

Board Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2015

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Approved May 28, 2015

The April meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on April 23, 2015, by President Tim Thompson at 7:39 p.m. at Braddock Hall, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA 22015-1683.

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), and Tania Hossain (Past President/Membership/Citizen of Year Selection and Banquet).

District Council Representatives: Katherine Ward (Mt. Vernon), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/ Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

Committee Chairs: Daniela Cockayne (Public Safety/Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), Charlie Dane (Resolutions/Stone Haven Civic Association).

Other: John Cockayne, Monica Billger

Administrative and Organizational Topics

2015 Citizen of the Year Banquet: Tania Hossain reported that the banquet is scheduled for Sunday, May 3. We expect a good turnout; already at 110 RSVP's have been received including at least 20 elected officials. Payment by credit card will be accepted at the banquet. There are two sponsorships: University Mall and Leidos. Press Release went out April 22.

Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission: Daniela Cockayne will represent Tim Thompson at the meeting next week.

Nominations Committee: Tania Hossain is chair. Flint Webb, Art Wells, Nancy Trainer and Anne Marie Swope are members of the Committee. Elections will be held at the May 21 Membership meeting. Nominations are now open (send to Tania) and can be made from the floor at the May 21 Membership meeting.

Federation Appointments: Tim Thompson nominated Monica Billger as Co-Chair of the Environment Committee. The nomination was approved unanimously.

Bulletin/Newsletter: Fred Costello – Submissions required by 9 am, May 1.

Meeting Minutes: Ed Wyse presented the minutes for March 26, 2015. Katherine Ward moved, seconded by Bill Barfield to approve the minutes as amended. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Matthew Bell reported Total Assets of \$17,548.16, Total Liability of \$0.00, Total Equity of \$17,548.16, and Net Income of (\$74.76) as of April 23, 2015. The Treasurer's report is at attachment 1. Ed Wyse moved, seconded by Curtis Anderson, to receive and file the Treasurer's report; motion approved unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. AHome: Fred Costello, Tim Thompson and Ed Wyse reported that they have been unable to locate to whom to submit the Federation's donation. If they cannot find an appropriate person, then it will not be sent.

New Business:

1. Fairfax County Economic Development Administration (FCEDA) Discussion: Katherine Ward moved to invite the FCEDA Director, Jerry Gordon, to speak a Federation Membership Meeting (which will also include Board members) about the purpose of FCEDA and the reasons for industrial revenue bonds, seconded by Tim Thompson. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Consumers Specialist: Jeff Parnes recommended that Michelle Thompson, Consumer Education and Engagement Specialist, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch, speak to the Federation about changes in the law that affect homeowner associations, civic associations and other land-based organizations.
3. I-66 Corridor: Tania Hossain reported about concerns about the I-66 corridor. Providence District Council will be submitting a request to the Federation.
4. Draft Budget for FY2015-2016: Matthew Bell submitted a draft budget (attachment 2) for FY2015-2016 for consideration. Charlie Dane moved, seconded by Bill Barfield, to approve the budget as amended subject to changes as a result of the actual costs from the banquet received prior to the May 21 Membership Meeting; motion approved unanimously.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education –Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – Tim Thompson reported that he and Charlie Dane attended the Education Committee meeting on April 21. Latisha Elcock gave a detailed discussion her efforts with respect to the Advanced Academics Program Advisory Committee, and there was good discussion on the subject.
4. Environment - Flint Webb & Monica Billger – Who will be piloting programs starting January 1, 2016 about landscaping. This topic was suggested for a presentation at a future Federation membership meeting.

The Chesapeake Bay Landscape Professional Certification is an Initiative launched by the Chesapeake Conservation Landscaping Council (CCLC), a coalition of multiple organizations and agencies within the mid-Atlantic region. From 2015 to 2016, the Initiative is focused on certification

program development and piloting in Maryland and Virginia with an ultimate goal of a Bay-wide certification program.

CCLC, University of Maryland Sea Grant Extension Program, VA Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Habitat Partners© and Wetlands Watch have formed a consortium to administer and coordinate the certification. Managed by two Certification Coordinators and the Consortium, the certification will be developed in collaboration with local governments, community colleges, non-profits, private practitioners and landscape trade associations that share a common goal of consistently trained and certified conservation landscape professionals.

5. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn – Fred Costello reported that citizens in Reston are concerned about Phase 2 of the Reston planning. Development is occurring too fast with minimal public input.
7. Library - Kathy Kaplan – Report submitted electronically:

A few weeks ago the President of the Fairfax County Public Library Employee Association, Jennifer McCullough, when told that the Federation Library Committee will expire at the end of this month stated that the committee should be extend another 18 to 24 months to be sure that the process of hiring a new library director is monitored, to see that the survey of the community and their wishes for library service is done appropriately, and to be involved in the subsequent reorganization of the library.

What reorganization of the library you may ask. (We are asking the same question).

Let's go back two years to the Beta Plan. Without the Federation's Library Committee's focus on the Beta Plan, our member organizations would have been ignorant of the changes planned for the library. Because of the Library Committee, the Federation had a seat at the table. Without a Library Committee over the next two years, the Federation will not have a seat at the table to discuss, for instance, which branches will be closing as result of Ed Long's Lines of Business study which started last month.

When Co-Deputy Library Director Melanie Quinn gave an example of a Line of Business to be evaluated she mentioned the Virginia Room and the Summer Reading Program. Individual library programs will be evaluated to see if they are 1) core, 2) mandated, 3) quality of life, or 4) discretionary programs. Included in the review will be how much each program costs and what benefits they provide. One effort will be to "identify creative alternative service delivery models."

The library lost 31% of the net positions cut for FY16 and it is likely any cuts for FY17 will also disproportionately hit the library as the library is not considered by the Board of Supervisors to be essential to this community.

Also, there ongoing concerns about the collection. Library Administration has refused to fill FOIA requests for documents five times. We cannot get discard information. We have no idea how many books are being discarded at the present time. We do know from the FY14 Materials Inventory that we did get, that between the end of FY13 and the end of FY14 there was a net loss to the children's collection of 38,528 holdings.

I would hope that the Federation officers will vote to continue the Library Committee at their board meeting on Thursday night.

If you haven't seen the comments from Dennis Hays, the Chairman of the Fairfax Library Advocates, to the Board of Supervisors at the budget hearing, a transcript is here:

<http://ffxlibraryadvocates.blogspot.com/2015/04/statement-by-chairman-dennis-hays-to.html>

8. Legislation - Bill Barfield & Matt Bell – Bill Barfield reported on feedback on the tables presented in the Bulletin; a narrative will follow in the next Bulletin. Bill Barfield will send an email out to committee chairs who should be following the legislative actions. Tim Thompson asked the Committee Chairs to contact the legislators to track the legislation on learn what worked and how the process can be improved.
9. Membership – Ed Wyse & Shaista Keating – Shiasta Keating is hosting an open house in May.
10. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne – The Citizen Corps Council liaison position is a 3 year appointment.
11. Resolutions – Charlie Dane – No report.
12. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Jeff Parnes noted that Braddock district has a survey. Route 7 also has a survey on widening of Braddock Road. Northern Virginia Transmission Forum on May 8. Bike to Work Day is May 15. Community Leadership in Transportation sessions require registration by May 22. As Congress has given National Airport more non-stop long haul flights to domestic cities, airlines are ending non-stop flights from Dulles to the same destinations. Consequently international carriers are shifting their flights from Dulles to other airports that have domestic non-stop connections. Dulles' business is declining. League of Women Voters presentations are linked on the website. There will be a Fairfax Connector Riders Advisory Board.
13. Website – Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello & Brian Graham – Jeff Parnes reported that he discovered how to capture specific portions of the online video of the Board of Supervisors meeting. Website has been updated to enable the picnic RSVP.

District Council Reports

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – Art Wells – Report submitted.
2. Lee – Chris Soule – No report.

3. Mason – John Birch – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward – Report submitted.
5. Providence – Flint Webb – Tania Hossain reported that the first I-66 Coalition meeting was held in March. A survey has been sent out. Next meeting will be April 28. They had a report from their legislators.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report:
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – Jeff Parnes reported that the council's May 22 meeting featured a presentation by Michelle Thompson of the Office of Consumer Protection; the May meeting will feature report from Richmond, and the June meeting will feature Supervisor Frey's final State of Sully.
8. Membership – Open Floor – No items announced.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Membership Meeting – Annual Meeting (election of officers and approval of budget), May 21, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike.

Board Meeting – May 28, 2015, Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Balance Sheet
As of April 23, 2015**

	Apr. 23, 2015
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Act # 5234331304 (Checking)	17,548.16
Total Checking/Savings	17,548.16
Total Current Assets	17,548.16
TOTAL ASSETS	17,548.16
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 – Retained Earnings	15,917.94
3000 – Opening Bal Equity	1,704.98
Net Income	(74.76)
Total Equity	17,548.16
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	17,548.16

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
 Income Statement
 July 1, 2014 through April 23, 2015**

	Jul 1 – Apr. 23, 15
Income	
4080 – Interest	1.24
4090 – Membership Dues	940.00
4170 – Program Fees	
4180 – Banquet	500.00
Total Income	1441.24
Expense	
6160- Dues and Subscriptions	72.00
6230 – Licenses and Permits	25.00
6240 – Miscellaneous	138.60
6290 – Rent	89.00
6670 – Program Expense	
6680 – Banquet	
6682 - Meals	500.00
6684 – Postage	245.00
Total 6680 – Banquet	745.00
Total 6670 – Program Expense	745.00
6680 – Board (Expenses by Board Members)	
6810 – Membership (1st VP)	72.00
6820 – Committee Chairs	
6827 – Legislation	52.00
Total 6820 – Committee Chairs	52.00
6800 – Board (Expenses by Board Members)	322.40
Total 6800 – Board (Expenses by Board Members)	446.40
Total Expense	1516.00
Net Income	(74.76)

Attachment 2

Braddock District Report (Art Wells)

The April 8th meeting of the Braddock District Council was a Legislative Forum. Representative Gerry Connolly opened the meeting with a discussion of major issues on Capitol Hill. He was followed by an update of the General Assembly's current session by State Senators Richard Saslaw and Chap Peterson and Delegates Vivian Watts, David Bulova, and Eileen Filler-Corn.

On April 11th volunteers from more than 30 communities within Braddock District participated in the cleanup of parks and streambeds, especially in the Accotink and Pohick watersheds.

The BDC's special "Aging in Place" Committee met on April 15th at Braddock Hall. Featured was a presentation by Jane King, AARP Virginia, on the subject of "Home Fit" which addressed means to achieve "long-term livability" in one's current home.

Supervisor Cook's office will participate with several other sponsoring organizations in the 2015 Tree Forum, April 22nd, 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Braddock Hall.

Mount Vernon District Report (Katherine Ward)

The MVCCA has reinstated its telecommunications subcommittee to continue its work towards the installation of DAS (distributed antenna systems) in the MV district. The MVCCA was previously successful in getting the DAS selected as an option throughout the county in lieu of Cell Towers. There's currently a contractor positioned to make application to install DAS on Dominion power poles along Ft Hunt Rd. The MVCCA subcommittee will hear a presentation about this proposal in the near future.

North Hill redevelopment: This 33 acre redevelopment of county property (RHA) is moving glacially. Now it is poised for mixed income, mixed affordable, and market rate housing, and a large park. The developer will begin outreach process soon.

Bridge over Dogue Creek at Rt1: There is a dangerous stretch of road with no shoulder-- walkers and bikers are at risk at Dogue Creek and Rt1. MVCCA proposes an interim bridge be installed while we wait for the widening of Rt1.

Waivers to storm water management for by right development: We are looking into means and ways to educate members on just what by right development is all about and what a developer's request for waiver for storm water mitigation really means (it really is not a waiver it's an alternate plan for solving the storm water runoff issue).