

Membership Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2017

Approved October 19, 2017

The September Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on September 28, 2017, by President Tim Thompson at 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church.

Presentation: Northern Virginia Mediation Service (7:30 p.m. – 8:10 p.m.)

Dylan Bates, Community Programs Manager, explained the purpose and procedures of the Northern Virginia Mediation Service and how they can help to resolve disputes, including between neighbors, between landlord/tenants, and between housemates for a reasonable fee. Dillion answered questions. Tim presented our speaker a commemorative Federation mug. For more information, see www.nvms.us or contact NVMS at 703.865.7263 or clientservices@nvms.us.

Minutes: The minutes of the June membership meeting were approved by voice vote.

Legislative Issues:

This portion of the meeting began with Bill Barfield recapping the results of the Legislative Issues Survey that the Federation conducted (5 min.). Bill and Tim provided background how the Federation's committees prepared proposed issues; how the board approved the draft issues to be considered tonight; and how the Federation will present the issues to the legislators that represent Fairfax County, including at our October 19 membership meeting (10 minutes).

Bill led consideration of twelve draft issues papers (8:30 – 9:30 p.m.). Eleven issues were accepted to present to our legislators; one issue was deferred for reformatting into a resolution.

The eleven accepted issues were approved after minor edits by voice vote with one exception noted below:

- 18C01 Support Net Metering for Renewable Energy in Virginia
- 18C02 Improve Local Authority to Increase Land and Tree Conservation
- 18C03 Greening Communities through Biophilic Planning and Land Conservation
- 18E01 County-City Revenue Equalization
- 18E02 English for Speakers of other Languages and Free & Reduced-price Meals
- 18E03 School Opening Date
- 18G01 Fair Redistricting in Virginia
- 18G02 Taxation Equity for Fairfax County ‡
- 18P03 Prohibit Use of Hand Held Devices While Driving
- 18T01 Dedicated Metro Funding
- 18Y01 Library Funding from the Commonwealth

‡ The membership significantly edited issue 18G02 Taxation Equity for Fairfax County—essentially deleting half the existing text—and voted 11 for/8 against to include the issue in the package.

For issue 18G03, Aircraft Noise from Reagan National Airport, the solution to the problem lies with the Federal government. The membership voted to ask the Transportation Committee to present this position in the form of a resolution.

Next steps are for the Legislative Committee to apply the edits and format the final legislative package. The corresponding secretary will mail the package to the legislators. The president will present the package to the board of supervisors. On October 19 we shall discuss the package with invited legislators. A number of legislators have already accepted the invitation to attend our meeting; more are expected to do so.

Tim asked representatives of member associations who are in contact with legislators to inform them that this package is coming. If member associations wish, Tim or another Federation representative will discuss this package at your meetings.

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) Report (submitted in writing):

- At the September 27 meeting resolutions in support of Dyke Marsh restoration and a rezoning application for Riverside Apartments were discussed and passed. Mike Rioux and Supervisor Storck reported the situation with airplane noise.
- Embark proposed comprehensive plan amendments will be presented to the combined MVCCA meeting on December 11, 7 p.m., Mount Vernon Government Center.
- For more information, see the MVCCA website: www.mvcca.org.

Adjournment: 9:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Discuss Legislative Issues with Legislators | October 19, 2017 | 7:30 p.m. | Mason Governmental Center (Large Conference Room)

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Secretary Pro-Tem