

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

FINAL

Approved February 2,
2016

The November Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on November 19, 2015, by First Vice President Ed Wyse at 7:30 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Present:

There was no formal sign-in; however the secretary noted this attendance.

Officers: Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ 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).

Committee Chairs: Daniela Cockayne (Public Safety/Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety).

Other: John Cockayne, Syd Boyne, Peg Boyne, Ellie Ashford (Annandale Blog), two officers from the Fairfax County police headquarters, the Mason District station commander and eight patrolmen (who attended the chief's presentation which coincided with their shift change), and several community members.

Invited Guests:

Daniela Cockayne introduced our invited guests.

Fairfax County Chief of Police Edwin Roessler spoke on the recommendations of the Ad hoc Police Practices Review Committee and the way forward as he sees it.

After introducing several officers and Mason District patrol officers to the audience, he addressed the following issues.

- Policy and practice change team and work flow
- State and national accreditation status (CALEA/VLEPSC)
- PERF recommendations (71 recommendations)
- Ad Hoc Police Practices (142 recommendations)
 - Use of Force
 - Communications
 - Mental Health and CIT
 - Independent Oversight and Investigations
 - Recruitment, Diversity and Vetting
- Sustainability of Engagement

The Chief responded to several questions.

Shirley Ginwright, Chair of the Fairfax County Communities of Trust Committee discussed the committee and asked for community input.

- Purpose
 - Introduce community leaders to the Communities of Trust
 - Obtain your public safety concerns, input and participation in moving forward
- Established December 2014
- First meeting March 2015
- Charter
 - Identify ways for improving community policing
 - Enhance youth and community engagement with our first responders
 - Improve all aspects of communications between residents and service providers
 - Ensure viable and sustainable partnerships continue to make Fairfax County a safe place to live, work, play, and grow old.

The Chair responded to several questions.

At 8:44 pm the meeting went into recess.

Meeting reconvened at 8:53 pm.

Meeting Minutes: Curtis Anderson presented the minutes of October 29, 2015 Membership Meeting to be approved. Fred Costello moved, seconded by Bill Barfield to approve. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

The Bulletin: Input for the next edition is required by 9 a.m. on December 5.

Unfinished Business:

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

Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet: Ed Wyse noted that the COY committee had a meeting in November. Nominations for COY will open December 1, 2015.

New Business: None.

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 – No report.
5. Providence – Flint Webb – No report.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report.

7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – No report.
8. Membership – Open Floor – Mason Hill representative reported on an issue concern noise and safety with respect to the Reagan National Airport with airplanes turning inland earlier due to the NextGen systems.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson – Mentioned that he is still open to adding volunteers to the committee and would like to set up a preliminary meeting in December.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education – Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – No report.
4. Environment - Flint Webb and Monica Bilger– No report.
5. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn – No report.
7. Library - Kathy Kaplan and Dennis Hayes– Ed Wyse reported the Library Committee Resolution, approved at the prior board meeting, has been sent to the Board of Supervisors and the Board of Trustees of the Library.
8. Legislation - Bill Barfield, Matt Bell & Katherine Ward – Bill Barfield reported that the legislative package, approved at the last membership meeting, has been distributed to members of the General Assembly that represent Fairfax County and to the Board of Supervisors. Bill made a presentation on this topic to the Providence District Council on November 18.
9. Membership – Ed Wyse & Shiasta Keating – No report.
10. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne and Patrick Smaldore– While there is no specific threat, the county is under a heightened threat level. She discussed the smart phone app “If you see something, say something”.
11. Resolutions – Charles Dane – No report.
12. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – No report.
13. Website – No report.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting – December 3, 2015 at 7:30 pm at a restaurant to be determined.

Membership Meeting – Superintendent Dr. Karen Garza - February 2, 2016 at the FCPS Gatehouse Administration Center

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

Braddock District Report (Art Wells):

The Braddock District Council (BDC) schedules its monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month. As Veterans Day, a National holiday, was on November 11, 2015, the second Wednesday, the November meeting was postponed.

The annual “Taste of Braddock” will take place on December 9th, 5:50 to 7:00 pm, at the Supervisor’s office collocated with the Kings Park Library. This open house features food donated by Braddock area businesses.

The BDC’s special committee “Aging in Place” held its monthly meeting on November 18th. The featured presentation was on the subject of “Services for Older Adults” by Mena Nakhia from the Fairfax County Government.