

Membership Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2024 7:00 PM

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(Sign-in is available at 6:45 for your testing and early chatting)

7:10 pm - Welcome and Announcements: Tim Thompson, 1st Vice President

Old Business: (Conducted while waiting for Delegate Sullivan to join session)

- Status of Officer Nominations – Bill Barfield
- Budget Resolution submitted to Board of Supervisors & FCPS - Bill
- New web site developments – membership application points to old web site-Bill
- Citizen of the Year banquet postponement (biannual) – recruit members & consider joint recognition with Volunteer Fairfax - Bill

Topic: Legislative Issues at the General Assembly

Speaker: Delegate Rip Sullivan, 6th District

Discussed the pending 3-day session for the Budget. Expectation that General Assembly (GA) and governor will re-engage in the re-convene in early May to work with vetos and related legislative issues. Agreement to “take temperature down” and reconvene later. Governor made clear what parts of legislation he didn’t like and did like. Maybe update next Friday from state Budget Committee for better feel of 2025 revenue. May be mid-May to have completion of all bills. GA doesn’t want to mimic Washington (Congress) divisiveness so GA will have a budget passed. Question raised on Right to Choose and same-sex rulings; this issue not on GA radar but some related bills were introduced. Decision made to have an intervening bill so issue may be part of 2025 elections and as a “parking lot” issue in next GA session. Casino is not favored by Rip in spite of the potential revenue source, as advocated by Senator Marsden. Metro funding was a negotiating tactic by governor. RGGI (regional greenhouse gas initiative) requires VA to get back in the program but governor is opposed to rejoining. Half of RGGI funds went to flood mitigation but are sourced from taxes (about \$200M). Net metering discussed with respect to Dominion Energy striving to comply with Federal 2045 carbon footprint requirements. JLARK issued scathing report on state funding for education. Governor budget had more money for

education but baseline for NoVa is low and Ffx delegation passage was higher. Many Republicans voted for the GA budget in spite of the governor's position. LCI (Local Composite Index) is obviously antiquated but Fairfax may get better funding. Governor took VA out of IREC (interstate election registration compliance) but issue is still active in Legislature. Last two police graduation classes are up; prior and new budgets gave law enforcement raises but county not yet back to where we want to be in staffing. Some gun safety bills went thru the GA and Rip sponsored a significant Red Flag law that has been employed in Fairfax to save or avert gun-related life injuries. The age limitation to buy ammo is great idea and was included in a short list of related bills, with counter-argument that a young soldier can carry and use a gun so why can't they carry in home state.

New Business:

- New hearings on Data Centers; visit here for info:

Member Announcements: (Share some events from your community)

- A Sully District person has digitized many local maps that provide much interesting history, including many current roads.
- Mt Vernon at Ft Hunt Park Saturday event on Environmental Expo hosted by Spvsr Stork
- Mantua wants to install cross-walks near elementary school and is installing speed humps; is working with Providence Spvsr. Is having problems getting proper POCs and citizen unity on solutions. Issue is length of time got implementation. Flashing speed signs useful but Fairfax has limited quantity. Funding is persistent issue for road, trail, and sidewalk safety. This issue could be a Federation legislative issue to help neighborhoods. Hayfield is trying to implement same safety issue but notes that property values and esthetics may be impacted if speed humps installed. May be a value for a VDOT or FfxDOT speaker at Fed meeting. A neighborhood could solicit for a school bus where no sidewalks or hazardous crossings exist.

Next Meetings:

May 16, 2024 7:00PM – Board, virtual

May 23, 2024 7:00PM – Membership, virtual, Officer Elections

Jun 14, 2024 6:00 PM – Picnic, Mason District Park (TBD), Officers inauguration

Adjournment: 8:55 PM