

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

Approved May 21, 2015

The April 16, 2015, meeting of the membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:35 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center.

Program: Future Land Use in Fairfax County

Land Use Co-chair Fred Costello introduced the guest speaker, David Versel, Senior Research Associate, George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. Mr. Versel conducted an interesting, interactive briefing on the changing economy of the Metro area and how Fairfax and other local jurisdictions can best respond to it. His presentation will be posted on the Federation's website (www.FairfaxFederation.org/). Fred presented Mr. Versel with a Federation 75th anniversary mug.

Administrative and Organizational Topics

Meeting Minutes: The membership approved the minutes of the March meeting.

Treasurer's Report. No report was on hand, although several people reported that the treasurer had e-mailed a copy to the board members shortly before the meeting.

Old Business:

Budget Testimony: On April 9 the Federation presented its budget resolution to the board of supervisors. Budget Committee Chair Curtis Anderson read our testimony. Tim Thompson and Bill Barfield were also there. The written testimony and a video of our presentation will be posted on the Federation's website.

Citizen of Year Banquet: Tim reported that RSVP's have been arriving and all is on track for the May 3 banquet. It is not too late for additional people to buy tickets, so keep encouraging attendance. During the Federation's April 9 budget testimony, Tim put in a plug for the Citizen of the Year banquet, noting that the two retiring supervisors are being honored with the Special Gratitude Award and encouraging the other supervisors to attend. The *Fairfax Times* published a solid article on the Citizen of the Year honorees.

New Business:

Emergency Preparedness: Public Safety Committee member Gabe Goldberg described recent communications from the Office of Emergency Preparedness, intended to prepare the public and non-profit organizations for disaster situations. He will submit an article for publication in May's *The Bulletin* to share this information with members.

Committee and District Council Reports:

Because the land use presentation did not end until 9 p.m., committee and council reports were mostly curtailed. Several chairs and representatives had submitted written reports for publication in the minutes.

Legislation – Committee Co-Chair Bill Barfield reported that the tables he had prepared that show the activity level of Fairfax County’s members of the General Assembly and of the committee workloads, published in April’s *The Bulletin*, have been of great interest to approximately a dozen members of the legislature with whom he has talked recently.

Public Safety: Committee member Gabe Goldberg announced that the county’s police department is celebrating its 75th anniversary and is presenting a series of open house briefings which are worth attending. The schedule is available on the department’s website at

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield/pdf/75th_anniversary_lecture_series.pdf.

Transportation – Committee Co-chair Jeff Parnes reported.

The following opportunities for public involvement are reported with more detail on the transportation committee web page:

- Submit Comments Now to Help Improve Braddock Road Corridor for the Future starting 26 March 2015
- Six-Year Improvement Program FY2016-2020 Draft SYIP Public Hearing 28 April 2015
- Register for the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission forum, Transit Means Business Friday, 8 May 2015
- Register for Bike to Work Day 2015! Friday, 15 May 2015
- Bike Fairfax Wikimapping Project until 30 June 2015

Braddock District Council – Representative Art Wells reported.

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.

Sully District Council – Representative Jeff Parnes reported on future meetings.

22 April:

Membership Presentation: Impacts of Recently Passed HOA legislation by Michelle L. Thompson, Consumer Specialist, Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch

Land Use and Transportation: (1) Akridge Westfields Development and (2) Plan Amendment 2015-III-DS2 Timber Ridge

27 May 2015: General Assembly Report by Delegates and Senators representing Sully in Richmond

24 June 2015: State of Sully from Supervisor Frey

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Next Meetings

Board Meeting: April 23, 2015, 7:30 p.m., Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Rd, Braddock

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

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