The monthly meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Bill Barfield at 07:40 p.m. at the Masson District Center.

ADMINISTRATION:
Membership Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the June Membership meeting (picnic) were approved.

Meeting Topic Presentation:
About the Federation statement
Bill proposed some minor changes to the “About the Federation” statement. The revision was approved by voice vote.

Reasons to Joint the Federation
Bill mentioned that at the Board meeting it was suggested that we include the reasons for joining the Federation in multiple languages. It was suggested that rather than listing the number of years we say the year, 1940. The revised list was approved by voice vote.

Committees, Boards and Commissions
Bill went over the list of standing committees, special committees, and District Councils. There is an opening on the Braddock District Council. There is an opening on the Airports Advisory Committee. There is a person who has volunteered but Bill wants to check on the requirements with the Chair of the Committee.

Go over the Legislative survey
There were 500 participants on the poll – much more than previous years. There were about 200 text responses for each of the two open ended questions that will need to be reviewed and allocated to the proper committee chair(s).

The ranking of the categories was pretty even ranging from 2.62 for Citizens Associations to 4.2 for Education. Environment the highest rankings was Stream water quality, Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay in that order. Climate change had the most “Most Important” rankings.

The strongest responses for any one question were (in order) gerrymandering, hands free cell phone use, and removal of driver’s license due to outstanding court debt.

Bill will be sending the results to the committee Chairs this weekend and they will need to present their legislative priorities by the next Board meeting October 11. The legislative positions that have been recommended will be sent out to the Membership October 25th and the Membership will approve the legislative priorities at the October 25th Membership meeting.

Important Committee Reports: None. The environment committee report that was submitted to the Board on September 13th is attached.
Important District Council Reports: None. The Providence District Council Report submitted to the Board on September 13th is attached.

New Business: None beyond the report on the survey.

Old Business: None discussed

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Next Meetings:
The next Membership meetings are:
   October 25, Providence District Center (pending), Legislative package

The next Board meeting will be
   October 11th, Providence District Center (pending)

Minutes prepared by (Flint Webb, Recording Secretary)

Attachments:
1. September Environment Committee Report
2. September Providence District Council Report
Attachment 1.

Environmental Report – Environment Committee September 2018 – Flint Webb

Projects:

- **Drinking Water Forum:** Monica is organizing a drinking water forum. We are targeting low income communities in Lee and Mount Vernon Districts. (See upcoming events below about Virginia Cooperative Extension well water testing program).

- **Buckingham County Compressor Station Air Permit:** Dominion is putting in a new natural gas line. There are some concerns that Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) did not properly evaluate environmental justice concerns and whether the need justified the use of Eminent Domain. Fairfax County is generally down-wind of the compressor station. Flint provided comments on the draft air permit.

- **Energy Town Hall:** Flint (as Chair of the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association) has been working on setting up an Energy Town Hall meeting with Delegate Jenifer Boyko on September 24th. The meeting is only open to Delegate Boyko’s constituents and A&WMA members because of concerns about unruly crowds. Panelists will be experts in energy production, energy storage, and renewable energy. I will serve as the moderator. This panel will focus on the current state of renewables and address the question of how rapidly Virginia can complete the transition to 100% reliance on renewables. The discussion will focus on the technology available today and how we will in the near future meet 100% of energy demand with a combination of energy efficiency improvements, renewables, and energy storage.

- **Vulcan Materials Asphalt Plant:** Vulcan Materials has requested rezoning of a part or their facility in Mason District from R-2, C-8 to I-6 to add an asphalt plant to the existing concrete batch plant facility. Flint commented provided the Planning Commissioners information about the emissions from asphalt plants on April 18th and has been in conversation with the Virginia DEQ about any air construction permit application. As of 13 September the applicant has not filed for a construction permit.

Meetings:

- **Future of Transportation Electrification:** Flint attended a webinar on 13 September. There is a great need to build out the electrical generating infrastructure. This may be something we want to include in our legislative package.

- **Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions:** Flint attended the FACS webinar on 12 September. They discussed their plans for the coming year. FACS has been working on getting the Fairfax County BOS to make their energy plans match their goals. The Federation has taken a position supporting them. FACS is organizing a Virginia Climate Crisis Forum which will be attended by both Senator Tim Kaine and his Republican Challenger, Corey Stewart on September 18th (see future events for details).

- **C-PACE Webinar:** Flint attended a C-PACE webinar on 12 September. Condo Associations are explicitly exempt from being able to take advantage of C-PACE but non-profit organizations such as churches and private schools are clearly allowed to take advantage of C-PACE. It less clear whether HOAs can take advantage of C-PACE for public facilities such as pools and meeting rooms. This may be something we will want to consider in our legislative package.

- **Green Breakfast:** The subject of the 94th Green Breakfast on 8 September was K-12 Environmental Education. The announced speaker, Dr. Scott Brabrand was not able to attend due to a death in the family instead Jeff Platenberg, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Facilities and Transportation Services spoke about FCPS energy programs. Mr. Platenberg was an excellent speaker and spoke without slides. He made the point that FCPS facilities are equivalent to “four Pentagons” in terms of square feet. FCPS is looking into power purchase agreements. There was legislation passed last year that allows for use of power purchase
agreements at public facilities up to 50 MW of energy generation. There is a need to expand or eliminate the cap by legislation.

- **No New Natural Gas Pipelines Rally**: Flint attended the “Rally for Our Planet: No to Pipelines!” on 7 September. The Rally included Al Gore’s daughter and “Red” the homeowner who tree-sat to stop the pipeline construction earlier this summer. At this point the pipelines have been stopped in two places. See discussion above about the Buckingham County Compressor Station Air Construction Permit.

- **350 Fairfax Meeting**: Flint attended the 350 Fairfax meeting on 6 September.
  - They are running a Fossil Free Fairfax petition: [http://bit.ly/FossilFreeFFX](http://bit.ly/FossilFreeFFX). To get the Board of Supervisors to adopt a 100% renewable pledge calling for being 100% renewable by 2050 and 80% renewable by 2035. Their resolution can be found at [https://actionnetwork.org/user_files/user_files/000/021/556/original/Fairfax_Fossil_Free Resolution.pdf](https://actionnetwork.org/user_files/user_files/000/021/556/original/Fairfax_Fossil_Free Resolution.pdf).
  - They are also encouraging people to take a “Plastic Free” pledge for October. See [https://350fairfax.org/plastic-free-challenge/](https://350fairfax.org/plastic-free-challenge/) for details.

- **Citizens Climate Lobby**: Flint attended the Fairfax CCL meeting on 29 August. CCL is backing carbon fee and dividend legislation Nationally but are working on getting the BOS to endorse the position in their legislative priorities. I pointed out that it was probably not worth the effort but that hasn’t stopped them from trying. I will point out that they were at the Providence Democratic Picnic on Sunday (9 September) and were talking with the State and Federal Delegations about the issue.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **International Coastal Cleanup and Virginia Waterways Cleanups**: There is a stream cleanup just about every weekend in September and October. For the Virginia Cleanup Locations see [http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/CleanupEvents2018.html](http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/CleanupEvents2018.html).

- **Fairfax County Well Water Clinic**: Virginia Cooperative Extension will have a series of meetings to talk about well water quality:
  - Kick-off: September 17th, 7 – 9 pm, Room 206, Virginia Cooperative Extension, 12011 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035
  - Sample Drop-off: September 19th, 6:30 – 10 am ONLY!, Lobby, Virginia Cooperative Extension
  - Results/Interpretation: October 24th, 7 – 9 pm, Room 206, Virginia Cooperative Extension
  - They are charging $55 per sample.
  - For more information see [https://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/clinics.php](https://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/clinics.php).

- **Virginia Climate Crisis Forum**: 18 September, 7:30 pm + (doors open at 7:00 pm) James Madison High School, 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna VA 22181. Join the discussion of how Virginia is being and will be affected by climate change at the Virginia Climate Crisis Forum, hosted by Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions. Featured speakers are the 2018 candidates for U.S. Senator from Virginia: U.S. Senator Tim Kaine; and Corey Stewart, Chairman At-Large, Prince William County Board of Supervisors. Panelists include: Samantha Ahdoot, MD, FAAP, Chair and Co-founder, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action; Major General Ric Devereaux, USAF (Ret.), Former Director of Operational Planning, Policy, & Strategy, U.S. Air Force and Advisory Board, Center for Climate and National Security; and Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck. Moderated by Rev. Dr. Jean Wright. Register: [bit.ly/FACSClimatforum](https://bit.ly/FACSClimatforum).

- **Friends of Accotink Creek meeting**: 18 September, 7 pm, Audrey Moore RECenner, 8100 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA 22003. See [http://www.accotink.org/cgi-bin/cal.pl?ACTION=VIEWDAY&Year=2018&Month=09&Date=18&config=calendar.cfg](http://www.accotink.org/cgi-bin/cal.pl?ACTION=VIEWDAY&Year=2018&Month=09&Date=18&config=calendar.cfg) for details.

- **Plastic Free Forum**: 22 September, 10 am – Noon, Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls, VA. How many ways can you reduce your plastic use? Join us for a panel discussion of single-use plastics. Our panelists will tackle the issue of plastic pollution from different perspectives: as consumer, activist, academic, and local legislator. We’ll also have representatives from numerous climate, environmental, and waste-related organizations on hand to answer your questions. [RSVP](#).
Attachment 2.

Providence District Council Report – Flint Webb, Providence District Council Representative

- The PDC held their meeting on 12 September. In the business portion of the meeting Officers were elected:
  - Jeff Agnew – President
  - Erika Yalowitz – Vice President
  - Flint Webb – Membership Chair
  - Marie Gerritz – Recording Secretary
  - Richard Dana Opp III - Treasurer

- **I-66 Project Briefing:** For more information see [http://outside.transform66.org/default.asp](http://outside.transform66.org/default.asp).

Upcoming Events:

- **PDC Meeting:** 10 October, 7:30 pm Providence District Community Center. Paula Clements, Climate Reality Project Presenter, will present an up-date on climate change and Flint Webb will give a summary of what various Fairfax County groups are doing in the County, the State and Nationally.