

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2015

FINAL

Approved November
19, 2015

The October Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on October 29, 2015, by President Tim Thompson at 7:37 p.m. at the Gatehouse Administration Building, 8115 Gatehouse Rd., Falls Church, VA 22042.

Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Civic Association of West Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), and Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/ Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Monica Billger (Environment), Dennis K. Hayes (Library), Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety), Charlie Dane (Resolutions/Stone Haven Civic Association), Karen Campblin (Transportation), and Nancy Trainer (Nominating/Education/ Potomac Hills Citizens Association)

Members: Mary Speer (Five Oaks Estates Citizens Association), Amanda Sansbury (Lafayette Village Community Association), Mike Rioux (Mason Hill Citizens Association), Diane Hoffman (Red Fox Forest Civic Association), Tim Koczanski (Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association), Dottie Dane (Stone Haven Civic Association), Earl Hughes (Vantage Homes Association), Gabriel Goldberg (Walnut Hill Homeowners Association), and Julie Hirka (Stonewall Manor Community Association).

Other: Alex Robinson (Congressman Connolly's office)

Invited Guest: Alex Robinson from Congressman Connolly's Office introduced himself and discussed cybersecurity issues.

Meeting Minutes: Curtis Anderson presented the minutes of September 17, 2015 Membership Meeting to be approved. John Birch moved, seconded by Nancy Trainer to approve. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Tim Thompson noted that the Treasurer's report indicated a checking account balance of \$15,087.28 as of October 29, 2015.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business presented.

New Business:

Legislative Issues: Bill Barfield led a discussion of concerning the 18 Legislative Issues that were developed by the Committees from the survey. First, each of the 18 proposals was discussed so that everyone could understand the proposed Issue. By vote, the membership reduced the number of Issues to 14 for further consideration by eliminating 16A01, 16G02, 16G03, and 16L01. The membership then by a second vote reduced the number of proposals to 11 by eliminating 16B01, 16B02, and 16C01. The remaining Issues (some with edits) for the final Legislative Program Top 11 Issues, , were 16B03, 16C02, 16C03, 16E01, 16E02, 16E03, 16G01, 16H01, 16P01, 16T01, and 6T02. Jeff Parnes moved, seconded by Nancy Trainer to adopt these 11 issues as the Federation's plan. Approved unanimously. The 11 approved issues are:

- 16E01 Increased Tobacco Tax for Schools
- 16T02 Limited Transportation Options
- 16P01 Law Enforcement VFOIA
- 16E03 County-City Revenue Equalization
- 16T01 Transportation Funding
- 16E02 School Opening Date
- 16B03 Taxation Fairness for Fairfax County
- 16H01 Medicaid Expansion
- 16C02 Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- 16G01 Fair Redistricting
- 16C03 Chesapeake Bay Protection

Library Resolution: Dennis Hayes discussed the proposed resolution from the Board - LIBRARY COLLECTION RESOLUTION: Preservation of Shelving Space post Renovation (attached). The Resolution passed by count of cards 31-2-0.

Workshop on Proposed Zoning Ordinance: The dates of the forums is still being determined.

Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet: Jeff Parnes announced an organizational meeting at Marco Polo in Vienna, at 7:15 pm on November 5, 2015. Nominations for COY will open December 1, 2015.

District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor (Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – Art Wells – Report attached.
2. Lee – Vacant – No report.

3. Mason – John Birch – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward – Report attached.
5. Providence – Flint Webb – No report.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report.
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – Last night the Democratic candidates for Supervisor and School Board attended a forum; the Republican candidates did not show.
8. Membership – Open Floor – No report.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Audit – Karin Fendrich – No report.
2. Budget – Curtis Anderson – No report.
3. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
4. Education –Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – Working on a meeting with Fairfax County Public Schools Superintendent Garza.
5. Environment - Flint Webb and Monica Bilger– No report.
6. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
7. Land Use - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn – No report.
8. Library - Kathy Kaplan and Dennis Hayes– No report.
9. Legislation - Bill Barfield, Matt Bell & Katherine Ward – No report.
10. Membership – Ed Wyse & Shiasta Keating – No report.
11. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne and Patrick Smaldore– No report.
12. Resolutions – Charles Dane – No report.
13. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – No report.
14. Website – No report.

Bulletin: Input required by 9 a.m. on November 1.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting – December 3, 2015 at 7:30 pm at a restaurant to be determined.
Membership Meeting – Public Safety - November 19, 2015 at 7:30 pm at the Mason Governmental Center, [6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003](https://www.fairfaxva.gov/6507-Columbia-Pike-Annandale-VA-22003).

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1



LIBRARY COLLECTION RESOLUTION:
Preservation of Shelving Space post Renovation
Approved by Federation Board, October 22, 2015

BACKGROUND:

During the past decade the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has been unwilling to provide an adequate materials budget to replace lost, worn out and inaccurate books for the Fairfax County Public Library.

In 2004 Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library had 175,000 books in its collection (from FCPL Materials Inventory). The Tysons-Pimmit collection has been reduced since that year by harsh discard guidelines including the following:

So-called "low demand" books are being purged with only 24 months of non-circulation (industry standard is 60 months). This particularly affects books on art, music, history, religion, philosophy and biography;

The collection was further reduced in preparation for "floating" the collection through the entire system;

Next, the collection was reduced during the attempt to transition from print to digital following the 2012 Library Strategic Plan, including the massive dumping of books during the disastrous Beta Plan;

Further loss has occurred due to the current mechanism of redistributing books that enables Technical Operations to discard books in good condition that are transferred away from branches with too many copies or low demand copies;

Finally, on orders from Collection Services all books that are not in pristine condition must be discarded, even when wear is extremely minimal. The common and highly cost-effective procedure of mending slightly worn books is not encouraged.

As a result of all of this, Tysons-Pimmit has suffered a net loss of over 70,000 books. That's 70,000 from one Branch alone.

In 2004 Woodrow Wilson Library had a collection size of 87,000 holdings and after renovation

currently holds only 46,851 books (July 2015 Collection Analysis). Another 40,000 books lost.

Under the current renovation plans for Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, the FCPL Collection Manager has reduced the amount of shelving in floor plans so only enough linear feet of shelving for a maximum of 110,000 books will be accommodated after the renovation. The amount of linear feet for shelving space for books currently in the Tysons-Pimmit library will be halved.

Losses on this scale are occurring throughout the County. Most at risk at the moment are those Branches undergoing or soon to undergo renovation, including Tysons-Pimmit, Reston, Pohick, John Marshall and Kingstowne.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations wishes to see branch collections restored and enhanced after a decade of loss,

WHEREAS the resulting crowding of books from reduced shelving would necessitate further weeding and more discards,

WHEREAS the current collection levels throughout the county locks branch collections into the smallest collection in their history,

WHEREAS reduction in linear feet of shelf space will not allow a collection room to grow,

WHEREAS a new library director may want to eliminate the floating collection that causes books to be irregularly distributed throughout the branches,

WHEREAS Fairfax County intends for the population of Fairfax County to grow substantially by 2030,

WHEREAS the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations desires a collection size beyond the bare minimum required by Virginia statute to provide for the growing Fairfax County population,

THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations hereby requests that all future renovations and rebuild of county libraries have adequate linear feet of usable shelving space to house at least their historic highest collection levels.

Submitted by

Ambassador Dennis Hays (ret.)
Co-chair, Library Committee

Kathy Kaplan
Co-chair, Library Committee

Attachment 2

Braddock District Report (Art Wells):

On October 21st the Braddock District Council (BDC) special committee on "Aging in Place" sponsored a special presentation by Bill Vaughn on "Medicare 101". His presentation on the basic facts of health insurance focused on choices, costs of failing to make the proper choice, and ways to realize the best deal for the health dollar. The meeting was well attended.

A "meet the candidates" night was held on October 8th involving the candidates for Braddock District Supervisor and the Braddock member of the school board.

A community shred was held on October 24th at the Braddock District Government Center close to the intersection of Burke Lake Road and Rolling Road.

The BDC's next meeting will be on November 11th which will include planning for the annual Christmas "Taste of Braddock" which will be held on December 9th at the Supervisor's office collocated with the Kings Park Library.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) Report to the Federation October 2015 (Katherine Ward)

The MVCCA is planning on hosting an educational forum regarding the proposed zoning ordinances changes and how current Comprehensive Plan language and other ordinances relate to these changes.

We are expecting to host this event for our members at our Nov. General Council Membership meeting. The forum will be open to MVCCA committee members as well.

The invited guest speakers/ panelists are our Planning Commissioner, County staff, a member who is a land use attorney and the Planning Commissioner at Large who lives in the MV District.

We will extend an invitation to the newly elected MV District Supervisor as well so that person can hear what the MV citizens have to say.

Our committees are also reviewing several new development applications or pre-application presentations for a luxury apartment complex near the Huntington Metro, a modern luxury personal storage facility (the trend is to design them to look like modern luxury office or apartment buildings so they blend into the surrounding areas).

The Environmental Committee is reviewing and making recommendations to the Mount Vernon County Club regarding their request for a SEA in order to dredge their golf course.

The Public Safety committee received a presentation on how bystanders can adequately and appropriately aid an injured person if they come across an accident.