

Board Meeting Minutes

7:30 pm, Thursday, September 13, 2018

Providence Community Center in Classroom 2

Call to Order/Welcome – Bill Barfield 7:35 PM

Program – Tim Thompson & Bill: Status of Survey; +/- feedback from residents; what issues to include in draft Legislative package; how to proceed to get package through Board then to membership vote. This noon 372 people had taken the survey (new record). Average time to fill out the survey is 8 minutes. There were some complaints about the survey. Next step Bill needs to organize the responses according to the Committee Chairs. Motion to delay the legislative position package by the next Board meeting, October 11th and will be taken to the Membership October 25th by Nancy and seconded by Ed Saperstein. The motion passed by unanimous consent. Alejandro is concerned that he may have difficulty finding a room.

Meeting Minutes - Flint Webb:

Review of July Board Meeting Action Items

- AI** – Dennis will provide a follow-up on Fairfax County Urban Design Initiative at the September meeting. – **Presented**
- AI** – Bill will give the Braddock District Land & Environment Use Committee Chairs a heads up about the Fairfax County Urban Design Initiative. – **Done**
- AI** - Bill will assign to 2nd VP, with 1st VP coordination on the meeting schedule. – **In the works.**
- AI** – Bill will send the templates to the Corresponding Secretary for review. – **Reviewed**
- AI** – Bill will request a committee to look into revising the web site before the August phonecon Board Meeting. – **OBE**
- AI** – All Committee members to make suggestions for legislative survey questions by the August phone Board meeting. – **Done**
- AI** – Matt Dunne will research and do a Google Docs demo by August phone conference meeting. – **Continued**
- AI** – Jeff will implement PayPal for membership renewals by the September Board meeting. – **Done**
- AI** – Bill will make Audit Committee appointments. – **Discussed at the meeting. Motion to approve the new board positions was made by Leslie and seconded by ? and approved by acclamation. Airports committee member has passed away. We also went through the liaison positions.**
- AI** – Bill will get better e-mails for the legislators. – **In the works.**
- AI** – Bill to add a statement that all meetings are open to all County residents to the Federation Description. – **Done**

AI – Bill will send revised 10 reasons to join the Federation list to the Board to review to improve the current Reasons on the web site. – **Done**

AI – Dennis will report next meeting about the need to revise the library resolution. – **Included in the Library report.**

Approval of July Board Meeting minutes. Motion to approve the minutes was moved by Matt and seconded by Patrick. **Passed by acclamation.**

Ed Wyse requested that the board take up the April Board meeting minutes. **Minutes approved by voice vote.**

Administrative Topics

President - 2019 committee chair names to Officers and District Council representatives for approval vote. **Add later**

1st VP – Matt Dunne: Current members list; Approaches to membership improvements & “marketing” the Federation. Matt will be focusing on increasing membership and diversity of the Federation.

Proxy or new emails account. Matt would like to set up g-mail accounts for all the Board members. Flint mentioned that he cannot revise Google Docs on line. We could put documents on line. **AI** – Matt to prepare a demo for how to use Google Docs.

2nd VP – Alejandro Mattiuzzo: Status of calendar meeting dates in this coming year. September Membership meeting 9/20. October Board meeting 10/10. November Membership 11/15 (Patrick has established a public safety program for this meeting). There will be no Board meeting in November but will have a Christmas 1st Thursday in December at Restaurant TBD. **To be updated after the meeting.**

Treasurer – Leslie Braun: Finances report. Printed out a balance sheet. The balance is \$14.7K. There is a minor discrepancy in the balance in our favor. Alejandro said that he had reconciled the records after the COY.

Officers Reports – (open)

Web Page – Jeff Parnes: Updates done; Research on improving or hiring developer

Citizen of the Year Award & Banquet – Jeff Parnes & Tim Thompson

Old Business

Audit Committee Report: Due September meeting, per By-Laws Article VII Section 5. The members of the committee were set at the meeting and we still need to audit the FY2017 books. **Revise after the meeting.**

Bill: Attendance, participation and reports by each Board member

Other from floor:

New Business

Bill - Templates for Stationary, Resolutions, Agendas, Minutes, Chairs & District Reps & Liaison's reports, Treasurer report, Legislative Issues 1-pager, Citizen of the Year Nominations Form

Bill – **AI** – All special Officers meeting within 3 weeks to review By-Laws duties.

Tim – Potential position or resolution on Virginia verifying Equal Rights Ammendments. This is expected to be a big issue this year.

Other from floor:

Monica suggested that we translate the 10 reasons to join the Federation in other languages.

District Council Reports (oral brief, written for attachment)

Braddock - vacant

Lee - vacant

Mason – John Birch

Mount Vernon – Pete Sitnik

Providence – Flint Webb (submitted prior to the meeting). See appendix.

Sully - Jeff Parnes

Springfield – Ed Wyse

Committee Reports (oral brief, written for attachment)

Budget – David Adelman

Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman & Sue Shuman

Education – Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer

Environment – Flint Webb & Monica Billger (Flint submitted a report).

8800 Richmond Highway. There is a Comprehensive Plan amendment revision that would allow residential development in the flood plain. October 24 2nd public hearing.

AI – Flint and Monica to draft a resolution on the subject.

Human Services – Morgan Jameson

Land Use – Karen Campblin & Karen Conchar

Library – Kathy Kaplan & Dennis Hayes.

There were several library friends groups that elected to dissolve rather than sign the MOUs. Funds left in the accounts can be given to any 501(c)(3) organization.

Legislation – Tim Thompson & Bill Barfield

Membership – Matt Dunne & Shaista Keating

Public Safety – Patrick Smaldore & Dean Sherick

Tim suggested that we have a legislative priority calling for the sharing of school bus camera data.

Resolutions – Jeff Parnes

Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin

Ralph Northam made a resolution about transportation climate initiative.

Sierra Club will be having a webinar on clean transportation on **Date TBA**.

AI – Flint to provide Karen Campblin the information on the Transportation electrification webinar.

Monica pointed out that the costs of many construction projects is increasing due to the tariff issues.

Website – Jeff Parnes

Next Meetings

Membership Meeting: September 20, 2018, Mason Govt. Center Community, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale. The original intent was to cover the survey.

Board Meeting: October 11, place to be announced.

Adjourned

9:19

Board Member (as of Sep 2018)	Present	District Council Representative	Committee Chair/Co-chair	Other Board Position
Bill Barfield			Legislation	President
Monica Billger			Environment	
John Birch		Mason		
Leslie Braun	X			Treasurer
Karen Campblin	X		Land Use, Transportation	
Daniela Cockayne			Public Safety	
Karen Conchar			Land Use	
Matt Dunne	X		Membership	1 st Vice President
David Edelman			Budget	
Dennis Hays	X		Library	
Don Hinman			Citizen Association Services	
Morgan Jameson			Human Services	
Kathy Kaplan			Library	
Alejandro Mattiuzzo	X		Finance	2 nd Vice President
Jeff Parnes		Sully	Resolutions, COY, Transportation,	Webmaster
Ed Saperstein	X		Education, Finance	
Sue Shuman			Citizen Association Services	
Dean Sherick			Public Safety	
Pete Sitnik		Mount Vernon	Audit	
Patrick Smaldore	X		Public Safety	
Tim Thompson	X		Budget, Legislation, Nominating, COY	Past President
Nancy Trainer	X		Education	
Flint Webb	X	Providence	Environment	Recording Secretary
Ed Wyse	X	Springfield		
Erika Yalowitz				Corresponding Secretary
(vacant)		Braddock		
(vacant)		Lee		
(vacant)				Newsletter Editor

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>.

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.

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 Boysko on September 24th. The meeting is only open to Delegate Boysko'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 of 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 an 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>. 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.
 - They are also encouraging people to take a “Plastic Free” pledge for October. See <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 indorse 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>.
- **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>.
- **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 Rick 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/FACScclimateforum.
- **Friends of Accotink Creek meeting:** 18 September, 7 pm, Audrey Moore RECenter, 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> 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](#).
- The Beck Environmental Lecture: Reversing Global Warming: 10 October, 6 – 7:30 pm, Harris Theater, George Mason University. Paul Hawken will talk about his book: ***Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming***. Drawdown offers 100 concrete solutions to help abate climate change. Meticulously researched by leading scientists and policy-makers around the globe, *Drawdown* pushes through widespread fear and apathy to give readers a step-by-step guide for making a difference in creating a just and livable world.