Membership Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2017

The January Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order on January 19, 2017, by First Vice President Ed Wyse at 7:34 p.m. at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003. President Thompson was unable to attend because he was sick.

Present:

BOARD:

Officers: 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), and Peter Sitnik (Mount Vernon/Co-Chair, Legislation).

Committee Chairs: Monica Billger (Co-Chair, Environment), Ed Saperstein (Co-Chair, Budget; Co-Chair, Education), and Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety).

MEMBERSHIP:

Members: Rick Kotteman (Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association), Mike Cook (Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association), Amanda Sansbury (Lafayette Village Community Association), Sue Kovach Shuman (Mantua Citizens Association), Mike Rioux (Mason Hill Citizens Association), Marty Machowsky (Ravenwood Park Citizens Association) Suzie Wells (Sleepy Hollow Manor Civic Association), Julie Hirka (Stonewall Manor Community Association), and Gabriel Goldberg (Walnut Hill Homeowners Association).

Others: None

Invited Guests: Jim McGlone (Presenter of meeting topic)

Presentation: Neighborhood Forest Management.

Environment Co-Chair, Monica Billger, introduced Jim McGlone, who is an Urban Forest Conservationist. Mr. McGlone did a thorough presentation and answered questions from the membership until 8:40pm. His presentation will be posted on the FCFCA website.
Administrative:

1) Ms. Kovach Shuman (President of the Mantua Citizens Association) is personally doing an undertaking to help with Fairfax County’s 275th Anniversary. She is trying to gather information from the FCFCA and individual HOAs/Civic Assns/Community Assns/Citizens Assns to showcase the history from the communities records, photos, and documents.

2) Vice President Wyse reported that President Thompson had been in Richmond advocating our Legislation Package to our General Assembly delegation and other General Assembly members.

3) Vice President Wyse reported also that President Thompson will visit every District Council this quarter

4) Vice President Wyse gave an update on the Citizen of the Year Award Banquet

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

Treasurer’s Report: No report.

Membership Report: See Membership Committee report.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:
Marty Machowsky (member of Ravenwood Park Citizens Association) informed the members that the County has a new affordable housing initiative underway. It is being managed through the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC). Membership on the committee is exclusively affordable housing advocates, developer interests, and banking community and employer groups. This initiative is still early in their process. This initiative may significantly impact future development, trading density for affordable units in residential and commercial areas, creating a new type of residential by-right development in commercial areas, encouraging social entrepreneurship, etc., the FCFCA and other community organization’s may want to be in the tent rather than just invited participants at public input sessions.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Ed Saperstein – Provided brief updates on the outlook of the State and County Schools Budgets for this year.
2. Citizens Association Services – No report.
5. Human Services – No report.
8. Library – No report.
10. **Public Safety** – Patrick Smaldore – No new items.
11. **Resolutions** – No report.
12. **Revenue** – No report.
14. **Website** – No report.

**District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor**
(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)
1. **Braddock** – Art Wells - Submitted report. (Attachment 1)
2. **Lee** – No report.
3. **Mason** – John Birch - Had a video presentation on the Short –Term Rental issue at their last meeting.
4. **Mt. Vernon** – Pete Sitnik – Focus of their last meeting was on planning and zoning matters.
5. **Providence** – No report.
7. **Membership** – Open Floor – None.

**Announcements:** None

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

**Next Meetings:**
**Membership Meeting** – February 16, 2017 at 7:30pm – Providence Community Center, Classroom #2, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax 22031.

**Board Meeting** – January 26, 2017 at 7:30pm, at the Dunn Loring Center (Room 108).

Minutes prepared by George Becerra, Recording Secretary
Braddock District Activities

The Braddock District Council (BDC) and the Supervisor’s Office jointly sponsored its annual “Taste of Braddock” buffet. Food dishes were provided by various firms within the district which were enjoyed by the large turnout of District citizens.

The next BDC meeting will be on February 8th at the Kings Park Library Meeting Room. The featured subject will be the FCPS FY 2018 proposed budget. Guest speakers will be Ilryong Moon, Member-at Large from the FCPS Board and Kristen Michael, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Financial Services. The meeting will begin at 7:30.

The BDC’s special committee, “Aging in Place” December 21st meeting featured the audiologist Dr. Abby Holauchock who discussed the subject of “Hearing Issues and Aids”. The committee’s January 18th meeting featured a discussion of “Chronic Disease Management” by Colleen Turner from the Fairfax County Government.