

Board Meeting Minutes

September 24, 2015

Approved October 22, 2015

The September Board meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on September 24, 2015, by First Vice President Ed Wyse at 7:40 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Road. President Tim Thompson arrived shortly thereafter and assumed the chair.

Present: Bill Barfield, Matt Bell, Monica Billger, John Birch, Charles Dane, Dennis Hayes, Morgan Jamison, Ed Saperstein, Pat Smaldore, Tim Thompson, Flint Webb (last few minutes only), and Ed Wyse

Administrative and Organizational Topics

April 2015 Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet: The Audit Committee, whose results were given to the membership meeting on September 19, had made some observations about the spring 2015 COY banquet finances, which operated in the red. Charlie Dane, member of the Audit Committee, made these suggestions for the future.

- Only one person should track expenses (various types of expenses were overseen by different people in 2015)
- The meals-to-be-purchased guarantee in the contract should be reasonable and manageable (in 2015 we contracted for 150 meals, fell short, and did not re-negotiate)
- We must obtain reasonable sponsorship (in 2015 we had few sponsors)

Ed Wyse reminded the board that Jeff Parnes had asked for volunteers to serve on the committee; we need to step up to that task.

The board had earlier approved contracting for 2016 with the same hotel. Several suggested that better options are available. Tim will check with Jeff to see whether the contract has been concluded.

Ed Wyse asked for a final accounting of the 2015 banquet; Matt Bell promised to produce one.

Bulletin/Newsletter: The deadline for articles for the October issue is September 26, 2015.

Meeting Minutes: The board approved the minutes of the August 6 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Bell provided a Balance Sheet as of September 24 and an Income Statement for July 1 – September 24. See attachment 1.

Federation Appointments: Board members complained that the board has received no recent reports from our representatives and urged that we coordinate annual in-person reports from representatives at board meetings. It was also claimed by some board members that the term of our representative to the Airports Advisory Committee had expired in December without us refilling the position. An allegation was made that the incumbent had not been attending meetings. Others are volunteering for the position. Bill Barfield will follow-up with the county and with the incumbent.

Webmaster: (Jeff Parnes submitted via e-mail) Missing multiple agendas, mostly for member meetings. Encourage committee chairs to review their pages and send updates for the webmasters to process - send any updates to webmaster alias rather than to me personally so that updates can be done by any of the webmaster committee members.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

I-66 Inside the Beltway. Morgan Jameson opined that tolls inside the beltway will be too high and burdensome for commuters. He posited that public meetings held by VDOT allow residents to vent but do not effect change. He proposed that we bring pressure publically and through our elected officials, most notably the governor who is a proponent of the tolls. The board took one specific action, to include a question on this issue in the pending legislative issues survey.

January Program – Superintendent Garza. Ed Saperstein proposed inviting Superintendent Garza to the January membership meeting for our membership's first dialog with her. Because of her busy schedule, Ed asked for flexibility with the date of the meeting and proposed the FCPS Administrative Center (Gatehouse Rd) be a good venue. The board agreed to date and place flexibility.

District Council Reports

1. Braddock – Art Wells – No report.
2. Lee – Chris Soule – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward – (a) The MVCCA is currently working with the County Staff to continue the comprehensive plan changes for the Richmond Highway Corridor that will ensure adequate density to support mass transit along the corridor. We are in opposition with the staff regarding the timing of this project and want it to be completed sooner rather than the staff's proposed 2040+ ideas.
(b) We continue to champion new developments that have already been approved and are awaiting site plan approval. And we are supporting the change to the Huntington Club's comprehensive plan language that would remove the office component of that major redevelopment of 19 acres along side of the Huntington Metro.
(c) Furthermore, we have supported the installation application of Extenet Systems Company and Verizon for multi-system Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) throughout the Mount Vernon area. Phase 1 application for 2232 review has been submitted to the Planning Commission. This installation will enhance with cell service in our area.
(d) The MVCCA honored Congressman Jim Moran, Senator Toddy Puller, and Supervisor Gerry Hyland for their many years of support to the Mount Vernon District at our Sept 23rd General Council Meeting.
5. Providence – Flint Webb – No report.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report.
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – (submitted via e-mail) (a) Had our joint legislative candidates night this Monday with the LWVFA, and other groups. See http://www.sullydistrict.org/SDCPhotoGallery/Sully_District_Photo_Gallery/Pages

/Candidates_Night_21_Sep_2015.html. (b) On 28 October will have the Sully County candidates' night jointly with same groups.
(Dranesville & Hunter Mill do not have district councils.)

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education –Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – See new business above.
4. Environment – Monica Billger & Flint Webb – (a) Monica reported that Virginia's First Place Envirothon team from Hidden Pond Nature Center in Fairfax, VA traveled to Springfield, Missouri July 27 - August 2 to represent Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Districts at the North American Envirothon, North America's largest environmental education competition. The event culminated months of studying and preparation by the five team members, alternates, and their coaches. The team received 9th place overall out of 52 teams from throughout the United States and Canada. The 2015 Hidden Pond team is the highest placing team in Fairfax County history and only the second team ever to advance to the National Conservation Foundation's Envirothon Competition. (b) A written report from Flint Webb is at attachment 2. (c) Flint reported at the meeting that he recently attended a briefing at the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Control Committee on the just concluded ozone season, how transportation conformity works and how proposed projects are modeled.
5. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – Cherie is chair of the Fairfax 50+ Neighbor 2 Neighbor Committee. Prior to the meeting she shared with the board via e-mail a four-page advertisement for the first ever Neighborhood Knock (an event to introduce oneself to neighbors) to be held Nov 7/8.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello– (a) Fred Costello spoke on a proposed zoning ordinance amendment that would double density in revitalization areas. Comment period was very short and during the summer. Tim Thompson spoke with Chairman Sharon Bulova and learned that the Board of Supervisors will not take this issue up until January. (b) Charlie Dane asked for information about the Sep 19 meeting on Reston Town Center North. This involves development of the land presently used by the library and a homeless shelter. Dennis Hayes reported that this was to have been the only public meeting on the issue, that little of relevance was addressed at the meeting, and that an additional public meeting has been promised.
7. Library – Dennis Hayes & Kathy Kaplan – Fred Costello raised the issue of closing public libraries for renovation without opening a temporary facility. It happened this month for Pohick Regional Library. There is concern it may happen also for Reston Region Library and Tysons-Pimmit Regional. Fred may write a paper. Co-chair Kathy Kaplan submitted a written report (attachment 3) which expands upon Fred's comments here and Dennis' comments under Land Use.
8. Legislation - Bill Barfield & Matt Bell – Bill reported that the legislative issues survey will be distributed on September 26 with a two week response period. The legislative committee will present findings to the other standing/special committees who will craft position papers to be considered by the board on

October 22. The board decided to reschedule the membership meeting from October 15 to October 29 at which time the membership will be asked to approve the legislative positions. Ed Wyse will obtain a meeting room.

9. Membership – Shiasta Keating & Ed Wyse – no report.
10. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne & Patrick Smaldore – Patrick reported that the committee is planning the November 19 membership meeting program to feature Brian Moran, Virginia Secretary of Homeland Security.
11. Resolutions – Charles Dane – No report.
12. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – (Jeff submitted via e-mail) (a) I've spent some time updating the transportation committee page, it now includes handouts from most of the Board Transportation committee, Transportation Advisory Commission, Transportation Planning Board, and TPB Citizens Advisory Committee meetings as well as documents from other public transportation meetings. (b) In October there will be public meetings of the CPB preferred alternatives for both inside and outside I-66.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting – October 22, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Membership Meeting – October 29, 2015 at 7:30 pm at (tentatively) the Providence Community Center (Classroom #2), 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Secretary Pro Tem

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report

Attachment 2: Environment Committee Report by Co-chair Flint Webb

Attachment 3: Library Committee Report by Co-chair Kathy Kaplan

Attachment 1

Treasurer's Report

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Balance Sheet
As of September 24, 2015**

	<u>Sep 24, 15</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Act # 5234331304 (Checki...	14,887.17
Total Checking/Savings	<u>14,887.17</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>14,887.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>14,887.17</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
1110 · Retained Earnings	12,746.97
3000 · Opening Bal Equity	1,704.98
Net Income	<u>435.22</u>
Total Equity	<u>14,887.17</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>14,887.17</u>

**Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Income Statement
July 1 through September 24, 2015**

	<u>Jul 1 - Sep 24, ...</u>
Income	
4080 · Interest	0.22
4090 · Membership Dues	<u>460.00</u>
Total Income	460.22
Expense	
6230 · Licenses and Perm...	<u>25.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>25.00</u>
Net Income	<u>435.22</u>

Attachment 2

Environment Committee Report by Co-chair Flint Webb

1. I attended the Air & Waste Management Association conference on climate change in Chicago the beginning of September. There was a very interesting paper on creating Intensity-Duration-Frequency curves (storm rain fall per recurrence period). When they completed the exercise for a town just north of the US border in British Columbia they discovered that the expected rainfall intensities would be about twice as high as would be expected looking backwards at the past rainfall. It would be interesting to see how the curves would change for Fairfax County. I have suggested that the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District (NVSWCD) include climate change impacts as a future Green Breakfast topic.
2. I attended the Green Breakfast last weekend. The subject was what your weeds are telling us about the soil conditions in our lawns.
3. On August 27th I attended a meeting of Sierra Club Great Falls Group and the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) which included a screening of "Sea of Change" a documentary about sea level rise in Hampton Roads. The CCAN is pushing the Safe Coast Virginia bill in the state legislature. The web site on the bill is (<http://chesapeakeclimate.org/virginia/safe-coast/>, and <http://chesapeakeclimate.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/CCAN-VA-Coastal-Protection-Act-Factsheet-PDF.pdf>). The bill would have Virginia join the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) and use the funds from auctioning off emission credits to 1) Fund climate change adaptation measures such as sea walls/dikes, 2) Stimulate job growth in southwestern Virginia, 3) Invest in clean energy and efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. The bill was introduced in last session as HB 2205/SB 1428 by Del. Ron Villanueva (R-Virginia Beach) and Sen. Donald McEachin (D-Richmond). I would hope that the Federation will be able to support the legislation. If you get a chance you might want to bring in some copies of the pdf summary of the bill in the second link. While flooding is not as much of an issue in Fairfax as it is in Hampton Roads, it is still an issue in parts of the county and does need to be considered in infrastructure planning.
4. I have also been involved with the Fairfax League of Conservation Voters evaluating the local candidates. The FLCV is planning to come out with endorsements of candidates next week.

Attachment 3

Library Committee Report by Co-chair Kathy Kaplan

Library Committee co-chair Dennis Hays and I met with Supervisor Hudgins on September 16 at the Reston Regional Library to talk about the plans to bulldoze the library as part of a PPEA on the library land. Hudgins said the most important thing here was to "leverage" the land under the library to provide more revenue to the county. A high-density, mixed-use development is desired. The Reston Friends of the Library were very unhappy they had been excluded from the planning process for the new library. Hudgins said there was no plan, the county had only put out a preliminary RFP to ascertain which developers were interested and were able to demonstrate solvency. She said at the meeting Saturday September 22, we would be asked what we wanted.

At the September 22 meeting, we were asked to participate in a survey of human services needs in Reston Town Center North. The library was not mentioned. We weren't asked any questions about what we wanted in our new library. Many people expressed displeasure at that point. DPWES Capital Improvement Project Director Andrew Miller agreed by the end of the meeting that he would hold another meeting where we would be told the specifications for the new library that would be included in the next RFP. We hope that will include the size of the new library and how many designated parking spaces will be provided.

Reston Citizens Assn published a White Paper requesting that the Embry Rucker Shelter be moved to Cameron Glen, the vacant nursing home next to the North County Government Center in Reston, and that the library be rebuilt on the current shelter site which is right next door to the library. Andrew Miller suggested it might be possible to move both the shelter and library to the vacant nursing home during construction.

Historically, renovated libraries are given 2,500 sq. ft. temporary facilities with 10,000 books for the duration of the renovation. Reston Regional currently holds 175,000 books. We could be looking at the loss of library service for Reston for all the years of demotion and reconstruction, 3 to 5 years, without a temporary facility. And that's only if they do include the library in the PPEA. If the county does not include the library, it could be much longer that we would be without the largest and busiest branch of the county's library system while we wait for the other parcels in Reston Town Center North to be redeveloped.

Supervisor Herrity decided that Pohick Regional Library would not have a temporary facility during renovation. Pohick closed this month. It's a troubling precedent. Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library will close at the end of the year and we still have not heard from Supervisor Foust if a temporary facility will be provided by the county. Supervisor Foust is holding a community meeting concerning the renovation of Tysons-Pimmit September 28 at 7:30 pm at Tysons-Pimmit Library.

The board of supervisors (BOS) and the school board had a meeting on September 11 in which Ed Long presented information on the Lines of Business Process. It will include 15 meetings and the report will not be made public until January with public input not until March. Library managers were told cuts to the FY2017 library budget will not be made public until after the election. Incumbents won't have to answer pesky questions about the library during their campaigns. We may very well be looking at a

recommendation from Ed Long for a 20% cut to the library budget. Library Board Chair Charles Fegan said the Department of Management and Budget had suggested such a cut earlier this year. As I said before, there is no way to cut \$5.9 million from the library budget without a reduction in force, significant reduction of hours, and/or branch closures. Ed Long described this review of county programs as an "LOB on steroids."