-association.html>).
 - b. I had sent this resolution to the Federation Board members at the same time I sent the original draft for the library budget resolution; however it was not considered because the board was focused on the budget resolution. I was hoping to introduce the resolution at this meeting, but I am unable to attend.
 - c. The Collection Maintenance Resolution can remain tabled while we sort out what is happening with the tweaking of the new discard and transfer policy.

1. Public Safety - Daniela Cockayne– No report
2. Resolutions – Charlie Dane – No report.
9. Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin –
 - a. Meetings held/planned in March:
 - i. Public Meeting on Bicycle Improvements in Tysons Corner 16 March 25 2015
 - ii. The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) Open House on FY2015-16 Two Year Program 25 March 25 2015
 - iii. The Planning Commission Environment Committee met to discuss the electric vehicle charging infrastructure 25 March 25 2015

- iv. I-66 & Our Neighborhoods Public Forum 25 March 25 2015
 - v. League of Women Voters of the National Capital Area Presents Crossing Boundaries Transportation Forum 28 March 25 2015
 - b. County is soliciting comments on how to Help Improve Braddock Road Corridor for the Future:
http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/news/2015/15_004.htm. The county has not indicated when the submission period will end.
 - c. Links to the March 2015 TAC, BOS transportation committee and MWCOPG TPB presentations are available on our website
3. Outreach – Shaista Keating – No report.
10. Website - Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello & Brian Graham –
- a. The COY RSVP form and PayPal links are enabled (<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm>); both have been used.
 - b. Tania has provided inputs for four of the five honorees. The COY page <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2014COYHonorees.htm> has already been set up waiting for the inputs.
 - c. I asked the county to consider setting up a master page for the Neighborhood and Community Leadership Conference that was held March 21 so that we could link to one location rather than trying to create links to each individual presentation. They indicated they would attempt to do so; I have not yet been provided the link.
4. . **District Council Reports:** (Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)
1. Braddock - Art Wells –
 - a. The April 8th meeting of the Braddock District Council will be a Legislative Forum featuring members of the General Assembly whose districts include part of Braddock District. Light refreshments will be served at 7 p.m.; the meeting begins 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall.
 - b. On April 11th volunteers from over 30 communities within Braddock District will participate in the cleanup of parks and streambeds, especially the Accotink and Pohick watersheds.
 2. Lee - Chris Soule – no report.
 3. Mason – John Birch – The Mason District Council is meeting tonight.
 4. Mt. Vernon - Katherine Ward – Katherine submitted a written report ((shortened & paraphrased by the minutes writer)
 - a. The MVCCA passed its budget resolutions March 25 at our General Council meeting. Education and Health and Human Services had their own resolutions. There was an overall budget resolution as well. As usual we supported :
 - fully funding the school board budget

- maintain the tax rate at \$1.09
 - A multi-year HHS budget for 2016 & 2017 so services can be sustained.
 - Meals tax
 - BPOL tax increase to mirror surrounding counties
 - Transportation impact fees
 - Restoration of Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) funding to 2009 levels
 - Library and Parks funding be increased to allow for extended use of these facilities
 - pro-rating storm-water taxes based upon volume of runoff from commercial properties
- b. We also supported one of our community member associations in their bid to stop development until the FEMA map could be revised to be more accurate and the County Storm-water management people can rectify the flooding situation that occurs in their neighborhood. This action resulted in our Supervisor speaking with the county staff and putting the developers' permits on hold for the time being.
5. Providence - Flint Webb – The PDC meeting on I-66 widening was canceled due to weather.
6. Springfield - Ed Wyse – On March 18 Supervisor Herrity and the SDC hosted a Budget Town Hall with County Executive Ed Long.
7. Sully - Jeff Parnes – Last night was the March SDC meeting: Supervisor Frey and School Board Member Smith co-hosted with the SDC a Budget Town Hall meeting with the financial Susans (Datta - county and Quinn - schools). Pictures at http://www.sullydistrict.org/SDCPhotoGallery/Sully_District_Photo_Gallery/Pages/Budget_Town_Hall_25_March_2015.html. April's meeting will focus on impacts of Recently Passed HOA legislation (based on Don's CAI report) with Michelle L. Thompson, Consumer Specialist, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch. May's meeting will be the Sully Report from Richmond, all ten of our legislative delegation have been invited, three have already indicated they will attend.

.Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Next Meetings

Membership Meeting –April 16, 2015, Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. Program: **Future Land Use in Fairfax County**.

Board Meeting, April 23, 2015 Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Rd, Braddock

Attachments

- 1 – Fairfax Delegation to Virginia General Assembly – 2015 Total Assignments & Patronage
- 2 – 2015 Va General Assembly Session Statistics

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachment 1 ¹

FIRST TABLE

2015 Virginia General Assembly Session Statistics as of: 27-Mar-15

Legislation Type	Introduced	Passed House	Passed Senate	Passed	Cont'd from last session	Failed	Pending	Approved	Vetoed
House Bill	1126	514	463	456	128	797	0	326	3
House Joint Resolution	473	399	388	386	8	95	0	0	0
House Resolution	133	129	0	129	0	4	0	0	0
Senate Bill	793	347	478	344	77	526	0	257	3
Senate Joint Resolution	170	119	133	118	21	73	0	0	0
Senate Resolution	81	0	80	80	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	2776	1508	1542	1513	235	1497	0	583	6

2015 Virginia House Committee Statistics

Committee	Referred H - S		In Com H - S		In Sub H - S		Reported Out H - S		Continued H - S		Failed H - S	
Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources	66	34	0	0	0	0	42	28	0	0	25	6
Appropriations	111	75	0	0	0	0	52	29	0	0	59	46
Commerce and Labor	110	30	0	0	0	0	43	26	0	0	67	4
Counties, Cities and Towns	39	23	0	0	0	0	26	23	0	0	13	0
Courts of Justice	237	76	0	0	0	0	118	59	0	0	120	18
Education	144	33	0	0	0	0	78	28	0	0	67	5
Finance	84	35	0	0	0	0	37	30	0	0	47	5
General Laws	110	54	0	0	0	0	63	48	0	0	47	6
Health, Welfare and Institutions	89	57	0	0	0	0	53	48	0	0	36	9
Militia, Police and Public Safety	56	24	0	0	0	0	17	23	0	0	39	2
Privileges and Elections	94	37	0	0	0	0	24	25	0	0	71	12
Rules	100	28	0	0	0	0	47	19	0	0	54	9
Science and Technology	8	5	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	1
Transportation	100	33	0	0	0	0	52	29	0	0	48	4
Total for all House Committees	1348	544	0	0	0	0	656	419	0	0	697	127

2015 Virginia Senate Committee Statistics

Committee	Referred H - S		In Committee H - S		In Subcommittee H - S		Reported Out H - S		Continued H - S		Failed H - S	
Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources	35	50	0	0	0	0	35	37	0	0	0	13
Commerce and Labor	43	58	0	0	0	0	40	33	0	0	3	26
Courts of Justice	108	173	0	0	0	0	102	113	0	0	9	51
Education and Health	104	139	0	0	0	0	94	86	1	0	10	53
Finance	78	178	0	0	0	0	73	126	0	0	5	52
General Laws and Technology	54	86	0	0	0	0	51	66	0	0	3	20
Local Government	24	44	0	0	0	0	24	25	0	0	1	19
Privileges and Elections	22	83	0	0	0	0	21	46	0	0	1	37
Rehabilitation and Social Services	18	57	0	0	0	0	17	41	0	0	1	16
Rules	107	83	0	0	0	0	99	43	0	0	6	40
Transportation	51	57	0	0	0	0	49	37	0	0	2	20
Total for all Senate Committees	644	1008	0	0	0	0	605	653	1	0	41	347

Source: <http://leg1.state.va.us/lis.htm>

Compiled: W. Barfield, 2nd VP, FCFA

¹ The table in these minutes was updated (March 28) from the version given as a handout at the meeting.

Attachment 2 ²

SECOND TABLE

**Fairfax Delegation to Virginia General Assembly
 2015 Total Assignments & Patronage**

as of: 2-Mar-15

		Committee Assignments	Conference Assignments	Chief Patron	Chief Patron	Co-Co-Patron
District Delegate		14 House Committees				
(17)	Fairfax	48	49	331	84	1198
	D	34	36	249	46	995
37	Bulova	3	5	15	4	55
41	Filler-Corn	3	4	19	6	41
35	Keam		3	27	9	84
38	Kory	3	1	18	6	138
45	Krupicka	3	2	20		77
49	Lopez	3	4	24	3	65
34	Murphy	2	1	9		62
36	Plum	4	3	13		92
43	Sickles	3	3	17	1	49
53	Simon	2	2	19	6	148
48	Sullivan	2	4	19	3	61
44	Surovell	3		34	8	49
39	Watts	3	4	15		74
	R	14	13	82	38	203
42	Albo	3	6	18	6	33
40	Hugo	4	3	21	21	50
67	LeMunyon	3	3	19	4	51
86	Rust	4	1	24	7	69
District Senator		11 Senate Committees				
(9)	Fairfax	32	48	238	34	707
	D	32	48	238	34	707
39	Barker	3	7	32	6	84
30	Ebbin	3		28	8	165
31	Favola	3	2	36	5	98
32	Howell	5	14	25	2	103
37	Marsden	3	1	24	4	38
34	Petersen	4	15	30	6	47
36	Puller	3		15	1	53
35	Saslaw	5	5	9	2	80
33	Wexton	3	4	39		39
Grand Total		80	97	569	118	1905

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