

Membership Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2016

Approved September 15, 2016

The May Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order on May 19, 2016, by President Tim Thompson at 7:40 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

Present:

BOARD:

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), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/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), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/Resolutions/Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

Committee Chairs: Don Hinman (Citizens Association Services/ Huntington Grove II Homeowners Association), Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Kathy Kaplan (Library/ Woodside at Holly Oak), Tania Hossain (Nominations).

MEMBERSHIP:

Members: Jon Clark (Annandale Acres Civic Association), Owen Greenblatt (Barcroft Square Homeowners Association), Barbara Greenblatt (Barcroft Square Homeowners Association), Ellen Young (Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association), John Crewe (Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc.), Mary Speer (Five Oaks Estates Citizens Association), Mike Cook (Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association), Amanda Sansbury (Lafayette Village Community Association), Mike Rioux (Mason Hill Citizens Association), John Hanley (Reston Citizens Association), Suzie Wells (Sleepy Hollow Manor Civic Association), Larry Clark (South County Federation), and Gabriel Goldberg (Walnut Hill Homeowners Association).

Others: Delegate David Bulova, Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani, Ellie Ashford (Annandale Blog), and Tammi Petrine (Co-Chair Reston 2020)

Presentation on General Assembly Action Affecting Homeowner Associations:

Don Hinman introduced Delegate David Bulova and Pia Trigiani to discuss HOA and Condo Policy and Legislative issues.

Pia Trigiani discussed the difficulty of getting any HOA legislation through the legislature and then discussed specific legislation (presentation on www.fairfaxfederation.org website). Specifically, she discussed HB234 (Corporate Action without a Meeting),

HB684 (Rentals and Disclosure Packets; Resale Disclosure), HB1101 (Registration of Sex Offenders); HB1146/SB389 (Permitting and Licensure).

Delegate Bulova discussed restrictions (“declarations”) on the use of property that appear in HOA documents. Specifically, he discussed HB812/SB416 (Air BNB/Limited Residential Lodging Act). He also discussed the Model Declarations for HOA (*Best Practices for the Content of Property Owners’ Associations’ Declarations* adopted by the Common Interest Community Board on December 10, 2015).

Ms. Trigiani indicated that while it is useful for the Federation to take a position on legislation, it is also important for individuals and individual associations to contact their own senators and delegates.

There was significant discussion about the impact of SB549 on proffers.

Meeting Minutes: None presented.

Treasurer’s Report: Curtis Anderson, for Matthew Bell, noted that the current balance in the BB&T account is \$18,789.20. Art Wells moved, seconded by Bill Barfield to accept the Treasurer’s report; approved unanimously.

The Bulletin: Fred Costello noted that input is due Saturday, May 28, 2016 by 9 am.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

1. Elections for 2016-2017 Term: Tania Hossain, Chair of the Nominations Committee, opened the floor for nominations, and none were received. The Nominations Committee submitted the following nominations:
 - a. President: Tim Thompson
 - b. First Vice President: Ed Wyse
 - c. Second Vice President: Bill Barfield
 - d. Treasurer: Alejandro Mattiuzzo
 - e. Recording Secretary: None
 - f. Corresponding Secretary: Matthew BellBy show of cards, without objection, three votes abstaining, the new officers were approved.
2. Federation 2016-2017 Budget: Matthew Bell presented the proposed budget for the Federation for the next fiscal year. Bill Barfield moved, seconded by John Hanley to adopt the budget. The motion was adopted.
3. Meals Tax: Tim Thompson discussed the proposed county Meals Tax.

District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – Art Wells – Report attached (Attachment 1)
2. Lee – Vacant – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward – Report attached (Attachment 1).

5. Providence – Flint Webb – Elections were held.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report.
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes – Supervisor Kathy Smith spoke with Sully District Council about how it may be involved in land use.
8. Membership – Open Floor – None.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education – Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – Ed Saperstein noted that FCPS is looking at a new school year calendar.
4. Environment - Flint Webb and Monica Bilger– No report.
5. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello – No report.
7. Legislative – Bill Barfield, Matt Bell and Katherine Ward – Bill Barfield will send out a standard form to committee chairs a standard form for a monthly committee report.
8. Library - Kathy Kaplan and Dennis Hayes – Report attached (Attachment 2).
9. Membership – Ed Wyse & Shiasta Keating – No report.
10. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne and Patrick Smaldore– No report.
11. Resolutions – Jeff Parnes – No report.
12. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Many scheduled public hearings/information meetings, see committee webpage, <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/transportation1.htm>, for more details. There will be public hearings on the use of inside the beltway tolls.
13. Website – Jeff Parnes – Jeff Parnes noted that he is trying to identify people in pictures on the website.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Membership Meeting – June 16, 2016 – Membership Picnic, Nottoway Park in Vienna.

Board Meeting – May 26, 2016 - Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2), [2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2334+Gallows+Road,+Dunn+Loring,+VA+22027).

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

Braddock & Mount Vernon District Councils' Reports

Braddock District Council Report (Art Wells):

The Braddock District Council's (BDC) meeting on May 11th featured discussions of (a) nominations of officers for the 2016-2017 Program year, and (b) organizing the annual "Best of Braddock" program. The latter recognizes individuals, organizations and business firms which have made significant contributions to the well-being and overall functions of the District during the past year. The awards will be made at the annual Braddock District picnic on July 13th.

A major feature of the May meeting was an extended discussion of the county budget and local taxes. From the nature of the discussion it seems clear that (a) the lower level of the local economy is the principal cause of both (a) the shortfall in revenue for the support of county functions and service, and for the operation of the school system, and (b) the necessity for an additional source(s) of funding.

The BDC's next meeting will be on June 8th which will feature the election of the 2016-2017 officers and further arrangements for the "Best of Braddock" awards.

The BDC's special committee on "Aging in Place" met on May 18th. The featured presentation was on the generally continuous and timely issue of "Decluttering" by Mr. Patsieann T. Misiti who owns and operates a firm to assist in sorting out items no longer needed or useful, i.e., decluttering one's living quarters.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations Report (Katherine Ward):

The MVCCA General Council (GC) was very active this month. They passed 3 land use resolutions and 1 resolution pertaining to the environment. In addition, they resubmitted a 2014 resolution encouraging the County to place the meals tax on the ballot.

In the area of land use the resolutions pertained to:

1. The County's proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. The MVCCA does not oppose this proposal. However, we did propose a 90-day notification period by the County to all citizens when future changes to the ZO are proposed; when comprehensive plan language changes are proposed and when County staff is proposed a new Fairfax Forward work plan. The MVCCA GC feels that citizens require at least a 90-day comment period.
2. The GC agreed to continue to work with Johnson Development Corporation on their proposal to build a 21 century storage facility on a 1.8 acre site currently occupied by a 1960's motel. Rezoning and complan language changes will be required.
3. Approval was granted to Starbucks for a 24-hour operation at their new drive thru facility on Richmond Highway. This Starbucks replaces a Checkers burger joint drive through.

The Environment and Recreation Committees resolution pertaining to Dominion's Powers Project DUE 2015-00133 to replace existing high tension power lines running along and in the environmentally sensitive Huntly Meadows Park was also passed by the GC. It calls for the State and the County to engage Dominion Power to ensure that environmentally sound materials are used; provide for compensatory mitigation; and establish and enforce contractor operating rules.

Finally, the GC approved the resubmission of a 2014 resolution requesting that the County place the meals tax referendum on the Nov ballot. The resolution requests that the funds be used for education and other family services and not go into the General Fund.

MVCCA also held their annual executive board elections. One new co-chair was elected and a new secretary. Two incumbent co-chairs and the treasurer were reelected. One of the MV district communities raised the issue of Airbnb in their neighborhood and was seeking Council action to get the State and County to ban such activity in residential suburban neighborhoods. According to the representatives of this community the home in question has a daily occupancy turn-over rate, with cars coming at all hours of the night and day. The community asked the MVCCA rep to bring this issue up with the Federation. (Note: this was brought to the attention of the Federations Board at the May 26th meeting)

The Transportation committee is continuing to look into the increased air craft noise of incoming and out-going flights from National Airport generated by the FAA use NextGen Satellite Navigation System. A signature campaign has been set up by the Villamay community on www.Change.org. 664 signatures have been secured to date.

Attachment 2

Library Committee Report (Kathy Kaplan):

1. Melanie Quinn, the co-deputy director of FCPL told library managers recently that the budget news was not good. The County Executive anticipates a large budget shortfall for FY18. Phase 2 of the Lines of Business Review (LOB) will proceed now with intentions to eliminate duplicate services. Library staff was told a few months ago that cuts to the library would come in the FY18 budget. The \$250,000 contribution requested by the Library Board was not given this year (that would be the second installment of \$1 million approved by the BOS to restore the library's nonfiction collection which was decimated by culling since 2005).

2. At the last Library Board meeting despite requests from the Reston Friends of the Library and Dennis Hays of the Federation Library Committee to defer the vote to approve plans for the Reston Library, the Library Board did vote to approve plans. Even though there are no plans. And even though many zoning and other issues remain to be sorted out. The land under the Reston Library was donated by Reston founder Bob Simon to be used as a library. It is included in the Reston deed and subject to covenants under that deed. Because the land under the library will be redeveloped using a PPEA, a public private partnership, under Virginia law the contract remains secret until one month before it is finalized. That could make community input to the process difficult to achieve.

Library Trustee Miriam Smolen (Providence District) proposed a resolution stating that the new Reston library would not be any smaller than what is currently there and could be larger than 39,000 sq ft as proposed. That resolution passed.

3. Reston Friend Pamela Chin brought up the issue of a temporary space for Reston Regional (the largest and busiest regional library in the county) that will be required for four years during building of the high-rises planned for the site. That's a long time for Reston not to have a library. The Library Board agreed to a temporary facility during the rebuild of only 2,500 sq ft which would house only about 5,000 to 8,000 books. Currently Reston Regional has 173,000 books.

4. The county announced a partnership between Neighborhood and Community Services and the library whereby special flooring to support dancing and exercise classes will be installed in one of the meeting rooms at Pohick Regional Library which is currently being renovated. The room will be reserved for that use once a week between 8 am and 2 pm. We do not know if the flooring is being paid for by funds from the bond to renovate the library.

What other changes are coming from this partnership and how will it impact the library and its print collection? This is the first time the Library Board was told about the partnership.

5. The new library director, Jessica Hudson, is due to start June 13.