

Board Meeting Agenda

7:30 pm, Thursday, January 28, 2021

ZOOM on-line & dial-in session

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Meeting ID: [820 9773 7354](#)

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Call to Order/Welcome – President

Meeting Minutes – Approve December Board meeting minutes (Attachment 2)

Administrative Topics –

- **Treasurer** – Financial report (Attachment 3)
- **1st VP** - Membership report
- **2nd VP** – Calendar and activities report
- **President** – Federation positions and appointments:
 - Vacancies include: Recording Secretary, two District Reps, Membership, Land Use, and Human Services.
 - An officer of every paid community was called to give next member meeting info, get updated POC info, and number homes in each community (29,115 total).
 - **C. Flint Webb** was nominated to the Community Advisory Group for the new Fairfax County Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP).
 - **Menoca Fuard** was nominated as the Federation representative to the School Board Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities and is new member of Citizen Association Services Committee.
 - **Menoka Melanson** of Greenway Downs Citizens Association was elected as Mason District Council representative to the Fairfax Federation.
 - **Matt Dunn** was re-appointed as the Federation representative to the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee.
 - **Ned Poffenberger** was re-appointed as the Federation representative to the Fairfax County Engineering Standards Review Committee.
 - **Bill Barfield** and **Ed Wyse** applied to be a citizen member of the new Virginia Redistricting Commission. Though not selected from the 1,200 applications, two of final 8 selectees are in Northern Virginia (one each in Fairfax and Alexandria).
 - **Nominations Committee** can proceed with Tim Thompson (Past President), Patrick Smaldore (community member), Nancy Trainor (community member), Menoka Melanson (Mason District), Mike Perel (Braddock District)

Old Business –

- Bill - Committee Chairs to write 1-pager on accomplishments for new website
- Matt - Web Site status and usage of new Federation emails addresses
- Matt - COY applications status; January 31 is last day for [COY Nominations](#)

New Business –

- Mike Perel - Pickleball Letter (Attachment 4)
- Bill - zMOD Letter (Attachment 5)
- Bill - Discuss possible changes to the By-Laws and P&P: (1) 2 year elected terms, (2) Merge Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary (3) Incorporate virtual meeting and business processes IAW recent community & HOA legislation, e.g. pending [HB1816](#) , (4) Other discussion.

District Council Reports – (soft copy to Recording Secretary for meeting minutes)

Committee Reports – (soft copy to Recording Secretary for meeting minutes)

Next Meetings –

Board Meeting: February 18 – Virtual

Membership meeting: February 25 – FCPS & County Proposed Budget presentation

Adjourn

Attachment(s):

1. Board Attendees
2. December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer Financial Report
4. Board Letter to FCPA and BOS on Pickleball Courts
5. Board Letter to Planning Commission and BOS on zMOD

Attachment 1 - Board Meeting Attendees Roster

Board Member (as of Jan 2021)	Present	District Council Rep.	Committee or Support Position	Elected Position
(vacant)				Recording Secretary
(vacant)		Springfield		
(vacant)		Lee		
(vacant)			Human Services	
(vacant)			Land Use	
(vacant)			Membership	
Alejandro Mattiuzzo			Audit	
Alex Vassalotti			Environment	
Bill Barfield			Legislation	President
Cary Campbell			Transportation	
Catherine Mortensen			Audit	
David Edelman			Budget	
Dennis Hays			Library	
Don Hinman			Citizen Association Services	
Ed Saperstein			Education, Finance	
Erika Yalowitz				Correspond. Secretary
Flint Webb		Providence	Environment	
Gabe Goldberg			Public Safety	
Jeff Parnes		Sully	Transportation, Resolutions, Webmaster	
John Jennison			Representative to SCC	Past President
Karen Campblin			Land Use	
Katherine Ward		Mt. Vernon		
Kathy Kaplan			Library	
Leslie Braun			Finance	Treasurer
Matt Dunne			Membership, Audit, COY	1 st Vice President
Menoca Fuard			Citizen Association Services	
Mike Melanson		Mason	Nominating	
Mike Perel		Braddock	Human Services, Nominating	
Nancy Trainer			Education, Nominating	
Patrick Smaldore			Public Safety, Nominating	
Pete Sitnik				2 nd Vice President
Sue Shuman			Citizen Association Services	
Tim Thompson			Budget, Legislation, Nominating, COY	Past President

January 21, 2021

Subject: Comments on the Fairfax County Park Authority Pickleball Study
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/planning-development/pickleball-study>

To: Ryan Stewart, Project Manager, Fairfax County Park Authority
(RyanStewart@fairfaxcounty.gov)

CC: Jim McKay, Chair, Fairfax Board of Supervisors
(Chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov)

Dear Mr. Stewart,

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations promotes the interests of our Homeowner, Civic, and Community organizations to further the common good and general welfare of all Fairfax residents. The Federation membership represents households and communities throughout Fairfax County.

The Federation Board is aware of the ongoing Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) pickleball study and its request for public comments. Because of the growing popularity of the game among Fairfax residents, we submit these comments for your consideration.

1. We are aware that the FCPA has, to date, no outdoor courts dedicated for pickleball. Instead, the County has painted several tennis courts with additional lines for dual use of tennis and pickleball, using the tennis net for both sports. This compromise in court design (e.g., multiple boundary lines; incompatible net heights; game court size) leads to confusion and complaints by both tennis and pickleball players. Many other Virginia jurisdictions have clustered, dedicated pickleball court venues that are heavily used for recreational enjoyment as well for hosting occasional tournaments. For example, Prince William County recently converted two tennis courts to eight dedicated pickleball courts located at their A. J. Ferlazzo Building in Woodbridge. Because of the popularity of this venue, Prince William County has added additional pickleball courts at their Veterans Memorial Park.
2. Although there are a few indoor pickleball courts at some Fairfax Rec Centers and Community Centers, the County has significantly fewer pickleball court hours available than our smaller neighbor Arlington. Furthermore, Fairfax court times often do not include weekend and evening hours that would allow playing opportunities for residents who work during the day. This is causing long wait times and frustration for Fairfax players.
3. Pickleball is popular with all ages, but is particularly popular with older adults, the growing demographic in the county. A venue that has multiple, dedicated pickleball courts,

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as opposed to compromised tennis courts, encourages game scheduling, community drop-in play, and the opportunity for players to socialize. This opportunity will be a welcome resource supporting the many active older adults who want to age in place in their Fairfax community.

4. Very few neighborhoods or homeowners associations have their private tennis courts lined for pickleball. Therefore, county built public courts would provide more opportunities for county residents to play this increasingly popular recreational activity.

5. Pickleball is easy to learn and inexpensive to play. This makes participate in the sport ideal and accessible for all socioeconomic and age groups.

In conclusion, the Federation recommends that Fairfax County prioritize the development of pickleball courts to meet the needs of the growing numbers of pickleball players. To accomplish this, the Fairfax County Park Authority in coordination with the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services should:

- (1) identify locations that can accommodate more indoor courts hours,
- (2) build new pickleball courts as a long-term solution,
- (3) convert underused and decaying sports courts to multiple, dedicated pickleball courts as a short-term solution.

Thank you in advance for your favorable action on this community issue.

Sincerely,



William S. Barfield

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