

Board Meeting Minutes **APPROVAL DRAFT**

October 26, 2017

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The monthly meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:45 p.m. at the Dunn Loring Center, Falls Church.

Nine board members attended. Eight constitutes a quorum. [The quorum was achieved 15 minutes after the scheduled start time.]

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>District Council Representative</u>	<u>Committee Chair/Co-chair</u>	<u>Other Board Position</u>
Bill Barfield	X		Legislation	2 nd Vice President
Monica Billger			Environment	
George Beccera				Corresponding Secretary
John Birch	X	Mason		
Karen Campblin			Transportation	
Daniela Cockayne			Public Safety	
David Edelman			Budget	
Judy Harbeck			Budget	
Dennis Hays			Library (special)	
Don Hinman			Citizen Association Services	
Morgan Jameson			Human Services	
Kathy Kaplan			Library (special)	
Cherie Lejeune			Human Services	
Alejandro Matttiuzzo	X			Treasurer
Jeff Parnes	X	Sully	Resolutions & Transportation	Webmaster
Ed Saperstein			Education	
Pete Sitnik	X	Mount Vernon	Legislation	
Patrick Smaldore	X		Public Safety	
Tim Thompson	X			President
Nancy Trainer			Education	
Flint Webb	X	Providence	Environment	
Art Wells		Braddock		
Ed Wyse	X	Springfield		1 st Vice President
vacant		Lee		
vacant			Land Use	
vacant				Newsletter editor
vacant				Recording Secretary

ADMINISTRATION:

Board & Membership Meeting Minutes:

- The minutes of the September board meeting were approved with one minor change.
- The minutes of the August board meeting were not considered for approval because the Secretary Pro Tem, Tim Thompson, forgot to bring them.
- Ed Wyse reported – and Jeff Parnes confirmed – that there are no minutes from the 2017-2018 membership year on the website archive space because then Recording Secretary George Becerra has not provided them. Tim said he thought this omission had been corrected; he will call George.

Audit of Financial Records: The end of fiscal year audit has been delayed because a three-person audit committee is not in place. Tim is to propose candidates for board approval at the next meeting.

OPERATIONS & POLICY:

Review of Legislative Issues Survey: Bill Barfield led the board through his analysis of the legislative issues survey results. Discussion was supported by projection of his analysis document on a wall screen. Review covered diverse topics over 75 minutes. Topics included:

- Comparison of issues proposed over the past three years.
- How questions were framed for survey questions. Whether some questions could have been more neutral in tone.
- How results were pared to just the top issues.
- How can we offer more people an opportunity to take the survey in future years.
- How much exposure of results to present to the membership meeting on November 16.
- How much statistical detail to divulge on the website.

Discussion also covered recent developments in some of the issues themselves.

The analysis document will be posted on the Federation's website. At the membership meeting the document will be briefly announced and the link given.

Short-term Rentals: Fairfax County is developing regulations to govern short-term rentals. Will the issue be raised again in the 2018 General Assembly session? Industry may try again for statewide standards. Tim announced Mike Roiux will propose a course of action for the Federation.

Alternate City Names for ZIP Code Areas: Jeff proposed we lobby the county to use postal "alternate city" names instead of the commonly used "preferred city" names. The preferred names for many of our ZIP codes describe broad geographic areas, for example Alexandria and Herndon. Alternate names would better describe in which neighborhood an address is actually located. Jeff is to offer a resolution.

Twitter Re-tweets – An Endorsement?: Sleepy Hollow Manor Citizens Association wrote to the Federation with a complaint that the Federation, by re-tweeting articles related to land use, is endorsing positions that are not actually Federation positions. The Federation president and webmaster determined that re-tweets are presented not as endorsements but as discussion of current policy issues of interest to members. Two actions will be taken:

- A disclaimer will be added to the Twitter feed to announce Federation re-tweets are not endorsements.
- Tim will respond to the Sleepy Hollow Manor Citizens Association.

Collaboration with Chamber of Commerce: MVCC representative to the Federation Pete Sitnik is also a member of the Mount Vernon Chamber of Commerce. He reports the Chamber of Commerce proposes to collaborate with the Federation to obtain more Virginia education funding.

Citizen of the Year: Tim and Citizen of the Year Chair Merrilee Peirce will meet soon to plan the 2017 Citizen of the Year award program. The first activity will be the solicitation of nominations.

Future Federation meeting programs: Tim announced he is coordinating the following programs for January through March 2018: FCPS issues; county and schools budgets; and meet the new county executive.

DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations (MVCCA) report: Transportation issues are the primary topic for the MVCCA: US Route 1 widening and Embark Richmond Highway (an initiative focused on creating a multimodal future for Richmond Highway Corridor where residents, workers, and visitors can walk, bike, or drive to the places they want to go).

- The next Embark Advisory Group meetings will be Nov 6th at 8:30 a.m. and Nov 13th at 7 p.m.; both to be held at the South County Center.
- VDOT Public Meeting on Richmond Hwy widening will be Nov 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Mt. Vernon High School.

Sully District Council report: Sully is divided amongst several House of Delegates districts. About 2/3's of the candidates for the House attended the last meeting and spoke to about 40 members. The topic for the next meeting will be police reform.

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next membership meeting will be November 16, 7:30 p.m., Mason Governmental Center, Annandale. The program will cover the Explorer programs (youth career exploration) sponsored by the county fire and police departments.

The next board meeting will be December 7, 6:30 p.m., at a restaurant to be determined). Board members may bring a guest.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Secretary Pro Tem