The October Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order on October 27, 2016, by President Tim Thompson at 7:32 p.m. at the Providence Community Center, Classroom #2, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax 22031.

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 Village), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), and George Becerra (Recording Secretary).
- District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Civic Association), Peter Sitnik (Mount Vernon/Co-Chair, Legislation), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), and Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/Resolutions/Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).
- Committee Chairs: Vicki Hall (Land Use), Don Hinman (Citizens Association Services), Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Nancy Trainer (Education/Nominating/Potomac Hills Citizens Association), and Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety).

**MEMBERSHIP:**
- Members: Jon Clark (Annandale Acres Civic Association), Joana Garcia (Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc.), Mike Cook (Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association), Amanda Sansbury (Lafayette Village Community Association), Mike Rioux (Mason Hill Citizens Association), Marty Machowsky (Ravenwood Park Citizens Association) John Hanley (Reston Citizens Association), Roy Pepper (Robin Glen Homeowners Association), Lars Hanson (Robin Glen Homeowners Association), John Cockayne (Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), and Julie Hirka (Stonewall Manor Community Association).

**Others:** None

**Invited Guests:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** September’s Membership meeting minutes, as amended, was passed unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report:** No report.

**Unfinished Business:** None.
New Business:

1. **Legislative Package (Final):** Co-Chair, Legislation, Bill Barfield explained to the members that the Board reviewed 13 items to be considered to be placed into the Legislative Package. He displayed all 13 items and then mentioned that the Board voted on 10 out of these 13 to be forwarded to the membership for final approval or not. Mr. Barfield also showed the members the Introduction letter of the Legislative Package that will be sent to the Fairfax County Delegation to the General Assembly, while cc: The Board of Supervisors and School Board (if Education related). 9 were accepted by membership and 1 was rolled into the STR Res.

Results are as follows:

- **Issue ID: 17C01 – Renewable Power (Presented by Flint Webb)**
  Passed, as amended – 24 Yes, 0 No, 6 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17C02 – Storm water Controls (Presented by Flint Webb)**
  Passed, as amended – 26 Yes, 0 No, 4 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17E01 – County/City Revenue Equalization (Presented by Ed Saperstein/Nancy Trainer)**
  Passed, as amended – 21 Yes, 2 No, 7 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17E02 – ESOL and FRM (Presented by Ed Saperstein/Nancy Trainer)**
  Passed – 25 Yes, 2 No; 3 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17EO3 – School Opening Date (Presented by Ed Saperstein/Nancy Trainer)**
  Passed – 27 Yes, 0 No, 5 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17G01 – Modify the Dillon Rule (Presented by Bill Barfield)**
  Passed, as amended – 26 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17L01 – Local Control of Residential Occupancy Use (Presented by Vicki Hall)**
  Failed – 6 Yes, 20 No, 4 Abstain
  Note: Members tasked Land Use Chair Hall to create a resolution on this issue (Short Term Rental Resolution)

- **Issue ID: 17L02 – In-Fill and Redevelopment (Presented by Vicki Hall)**
  Passed, as amended – 18 Yes, 4 No, 10 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17P02 – Hands Free Device use during Driving (Presented by Patrick Smaldore)**
  Passed, as amended – 27 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain

- **Issue ID: 17P03 – Law Enforcement VFOIA**
  Passed – 27 Yes, 2 No, 3 Abstain
2. Meals Tax Resolution (Attachment 1) – Read out loud by President Thompson

Then a Motion was made and Seconded to delete the title of the resolution from “Resolution for a YES Vote on the Meals Tax” to “Resolution to Vote Your Conscious on the Meals Tax”.
Motion Failed – 2 Yes, 21 No, 9 Abstain

Vote on the Resolution, as written - 16 Yes, 8 No, 8 Abstain.

3. Short-Term Rental Resolution (Attachment 2) – Read out loud by Don Hinman.

Then a Motion was made and Seconded to remove the words “or prohibit” from the second line of the first bullet under the “Therefore Be it Resolved” statement.
Motion Passed – 20 Yes, 6 No, 6 Abstain

Vote on the Resolution, as amended – 27 Yes, 0 No, 5 Abstain

District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor
(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)
1. Braddock – No report
2. Lee – No report.
5. Providence – No report.
7. Sully – Held a 10th CD Candidates Meet and Greet; Holmes Run also had a Meals Tax Discussion.
8. Membership – Open Floor – None.

Board & Committee Reports
1. Budget – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services – No report.
3. Education – No report.
5. Human Services – No report.
7. Legislation – See New Business
8. Library – No report
12. Transportation – No report.
13. Website – No report

Announcements: 1) Meals Tax Forum at West Springfield ES on October 26th
2) Citizens Association Services Chair, Don Hinman, recruiting people to join the CAS.
Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Next Meetings:
Membership Meeting – November 17, 2016 – Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003, “Ad Hoc Commission on Police Practices Review” with Delegate Marcus Simon (Chair, Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Team subcommittee)
Board Meeting – December 1, 2016 - TBD

Minutes prepared by George Becerra, Recording Secretary
Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Resolution for a YES Vote on the Meals Tax

Approved by the board September 22, 2016; for membership consideration on October 27

Whereas sound tax structure depends upon diversified sources of revenue;

Whereas the county's present tax structure derives 65\% of general fund revenue from real property tax, both residential and commercial (including restaurants);

Whereas counties are constrained by Virginia law in the types and rates of taxes they may impose;

Whereas Virginia Code empowers counties to implement a sales tax on specific prepared food and beverages ("Meals Tax") if such authority is granted by the citizens by referendum;

Whereas the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have placed authority to implement a Meals Tax of up to 4\% on the November 8, 2016 ballot;

Whereas an estimated 28\% of Meals Tax revenue would be paid by non-county residents, such as commuters and tourists; and

Whereas meals taxes at various rates have been implemented by many neighboring jurisdictions without adverse effect on their restaurant businesses; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) urges Fairfax County citizens to vote YES to authorize the Board of Supervisors to implement a Meals Tax of not more than 4\%.
Environment Report

- The International Coastal Cleanup/Virginia Waterway Cleanups end 31 October:
  - The Friends of Accotink Creek reports that they had 271 volunteers turn out this year and they collected 243 bags of trash at their 12 locations. This is an increase of 40% in the number of participants and 18% in the number of gags of trash collected from last year. They also collected 18 tires this year.
  - All together there were 24 cleanups in Fairfax county.
- The Friends of Accotink Creek are planning an invasive plant removal in Accotink Gorge. Accotink Gorge is one of the most biodiverse location in Fairfax County, but it is being strangled by Chinese wisteria. For more information about this activity see: [http://www.accotink.org/2015/AccotinkGorge2015.htm](http://www.accotink.org/2015/AccotinkGorge2015.htm).

Upcoming events:

- Farming and Spirits: An educational networking event in support of local sustainable vineyards, Wednesday 9 November, 6:30-8:30 pm, Berkeley Research Group, LLC 1800 M Street NW, 2nd Floor, Washington DC 20036. Come commiserate or celebrate a historical election and hear the enlightening stories of environmentally responsible wineries while their spirits help lift yours! The Vineyards at Dodon, Loving Cup Vineyard and Winery, and Willow Oaks Craft Cider and Wine (Country Pleasures Farm) will share their stories, philosophies, experience and their product. Learn about how they came to be sustainable environmentally responsible beverage producers and what challenges they face. And, you are invited to enjoy the fruits of their labor while you learn and network with members of at least three organizations: Women’s Council on Energy and the Environment (WCEE), the Air and Waste Management Association, and DC EcoWomen. $25 will cover the cost of local food, wine and cider provided by local producers. Contact Clara Poffenberger to register: clara@airandclimatelaw.com. Note: Clara’s husband, Ned Poffenberger, is the Federation’s representative on the Engineering Standards Review Committee.
- Solar School Initiative meeting: Thursday, 10 November 7-9 pm, Rust Library (Large Meeting Room A), 380 Old Waterford Road, NW, Leesburg, VA, Susan Stillman will show how school systems can do the following: install solar with no upfront costs; save money; reduce pollution every year; and provide educational opportunities with state of the art energy technology. Student leaders led the way in Albemarle and Fairfax Counties to bring solar to the school system. CONTACT: Natalie Pien at 350loudoun@gmail.com.
- Green Breakfast: Saturday 12 November 8:30-10 am, Speaker TBA, Brion’s Grille, 10621 Braddock Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032, located in the University Shopping Mall (Braddock Road and Route 123) across the street from the Roanoke River Road entrance to George Mason University. $10 for Buffet Breakfast.
- Friends of Accotink Creek meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 7-9 pm, Audrey Moor RECenter.
- Screening of Documentary “How to Bring Nature Home – 8 Success Stories”, Wednesday, 16 November, Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, VA. The Friends of Dyke Marsh invites you to see Hometown Habitat, Stories of Bringing Nature Home, an eight-part, 90-minute documentary by Catherine Zimmerman that explores how we can restore and incorporate nature into every landscape and redefine our relationship with nature—a practice some call conservation landscaping. This documentary features habitat heroes, real-life success stories, stories of hope, that cover topics like ecosystem services, nature’s resiliency, water conservation, ecoart, and environmental activism. This is a free, public program.