Membership Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2019

The Annual Meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was at 7:30 PM, Fairfax County Government Center, Conference Room 7, 12000 Government Center Pkwy

Welcome and Announcements – President

Meeting Minutes – Recording Secretary:
Approval of the minutes of the April 2019 Membership Meeting: Motion to approve made by George Becerra seconded by Gabe Goldberg. Motion was adopted by voice vote.

(All Membership & Board minutes are at www.fairfaxfederation.org/FedMinutes.htm)

Elections – The Nominating Committee slate of candidates was sent to members on May 3: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary (link to Nominating Committee report of May 3)

There were 10 associations represented and 2 associations by proxy for a total voting count of 28 votes. Tim Thompson chaired the elections.

President: Bill Barfield (incumbent)

There were no nominations from the floor for President. Bill was elected by acclamation.

First Vice President: John Pinkman. John is from the Greater Reston area and has been living in Reston for over 25 years. John wants to upscale the membership of the association. Vote: 15

George Becerra nominates himself for First Vice President. George has held a number of positions in the Federation and on various boards and commissions in the county. The membership has dropped from 63 to 28. George has committed to attend association meetings and has a commitment to boost membership by 18 members. There are roughly 1500 associations in the County. Vote: 13

John was elected First Vice President.

Second Vice President: Pete Sitnik was nominated by George Becerra. Pete was elected by acclamation.

Treasurer: Leslie Braun (incumbent). Elected by acclamation

Recording Secretary: John Beach was nominated by Ed Saperstein. Elected by acclamation.

Corresponding Secretary: Erika Yalowitz (incumbent). Elected by acclamation
Program -  
Enforcement of Short-Term Rentals-Don Hinman & Sue Shuman,  
Co-Chairs, Federation Citizen Association Services Committee

After much debate over the last few years, Fairfax County passed in October, 2018, an ordinance regulating short-term rental of homes and apartments under providers such as AirBnB, FlipKey and VRBO. An 18-month test period was allotted to determine the effectiveness and enforceable of this new ordinance. After the Federation advocated for the General Assembly in January to not modify the on-going test, the status of this needed, yet controversial, ordinance is discussed.


Question: How would the ordinance be enforced. The response was that enforcement is based on complaints. There was a question about whether complaints are anonymous or not. The response was that the county will ask for the name of the complainant but complaints can be anonymous.

Question: There was a question about whether the owner needed to be present. The ordinance allows for an authorized agent.

Question: Are there any exceptions. None, but people can ask for a variance.

Rentals are limited to no more than 6 adults, but there is no limit to the number of children. This has been an issue because of sporting events.

The bill killing the ability for Counties and Towns to develop ordinances passed the Senate subcommittee and the Senate but was killed in the House subcommittee because it was an issue that was under litigation. It could come back.

The legal issue is that short term rentals should be by-right. The County’s position is that short term rentals was illegal before.

There are a lot of anti-HOA sentiments in the legislature.

New Business –  
Budget Committee & Treasurer - Federation Annual Budget for Membership Approval

Line 4180 Actual costs for the contributions for the banquet was $4,340. Motion to accept the budget from Gabe seconded by Mike Rioux. The budget was approved by voice vote.

Old Business –  
Treasurer – Status of application for tax exemption and 501c4 application. Leslie submitted an application for 501c4 tax status to the Commonwealth.

Human Services Committee – Update on Federation Resolution on Robocalls. Mike Perel. There have been several changes to the resolution to emphasize what the County can do to
educate adults. Mike was invited to attend the meeting of the Silver Shield committee. On the Federal level there is legislation to have some of the blocking features to the default. There is a draft resolution that will be going to the Board next week and then going to the membership. Nomorobo will be rolled out to Cox Cable. John Pinkman wondered if we could go to the News media on this issue, pointing out that NBC had a story about this just tonight.

Public Safety: Gabe presented an update on drones. There may also be a resolution on drones for public safety use. The focus is on incident reports not surveillance. There will be no facial recognition capabilities. See https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/uas/public-information-news for County information.

Citizen of the Year Committee – Summary of the April COY Awards & Banquet

There were 80 people in attendance. There was an issue with PayPal attributing payment to the wrong person. 83 people payed. For every awardee there are 3 people who get a gratis meal (the awardee, the nominee and one guest). This year there was a $1500 loss. The photographers also got complementary meals.

Member’s Announcements –

Recycling program is under review by the County. This should be an issue for the Environment Committee.

Mike Perel and his wife Jeannie were appointed Lord & Lady Fairfax by the Braddock District Supervisor John Cook.

Transportation: They are reorganizing how bus transit is being done in the County. WMATA is closing the Blue and Yellow lines below the Airport. Jeff Parnes report is Attachment 1.

Adjournment – 9:29

Next Meetings – (all meetings are open to the public):

May 23 - Board meeting is 7:30 PM at Dunn Loring Center

June 20 - Membership meeting, Thursday, 6:30 PM at the Mason District Park, 6621 Columbia Pike, Annandale: Annual Picnic, Chairman Bulova discusses the State of Fairfax County, Installation of the new officers.
Appendix 1: Reports from Jeff Parnes

- **Sully District Council**
  - **April Meetings**
    - Membership Meeting - on 24 April the topic was Revisiting Land Use and Transportation issues at the Tri-County Junction. Representatives from the DOTs of Fairfax, Prince William and the commonwealth, as well as NVTA attended. Sully Supervisor Kathy Smith also attended
    - Land Use and Transportation - on 15 April we heard:
      - Hunter Mill Assisted Living Special Exception Application | HM 2018-HM-024 (in the Hunter Mill district)
      - Rezoning from R-1 to PDH-2 on West Ox Road just south of Franklin Farm Road
  - **May Meetings**
    - Membership Meeting - on 22 May we have invited all five State Senators and five State Delegates to participate in the annual Sully Report From Richmond
    - Land Use and Transportation - on 20 May we plan on hearing:
      - Update on the Hunter Mill Assisted Living Special Exception Application | HM 2018-HM-024 (in the Hunter Mill district)
      - Commonwealth Centre Land Bay D - PCA/FDPA 2006-SU-025-04 (Proposed ATM)
  - **June Meetings**
    - Membership Meeting - on 26 June we have invited Sully Supervisor Kathy Smith to make her annual State of Sully Report
    - Land Use and Transportation - on 17 June we plan on hearing:
      - Fairfax County Water Authority - Willard Road (SE 2019-SU-002/2232-Y18-25)
  - **July and August**
    - No SDCCA meetings scheduled; Land Use and Transportation meetings will be held was required
  - **Fall Meetings**
    - Membership Meetings - we are working with the League of Woman Voters in the Fairfax Area to co-sponsor two candidate forums, one for the legislative candidates and the other for county candidates

- **Transportation Committee**
  - **Events:**
    - FC TAC met on 16 April to discuss the Silver Line Phase II Reston-Herndon Area Bus Service
    - Attended Public Information Meeting on Plans for New Bicycle & Pedestrian Trail Along I-66, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2019
      - Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) held a public information meeting on the planning and implementation of the Off Corridor portions of the I-66 Outside the Beltway Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail (http://outside.transform66.org/). The meetings will include an overview of construction on I-66 by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and a review of the proposed trail along the I-
66 corridor, including the off-corridor segments being funded by Fairfax County.

- **Second Online Survey on Fairfax County & Franconia Springfield Parkways**
  Open closed earlier this month
  - The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) ([https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/)) held a second online survey on transportation improvements along the Fairfax County & Franconia Springfield Parkways ([https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/study/fairfax-county-parkway)). The survey was developed based on community input from first round survey results last year. The current survey will gather feedback from residents on future corridor transportation improvements.

- **Route 7 Corridor Improvements Project Update**
  - VDOT held two Public Information Meetings to showcase the latest project design and schedule, and answer questions on stormwater management, right of way, environmental topics, traffic engineering, sound barriers and other information. They gave an overview of upcoming construction work in 2019.
  - If you have any questions or concerns, please check out the project web site at [http://connectroute7.org](http://connectroute7.org).

- **Virginia Beautification Event with Secretary Valentine**
  - Participated with Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Shannon Valentine, and VDOT staff for a Virginia Beautification Event held on May 13, 2019 where they picked up litter in the vicinity of the Stringfellow Park and Ride lot.
The Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) held a public comment meeting for Northern Virginia on Monday, May 13th at the VDOT Northern Virginia District office, 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030.

This is an opportunity to provide feedback on projects the CTB has recommended for funding in their proposed Six Year Improvement Plan (SYIP). The SYIP appropriates public funds to highway, road, bridge, rail, bicycle, pedestrian, public transportation, and transportation demand management projects.

I spoke as an individual on three items:

- Connecting the western parts of the Silver/Orange lines to Crystal City, Pentagon, Reagan National Airport, National Landing and South County by building a wye track east of Court House Square to the existing Blue Line Track
- Connecting the western part of Fairfax and Loudoun County to the technical hub of Montgomery County by another bridge, similarly for Prince William and Prince Georges / Charles counties south of the DC area
- Providing intercounty bus service along major commuter corridors, Rts 28, 29, and 50 as a matter of social justice so that commuters could get to work without having to travel to metro stops and back.

Attended the Board Transportation Committee Meeting on 14 May

- Silver Line Phase 2 Implementation – Update on Construction Progress
- Cut Through Traffic – Turn Restriction Permit Program - Staff Recommendations and Board Discussion
- Free Student Pass Program – Analysis and Recommendations
- Update on Bikeshare in Fairfax County – Discussion of Bikeshare in Fairfax County

Bus Transformation Project - Virginia Public Open House will be held on 20 May from 4:30 PM – 7:30 PM at George Mason University, Multi-purpose Room 126, Founders Hall/Van Metre Hall, 3351 Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201

VDOT will hold meeting on I-495 Express Lanes Northern Extension (VDOT) starting at 6:30 on 20 May

FC TAC will meet on 21 May to hear a Legislative Report

- Here a link to the 2019 General Assembly Session Final Legislative Report:
- Transportation-related items can be found on pages 4-8 and 58-62 of the report.

WMATA will close the Blue and Yellow Line stations south of National Airport from 25 May through 8 September.

FCDOT will hold a Pardon Our Dust meeting on the Lee Chapel Walkway project (FCDOT) starting at 7pm on 29 May

Participating as a member on the Strategic Advisory Committee for the Blue/Orange/Silver Capacity & Reliability Study on 30 May - This is the group for policy influencers and directors from Metro’s partner jurisdictions and transportation agencies.
- VDOT will hold meeting on the RT 123 over RT 7 (Tysons Corner) Bridge starting at 6:30 on 30 May
- Last Date to ask VDOT to hold hearings on US 29 Bike & Pedestrian Improvements is 3 June
- VDOT will hold meeting on US 29 Widening starting at 6:30 on 10 June

- COY
  - All funds were collected!