

Board Meeting Minutes

February 25, 2016

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The February meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on February 25, 2016, by President Tim Thompson at 7:35 p.m. at Dunn Loring Center, Room 108, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

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), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association).

District Council Representatives: John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Kathy Kaplan (Library/ Woodside at Holly Oak), Dennis K. Hayes (Library), Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety).

Other: Elyette Conein.

Administrative and Organizational Topics: Tim Thompson – There was discussion about the March board and membership meetings. The decision is to have the Board meeting on Thursday, March 17 and the Membership meeting on Thursday March 31.

Bulletin/Newsletter: Fred Costello – Articles are due Saturday, February 27, at 9 am.

Meeting Minutes: Curtis Anderson presented the minutes for the October 22, 2015 Board Meeting. Ed Wyse moved, seconded by John Birch, to approve the minutes. Approved unanimously.

Ed Wyse presented the notes from the December 3, 2015 board annual dinner meeting.

Treasurer's Report: By email Matthew Bell noted that the current balance in the BB&T account is \$15,138.03.

Unfinished Business: None.

1. Legislative Committee: Discussion about whether there was any known action on the items on the Federation's legislative agenda. In particular there was discussion about the legislation on proffers and the Federation's resolution on proffers. Tim Thompson did present a copy of the Federation's Legislative Package to the Governor through the First Lady.

2. Charlie Dane's Memorial Service: Several Federation members attended the memorial service for Charlie Dane. Fairfax County Public School Board will be having a ceremony to present a recognition of Charlie Dane's service in support of public education.

New Business:

1. Federation Positions to be Filled: Jeff Parnes is being considered for Resolutions Chair. Tim Thompson asked everyone to keep looking for new people to place into board positions.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson – The Advertised Budget will be released on Tuesday, March 1. Need committee reports as soon as possible so that Budget Committee can review and process (probably March 10 or 12).
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet – Jeff Parnes - Tim Thompson noted that there will be an envelope stuffing this Saturday. Jeff Parnes provided the following report by email:

Fairfax County Citizen of the Year: Olga Hernandez
Citation of Merit Honorees: Doug Sanderson, Jim Hart, Phil Rosenthal,
and Shirley Ginwright
Special Gratitude Award Honoree: Sally Sibley

Note information about honorees at
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2015COYHonorees.htm>

Invitations are ready for pick up which Bill Barfield will accomplish. The COY cup has been retrieved from last year's COY; Bill will drop it off at the engraver who has the order for the plaque and the other keepsakes. Six people have signed up for invitation envelope stuffing on Saturday at the Sully Government Center on Stoncecroft Blvd in Chantilly. Activity starts at 9 but if you can come later that morning, please do. Jeff will bring bagels, donuts, cream cheese, coffee, and tea (drink your juice before leaving home!).

Banquet scheduled for 3 April 2016 at the Tysons Corner Crowne Plaza. There are already 25 registrations. Ed, Matt and Jeff headphone conversation last week to determine how to process checks and reservations received via the mail box.

To be accomplished:

- A) Flower order,
- B) Program,
- C) Search for sponsors continues

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR THE BANQUET!

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm>

4. Education –Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – Committee meeting next week to discuss budget. Due to the heavy snow, FCPS is eligible to file to start school before Labor Day during the next 4 years, but they probably will not do it in 2016. Tobacco Tax went to committee but did not come out.
5. Environment - Flint Webb & Monica Billger –
 - Flint and Monica testified about the Environmental Quality Advisory Committee annual report.
 - Flint attended a meeting about a clean power plan to determine the prospects of that issue moving forward through the courts.
 - Friends of Accotink Creek found more mussels in the creek than the expected and received some funding to rejuvenate the Accotink Gorge.
 - Next Green Breakfast on March 12 on Climate Change, Impacts and Adaptations.
 - Bag bill was proposed but defeated.
6. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
7. Land Use - Fred Costello – No report.
8. Library - Kathy Kaplan and Dennis Hayes – Kathy Kaplan reported:
 - According to the "Monthly Statistical Snapshot" for January 2016 which was given to the Library Board at their board meeting this month by Library Administration, the number of holdings discarded from the six month period July 1, 2015 to January 2016 was 165,934. That is more than was discarded for the entire previous fiscal year. The number of discards for Fiscal Year 2015 was 164,495.
 - In the county's own documents are numbers that corroborate accounts from all over the county library system that book dumping has started up again. The discard rate has doubled in Fiscal Year 2016.
 - Library Director Sam Clay passed out a document at the LBOT budget committee last fall that called for transition from print to digital books. Previously such a transition with associated and well-publicized book dumping was stopped by the Library Board in fall 2013.
9. Legislation - Bill Barfield, Matt Bell and Katherine Ward – See above.
10. Membership – Ed Wyse & Shiasta Keating – No report.
11. Public Safety – Patrick Smaldore and Daniela Cockayne – Will look into the hiring of police officers for the new South County station.
12. Resolutions – VACANT – No report.
13. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Jeff Parnes provided the following report by email:

Upcoming Public Information Meetings:

FCDOT: Planning for the Future: Learn About Proposed Countywide Transit Network Feb. 25: <http://1.usa.gov/20EX4Hk>

FCDOT: Vienna Metrorail Bicycle Access Study Community Meeting Set for March 2: <http://1.usa.gov/1oNqoo8>

VDOT: I-66 Inside the Beltway Design Public Hearings Set for March 7, 8 & 9: <http://bit.ly/1O3sj5X>

VDOT: "Pardon Our Dust" Meeting on Route 7 Bridge Rehab Set for March 9: <http://bit.ly/1p5x6PM>

FCDOT: Wiehle Avenue at W&OD Trail Pedestrian Improvement Project
Public Hearing Set for March 17: <http://1.usa.gov/24rO8bf>

Karen and Jeff attended the first Countywide Transit Network meeting on
16 February

14. Website – Jeff Parnes and Fred Costello –

- Pictures from the two February meetings were posted to the website, and rotating pictures from these and other committee-related activities will grace the budget and education committee pages as they do the transportation and COY pages.
- Information about Charlie was added to the Federation's In Memoriam page.

District Council Reports

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – Art Wells – No report.
2. Lee – Vacant – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch – Human Trafficking speaker on February 24.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward – Report attached; sent by email (Attachment 1).
5. Providence – Flint Webb – Meeting on January 13 with Code Enforcement. Next meeting is March 9 to discuss budget.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report:
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – Report attached; sent by email (Attachment 1).

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

Next Meetings:

Board Meeting – March 17, 2016, 7:30 p.m., at the Mason District Governmental Center, [6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003](http://www.fairfaxva.gov/6507-Columbia-Pike-Annandale-VA-22003).

Membership Meeting – March 21, 2016, 7:30 pm at a place to be determined.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) Report to the Federation February 25 (Katherine Ward)

The MVCCA continues to work with our federal and local officials to ensure that the proposed Ft Belvoir housing project does not disrupt the environmental equilibrium at Huntley Meadows Park and does not cause increased traffic during rush hours on already congested roads.

MVCCA continues to support a meals tax as a means of off setting the budget shortfalls within the county. (note: a meals tax is nothing new in our area. Fairfax County is the only place that does not have one---including it as a means of revenue can capture funds from the large number of tourists that visit Fairfax County annually)

Sully District Council Report (Jeff Parnes)

Sully met last night -

A) Membership topic was transportation 20 years out with speakers from VDOT (Long Range Planning and Sully Projects), DRPT (I66 Multimodal reconfiguration), FCDOT (County efforts at planning) - all presentations available form Sully district council website.

B) Land Use - two proposals for the Chantilly Crossing shopping Center at Rts 28 & 50.
i) Lidl is a German grocery seeking to expand in US with first Fairfax store to the west of the water retainment pond where Marlo had proposed a store.
ii) Costco wants to build a gas station in their existing parking lot.

Sully will co-sponsor with Supervisor Smith and School Board Representative Tom Wilson a budget town hall meeting, as it has done for the better part of this decade on 7 March at Rocky Run Intermediate school.

Supervisor Smith is trying to complete the task that even Supervisor Frey was unable to accomplish - see if she can help arrange the merger of the Western Fairfax County Citizens Council and the Sully District Council. Each organization has been asked to sit down at a joint meeting with her and her staff.

Sully next membership meeting is 23 March - Land Use at the Tri-county junction. We've invited the planning agencies of Loudoun, Prince William and Fairfax counties, as well as the Supervisors and Planning Commissioners of all neighboring supervisory districts in all three counties, and the Springfield District Council.