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**Federation Membership Meeting**

**Thursday, April 14, 2011**

**7:30 p.m.**

**Note that this is the second Thursday. The third Thursday occurs during Spring Break**

**The Packard Center**

4022 Hummer Road  
Annandale, VA 22003  
7:30 p.m.

**Topic: Reports from Federation Representatives to Four County Advisory Committees: Advanced Academic Programs, Information Technology Policy, Trails and Sidewalks, and Redistricting**



**Next Federation Board Meeting**

**April 28, 2011 (Fourth Thursday)**

**7:30 p.m.**

**The Packard Center**  
4022 Hummer Road  
Annandale, VA 22003

***President's Message***

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

It is my pleasure to announce the 2010 Federation Citizen of the Year Award winner is Mollie Morison-Loeffler of Annandale, Virginia. Along with Mollie, the Federation has bestowed its Citation of Merit Award to Charlie Dane of Annandale, Virginia, and Special Gratitude Awards to Anthony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, and Bill Lecos, past president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. On behalf of the Federation, we would like the pleasure of your company at the 61st Annual Banquet of the Federation Citizen of the Year Award on Sunday, May 15 at 6pm at the Tysons Crowne Plaza, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia. More information is available on our website at [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org).

For our April membership meeting scheduled for April 14, the Federation looks forward to presentations from the following representatives: Latisha Elcock, our representative to the Fairfax County School Board Advanced Achievement Advisory Committee; Rob Jackson, our representative to the County's Redistricting Advisory Committee; Vic Mukai, our representative to the County's Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee; and Mark Tipton, our representative to the County's Trails and Sidewalk Committee.

The Federation thanks Anthony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, for his excellent presentation of the FY12 Advertised County Budget at our March membership meeting. In addition, the Federation membership voted on its budget resolution that was presented to the Fairfax Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 29, during their public hearing. More information on the county's budget is available on the county's Department of Management and Budget website at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb). On behalf of the Federation, I would like to thank our Budget Committee Co-Chair Charlie Hall for leading the budget process and making it a participatory and transparent one; to Kosmo Tatalias for wearing many behind-the-scenes hats and for keeping us updated during critical updates; and to Co-Chair Carey Campbell for adding various perspectives to our budget discussion.

On behalf of the Federation, I wanted to thank you for staying connected so that our concerns can be amplified to a bigger platform. With our collective efforts, there is no doubt that Fairfax County will continue to be one of the best places to live, play and work.

Best regards,  
Tania Hossain

**New on the Federation Web Site**

The **Transportation** web page reports its many activities and related presentations since March 1, 2011, including a report on whether or not Fairfax County should assume responsibility for County roads.

The Federation's resolutions relative to the Fairfax County **Budget** is now posted on the Budget Committee web page.

**Visit us at**

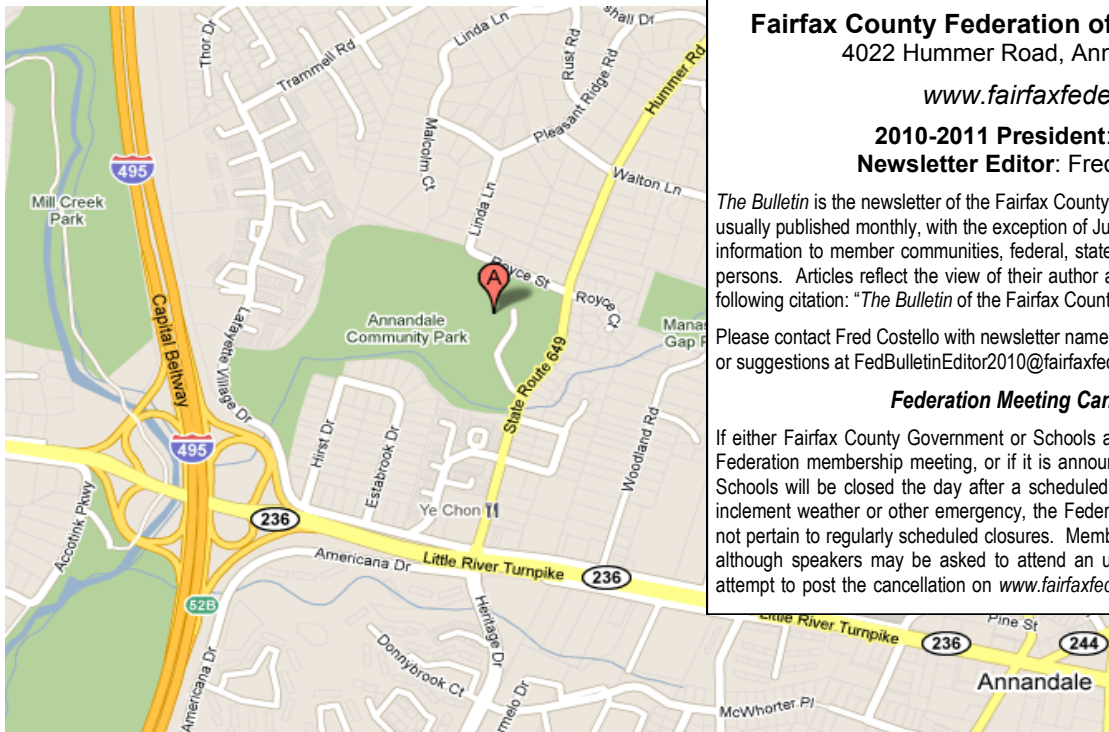
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## Directions to the Packard Center

Take I-495 (Capital Beltway) to Route 236 (Little River Turnpike, going east toward Annandale)  
 go east 0.4 miles to first traffic signal  
 Turn left at traffic signal onto Hummer Road.  
 Go 0.25 miles, turning left at the bottom of the hill into the Packard Center driveway  
 Bear right up the driveway to the parking lot.  
 Walk down the left pathway to the door facing the parking lot .



## Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at [FedBulletinEditor2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedBulletinEditor2010@fairfaxfederation.org) or 703-620-4942.

### Federation Meeting Cancellation Policy

If either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting due to inclement weather or other emergency, the Federation will not hold that event. This does not pertain to regularly scheduled closures. Membership meetings will not be rescheduled, although speakers may be asked to attend an upcoming meeting. We will make every attempt to post the cancellation on [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or, for more information, you

FCFCA Program Calendar 2010-2011					
Month	Membership Meetings		Board Meetings		Newsletter Deadline
	Date	Program	Date	Program	
<b>2010</b>					
Sep	16	Back to School Issues by Schools Superintendent Dr. Dale, @ Braddock Hall	23	Legislative Program @ Braddock Hall	1-Oct
Oct	21	Legislative Program @ Braddock Hall	28	@ South County Center, Alexandria	1-Nov
Nov	18	County Bicycle Paths @ Braddock Hall		No meeting	22-Nov
Dec	16	An Urban Conservation Ethic, canceled due to snow	2	@ Marco Polo Restaurant, Vienna, VA	20-Dec
<b>2011</b>					
Jan	20	FC Public School Budget @ FCPS Administrative Offices, 8115 Gatehouse Road	27	Canceled due to snow	24-Jan
Feb	17	Reston Metro Station - An Example of Good Re-Development Planning @ The Packard Center. Robert Goudie of the Reston Master Plan Special Study Task Force	24	@ The Packard Center	21-Feb
Mar	24	County Budget @ The Packard Center. Anthony Griffin, County Executive	17	@ The Packard Center	21-Mar
Apr	14 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Report from four Federation Representatives to County Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (see Page 4 for details) @ Packard Center</b>	28	@ The Packard Center	18-Apr
May	19	Report from Richmond; Election of Federation Officers @ Packard Center	26	@ The Packard Center	23-May
Jun	16	Picnic, State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, Board of Supervisors Chair; Installation of Officers @ Packard Center	23	@ The Packard Center	20-Jun

**COY banquet will be on Sunday, May 15, at the Tysons Crowne Plaza, starting at 6 pm.**

**c. April 14 membership meeting is the second Thursday in April due to FCPS spring break the third week.**

### **Do you want to have an impact?**

The Federation is only as strong as its voice, and the Federation's many committees make up its collective voice. If you are interested in serving on any of the ten committees that make up the backbone of the Federation please contact the committee chairs using the following email addresses:

Budget: Carey Campbell and Charles Hall .....	<a href="mailto:FedBudgetChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedBudgetChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman .....	<a href="mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein and Tim Thompson	<a href="mailto:FedEducationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEducationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Environment: Roger Diedrich and Flint Webb .....	<a href="mailto:FedEnvironmentChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedEnvironmentChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Human Services: Cherie Lejeune .....	<a href="mailto:FedHumanServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedHumanServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Land Use: Fred Costello .....	<a href="mailto:FedLandUseChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLandUseChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Legislation: Frank Anderson .....	<a href="mailto:FedLegislationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedLegislationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Public Safety: Gail Parker .....	<a href="mailto:FedPublicSafetyChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedPublicSafetyChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Resolutions: Bill Hanks .....	<a href="mailto:FedResolutionsChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedResolutionsChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>
Transportation: Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskin and Jeff Parnes ..	<a href="mailto:FedTransportationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org">FedTransportationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org</a>

The committees conduct the bulk of their business by email, and formulate positions and suggest actions for consideration by the membership at large. They also provide inputs to the Federation's legislation and budget presentations. Here's a chance to make a mark in an area of your interest. Join us in making our County a better place to live!

## **Citizen of the Year**

Mollie Morison-Loeffler will be honored as the Federation's 2010 Citizen of the Year at the Federation's annual banquet. The banquet will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2011, at the Tysons Crowne Plaza. The banquet is co-sponsored by SAIC.

Mollie Loeffler is known throughout Fairfax County as a real "firecracker." Her energy and enthusiasm for creating community and taking action are renowned. She was selected for her leadership in re-establishing her community association, winning two \$5000 grants from the Fairfax County Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program for both her community and a local county park. Mollie's work then led to a bigger platform and she spearheaded the reconstituting of the long dormant Mason District Council. Under her leadership, the Mason District Council has tackled major zoning issues, such as overcrowding and littering, by creating a network of resources that include citizens associations and the county, working on solutions to common problems facing the community.

"Mollie's positive and energetic civic leadership is exemplary work of what we can accomplish when we empower ourselves to act on behalf of our communities" said Tania Hosain, Federation president.

Charlie Dane of Annandale will receive a 2010 Citation of Merit at the banquet. Dr. Dane has a long history of public service to Fairfax County. He has been associated with the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations for many years, briefly serving as Chair of the Land Use Committee, and then later as First Vice President. For almost ten years, he served as Chair of the Federation's Education Committee. He served for two years as co-chair and continues to serve as a member of the Fairfax County School Board's Advisory Committee of Human Relations. He is a member of the Fairfax County Public School Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Council.

Special Gratitude Awards will be presented to Anthony Griffin, Fairfax County Executive, and Bill Lecos, past president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force.

Anthony H. Griffin, as Fairfax County Executive, provided Fairfax County with solid leadership, good fiscal stewardship and the ability to motivate and inspire the county workforce. He has distinguished Fairfax County as a world-class center of commerce and trade and the technology hub of the East Coast. Fairfax County is well known as a wonderful place to live, work and play and Griffin's leadership has ensured that the quality of life remains high, despite the new challenges of the 21st century. His tenure has encompassed projects both large and small that will have a significant impact on Fairfax County and the region for years to come, including: Tysons Corner Redevelopment, Dulles Rail, McConnell Public Safety and Transportation Operations Center, Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness, Code of Ethics Update, Lorton Land Reuse Plan and the Chesapeake Bay preservation ordinance.

Bill Lecos, as past president and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force, played a central role in the citizen-based effort to re-

plan Tysons Corner. Thanks largely to Bill's leadership, the Board of Supervisors had the opportunity to approve a visionary Comprehensive Plan amendment that enabled historic investments in Tysons' transportation infrastructure while spurring development of a new, green housing stock. Bill ensured that this re-planning effort helped business in the County and had the support of the business community. Bill has been involved in public affairs in our region for two decades, as President of the Restaurant Association, Senior Vice President of Policy at the Washington Board of Trade, and President and CEO of the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce. Bill played a central role building broad-based support for transportation and land use policies that would improve the quality of life for Fairfax residents.

Katharine Weymouth, Chief Executive Officer, Washington Post Media and Publisher, The Washington Post, will be the keynote speaker. The banquet is open to all. We hope many of you will come to honor these much deserving people and to hear this famous speaker. For additional awards-banquet information and to make reservations to attend, see: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2010COYWinners.htm>. Cocktails are at 6 pm. The program starts at 6:30 pm.

## **Our Upcoming Membership-Meeting Speakers**

The Federation has representatives on eight county BACs (Boards, Authorities, Committees, and Commissions) and four school-related committees. The April 14 membership meeting will feature presentations by four of our representatives. Come learn about the work of these committees.

The four speakers, listed along with the websites of the committees, are: (1) Latisha Elcock of the Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee (<http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/aaapac.html>), (2) Thomas V. "Vic" Mukai of the Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (ITPAC) (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/itpac/>), (3) Mark Tipton of the Trails and Sidewalks Committee (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/trails/>) and (4) Rob Jackson of the county's Redistricting Advisory Committee (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/>).

We are grateful for the service of all of the Federation's representatives. Vic Mukai is stepping down, and the Federation has named John Hanks as his ITPAC replacement. Our thanks go out to Vic for his years of service to the Federation and ITPAC.

## **News Items**

### **Reston Re-Development**

Many of the issues surrounding the development of Reston near the Metrorail stations are discussed at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/>. The most recent addition is the final, beautifully illustrated version of the overall vision for the re-development, which can be found at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/vision\\_sub\\_committee/vision\\_committee\\_report\\_march\\_2011.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/projects/reston/vision_sub_committee/vision_committee_report_march_2011.pdf)

### **Funding Infrastructure for High-Density Development**

The County has (tentatively?) decided to have the taxpayer pay 58% of the infrastructure costs for the Tysons redevelopment, with the developers paying 42%. The citizens associations want the developers to pay 75% as was done along Route 28.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2011

[Draft to be submitted for approval, 4/14/2011](#)

The March 2011 meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:38 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale. The attendance list is attached to file copy of the minutes.

The two program items literally consumed the entire evening, with only a few other topics being addressed briefly. Reports from the Transportation Committee, the Webmaster, and the Braddock and Sully District Representatives were not given orally at the meeting but are published in the minutes.

### **Program 1: Fairfax County's FY2012 Advertised Budget — Anthony Griffin, County Executive**

Mr. Griffin talked to the membership in a conversational setting for over an hour, explaining his view of the budget and answering questions. Information on the county's advertised FY 2012 budget is available at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/). President Hossain expressed the Federation's gratitude for the informative presentation and presented Mr. Griffin with a Federation coffee cup.

### **Program 2: Federation's Budget Resolution**

Charlie Hall chaired this section of the meeting to review, amend, and adopt the Federation's Budget Resolution. The starting position was the draft budget resolution that was approved by the Federation's board on March 17. The results from this meeting will be documented fully in the budget resolution that Charlie will usher through publication and so will not be recorded in detail in these minutes.

Highlights of the budget resolution include:

Praise for the Fairfax County government for steering prudently through a time of extended fiscal challenge.

As the economy recovers, in future years some prior cuts in services should be restored.

The current public budget process needs improvement: a more transparent discussion of long-term budget issues and better means for public input, including a county-wide citizens' budget committee and a lengthier budget approval period.

A recommended residential property tax rate of \$1.075 per \$100 assessed value. This rate is \$0.015 less than the \$1.09 rate proposed in the advertised budget and \$0.01 greater than a "revenue neutral" rate of \$1.065.

The Federation recommends funding:

An increase in the school transfer with a message to the school board that the Board of Supervisors expects the additional funds will be used to support implementation of both full day kindergartens at all schools beginning in the 2011-2012 school year and online testing for SOL.

A reserve that would be available for use should the human services funding expected from the Federal and Commonwealth government transfers be less than forecast.

### **Administrative Topics**

**Minutes:** The membership approved the minutes of the February 17, 2011, membership meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel distributed the treasurer's report to board members via e-mail prior to the meeting. Due to the focus of the meeting on the county's budget, the report was not reviewed.

**Vacancies on County Boards and Commissions:** Second Vice President Don Hinman is recruiting for three Federation representatives to other organizations: Citizens Corps Council, Community Action Advisory Board, and the Engineering Standards Review Committee. Don noted that people representing the Federation do not have to be from associations that are Federation members. Don distributed a handout which is Attachment #1 to these minutes. (See the textbox on Page 7 of this bulletin.)

### **Old Business**

**2010 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award:** 2011 Citizen of the Year (COY) Award—Chair, Jeff Parnes

The Citizen of the Year Award awardees have been chosen and the banquet will be held on May 15, 2011 at the Tysons Crowne Plaza at 6 pm. More information is available at Attachment #3 to these minutes, Page 4 of this Bulletin, and on our website at: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>.

The online registration form for the banquet is available now at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYsvp.htm>. Remember that the banquet is the one event the Federation sponsors that celebrates Fairfax and involves the Federation with the movers and shakers of the County.

The Federation thanks SAIC for its support of the Citizen of the Year program.

### **New and Miscellaneous Business**

#### **Announcement of Federation Representatives Who Will Speak at the April 14 Membership Meeting**

Second Vice President Don Hinman announced the speakers for the April 14 membership meeting and solicited questions that members would like the representatives to address.

Please send your questions to Don at [fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org). The speakers are:

- ◇ Latisha Elcock, Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee (AAPAC)
- ◇ Thomas V. "Vic" Mukai, Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (ITPAC)
- ◇ Mark Tipton, Trails and Sidewalks Committee
- ◇ Rob Jackson, Redistricting Advisory Committee

More information is in the handout that Don distributed which is Attachment #2 to these minutes. (See the textbox on Page 7 of this bulletin.)

### **Board & Committee Reports**

Because the County budget topic consumed the meeting time, no board or committee reports were given in the meeting. The transportation report is provided by these minutes.

#### **Transportation — Carey Campbell, Roger Hoskins, and Jeff Parnes**

The following information was not given in meeting but was disseminated by Jeff through these minutes.

#### **Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services:**

The Board of Supervisors has asked staff to conduct a study

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evaluating Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services in Fairfax County. Virginia is one of four states in which the construction, maintenance and operation of roads are a state function rather than a county function. Cities have always had local control, and Arlington and Henrico counties negotiated an arrangement in the 1930s for them to maintain control (the state assumed the responsibility during the Great Depression, as many counties could no longer afford to do so). Recently several other counties have negotiated with VDOT to assume local control, although their arrangements do not provide them with the same level of funding as Arlington and Henrico counties receive.

Each jurisdiction that has either retained or assumed responsibility reports satisfaction with local control. Each also reports that they spend more for construction, maintenance and operation than the funds provided by the state. In the report referenced above the county reported that as VDOT does not provide services by county, VDOT was unable to provide costs specifically attributed to Fairfax County, but could only provide information about the Northern Virginia district that includes Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William counties.

Assumption of these responsibilities therefore involves unknowns, as even the level of service provided by the state is unquantifiable. The Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC), of which Jeff Parnes chairs, acting as a citizen's review board by the request of the Board of Supervisors, provided its comments to the Board. The review stressed the uncertainty of funding, of the level of service we are receiving by the state, of the level of service that our residents, used to a high-level of responsiveness from the county in all it does, would expect if the county took over the responsibility. The TAC recommended that the county explore a pilot program before it took over responsibility for the whole county.

Already at least one supervisor has publicly announced support for assumption of responsibility. This will be a matter for the board to decide, weighing the benefits of local control of operations, design and responsiveness to citizen concerns against the unknowns of both ongoing costs and one-time set up fees, service levels provided and expected and budget constraints.

No impact to the 2012 budget is expected, but future years' budgets will see significant impacts if the board decides to go forward with local control.

[Transportation Committee web site updates.](#)

The committee's page has links to:

- The 4th Circuit of the US court of Appeals reached a decision on 23 March 2011, upholding the lower Court in dismissing all of the claims brought by Chris Walker challenging the Dulles Rail Project. That brings to an end the last of the lawsuits challenging one or another aspect of the Dulles Rail Project. The Circuit characterized Walker's claims as being "generalized grievances" which did not present a true controversy that the Court could resolve but instead raised policy issues not appropriate for the Court. The only claim that the Court addressed directly was one that alleged that MWAA had violated Virginia's Freedom of Information statute. The Court affirmed the lower Court's conclusion that the Airports Authority, as an independent political body, was not subject to Virginia's FOIA statute.

- The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) met on 16 March to consider funding constraints on Phase 2 of the

Dulles Rail project. They discussed:

- Independent Advisory Panel Presentation Phase 2 Dulles Alternatives
- Contract Packaging Options for Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.
- Recommendation on Alternative Airport Alignments at Dulles International.
- Dulles Corridor Rail Association (DCRA) President Patty Nicoson presented Ten Things Every Business Needs to Know about Dulles Rail to DATA on 16 March 2011
- The Transportation Advisory Commission (TAC) was briefed on the Safe Route to School Program by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association on 15 March 2011
- The Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee on 1 March 2011 received these presentations:
  - The I95 HOT Lanes proposal by VDOT
  - Staff study on Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services
  - The Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission, acting as a Citizens Review Committee, review of the Staff's proposal on Alternatives for Improving Roadway Services
  - Proposed Transportation Funding Policy Changes by FDOT
- The Board of Supervisors Transportation Committee on 1 February 2011 received these presentations:
  - VDOT and the Federal Highway Administration gave a joint presentation on the status of BRAC transportation Improvements
  - BRAC Successes and Remaining Issues by VDOT
  - Gina Arlotto, of the Washington Area Bicyclists Association, briefed on the Safe Routes to School program in Fairfax County
- The Transportation Advisory Commission on 4 January 2011 received an update on the I-495 HOT Lanes Project.
- Mark Tipton, the FCFA representative, Trails and Sidewalks Committee, on 16 March 2011 provided:
  - Transportation Projects Status Report for February regarding roads, sidewalks, trails, and bus shelters
  - FC Park Authority presentation of current and planned trail improvements. Most of the trail projects are already funded from park bonds, federal funds, etc. and some are under construction. However, a few of the projects are not yet funded, or need neighborhood support to proceed.

#### Website—Jeff Parnes

The following information was not given in meeting but was disseminated by Jeff through these minutes.

The online forms on the web site are working; please feel free to use them for:

- Membership renewal:  
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm>
- COY Dinner RSVP:  
<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYrsvp.htm>

Providence District Council has revised its page.

Budget and Transportation Committee pages are updated.

The Citizen of the Year pages are updated for this and previous years.

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### **District Council Reports**

Seven supervisor districts have councils of citizens associations; Dranesville & Hunter Mill districts do not.

Because the County budget topic consumed the meeting time, no district council reports were given in the meeting; the Braddock and Sully reports are provided by these minutes.

#### **Braddock—Art Wells**

The following information was not given in meeting but was disseminated by Art through these minutes.

The Braddock District Council's (BDC) March 9 meeting featured two staff members from the Department of Management and Budget who presented an excellent briefing on the FY 2012 Advertised Budget.

Supervisor Cook hosted town hall meetings on the FY 2012 Advertised Budget on March 14 and 23.

**Lee—Don Hinman** — no report

**Mason—Keith Taggart**—no report

**Mount Vernon—Karen Pohorylo**—no report

**Providence—Flint Webb** — no report

**Springfield—Mike Thompson** — no report

**Sully—Jeff Parnes**

The following information was not given in meeting but was disseminated by Jeff through these minutes.

The Sully District Council met March 23. Reports were received from:

- County office of Management and Budget on FY 2012 budget
- Sully representative on Fairfax County Redistricting committee

These land use cases were addressed:

- INOVA Hospital
- About the Distributed Antenna System concept

Topics of future meetings are:

- April – Fairfax County Housing and Community Development Agency
- May – Report from Richmond, all eight State Senators and Delegates representing Sully have been invited, responses received from three as of now
- June – State of Sully by Sully Supervisor Mike Frey

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 a.m.

### **Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting is April 14, 2011 when we will hear from our appointed representatives to various boards and commissions. Board members will meet on April 28, 2011. Both meetings start at 7:30 p.m. in the Packard Center, Annandale.

*Minutes written by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary*

### **Welcome to Our New Federation Representatives**

We are pleased to announce the recent appointment of three new Federation representatives. Herbert Smith is our new representative on the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee ([http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax\\_board.asp?lookup=23310](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23310)). Loretta Prencipe will represent us on the Citizen Corps Council (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/oem/citizencorps/>). John Hanks is newly appointed to the Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/itpac/>), replacing the outgoing Vic Mukai. Congratulations and a hearty welcome to Herbert, Loretta and John.

### **Become a Federation Representative on Fairfax County Boards and Commissions**

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association has representatives on many of the County boards, commissions, committees, task forces, and councils. Currently, the Federation needs representatives for the following:

**Community Action Advisory Board**, which advises the County Board and the Director of Family Services on the needs, concerns and aspirations of low-income persons, recommends policies that promote meaningful change, provides oversight for state and federal Community Service Block Grant funds which support community-based initiatives identified through the county's Consolidated Community Funding Pool competitive grant process. See <http://fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/caab/> or [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax\\_board.asp?lookup=23341](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23341)

**Engineering Standards Review Committee**, which provides technical and engineering advisory services to the Board, reviews input data for the annual update of the Public Facilities Manual. See [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax\\_board.asp?lookup=23312](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23312)

**Airports Advisory Committee**, which advises the Board on all airport and aircraft operations affecting Fairfax County, examines the feasibility of establishing a countywide aircraft noise complaint center. See [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax\\_board.asp?lookup=23354](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/fairfax_board.asp?lookup=23354)

Questions? Contact Don Hinman, Federation 2nd Vice President at [fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fed2ndvp2010@fairfaxfederation.org)

The complete list of the county's Boards, Authorities, Committees, and Commissions (BACs) is found at the following website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/bacs/>. The Federation has representation on eight of these. Besides the BACs with vacancies listed above, the 5 others are: (1) Citizen Corps Council (2) Criminal Justice Advisory Board, (3) Community Revitalization and Reinvestment Advisory Group, (4) Information Technology Policy Advisory Committee and (5) Trails and Sidewalks Committee.

The complete list of **School Board advisory committees** is found at the following website: <http://www.fcps.edu/schlbld/advisory.htm>. The Federation has representation on three of these (Advanced Academic Programs, Human Relations, and Students with Disabilities), as well as the Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Committee: <http://www.fcps.edu/supt/bcac/index.htm>

### **Federation State Legislative Survey**

Frank Anderson, Legislative Chair, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations (202) 270-9657, needs your response to his survey:

Please copy the following and email him your priorities at [FedLegislationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedLegislationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org)

#### **Legislative Agenda Survey**

Please place a check mark next to the three priorities that are most important to you (choose up to three):

- ◇ Conservation – Open space land conservation
- ◇ Education – Funding of state and federal mandates for K-12 education
- ◇ Energy – Energy conservation, including renewable and distributive energy
- ◇ Governance – Reversal of the Dillon Rule; consistency & conformity in regional planning
- ◇ Infrastructure – Funding of critical local education and transportation infrastructure needs
- ◇ Land Use – Protection of local land use authority
- ◇ Tax Structure – Modernization of state and local tax structures
- ◇ Taxation Authority – Equal taxing authority for counties, cities and towns
- ◇ Other:

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### **Member Ideas for School-Board Hearings on the School Budget and Programs**

The Fairfax County School Board is planning to hold two meetings with members from those community organizations with special interest in education. Your Federation's Education Committee understands that the Federation will be asked to send a representative to one of these meetings, which are planned for May 3rd and 5th. As we understand it, the intent of the meeting is two-fold: first, to receive comments on next year's FCPS school budget, and, second, to listen to thoughts about the direction and emphasis of education programs that should be the focus for future years, although this meeting will also provide an opportunity to raise specific concerns. Therefore, the Education Committee is interested in hearing from any member association about those budget and non-budget issues that are most important to the association. Please email your comments to"

[FedEducationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedEducationChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org)

### **Association Complaint Process – Ombudsman Staff Reviewing Proposed Rule**

A proposed rule that would require common interest communities (CIC), such as HOAs and Condominium Associations, to develop and publish procedures for handling resident complaints against boards of directors is under review by the staff of Virginia's Common Interest Community Ombudsman. The intent of the rule is to ensure that common interest community boards have clearly articulated processes for residents to pursue complaints against the board of their association. Under the proposed rule, the internal community complaint process should be completed, and a "final adverse decision" rendered, before a resident can file a complaint against the board with the state CIC Ombudsman.

The text of the proposed rule is available at the following website, by clicking on the tab labeled "Documents": <http://www.townhall.virginia.gov/L/ViewStage.cfm?stageid=5362>. The public comment period ended on March 18, 2011. Thirteen comments were received, and the comments can be viewed by clicking on the tab labeled "Stage Information."

Fairfax County's bimonthly live call-in TV show **Your Community, Your Call** devoted its March 22, 2011, program to the Association Complaint Process. The program can be viewed online (video on demand) at the county website for two months from the date of the broadcast (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/vod.htm>). Featured in the program are Heather Gillespie (Virginia's CIC Ombudsman), Attorney William Mason and Michelle L. Thompson of the County's Consumer Affairs Branch.

Submitted by the Citizen Association Services Committee, Don Hinman, Chair. If you have issues relating to the governance and operation of community associations that you would like the Federation to address, contact Don at [FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2010@fairfaxfederation.org)

### **Tree Sale Ends April 11**

The Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District is having its annual seedling sale, which concludes on April 11. All seedlings are native to Northern Virginia. Two packages are available:

- ◇ The Deer Resistant Shrub and Small Tree package is offered for \$15.95 and includes two each of the following species: Red osier dogwood, Silky dogwood, Serviceberry, Spicebush, and Pawpaw.
- ◇ The Wildlife Friendly Tree Package sells for \$10.95 and is ideal for common areas or larger suburban yards. The tree package includes two each of the following: Black oak, Sycamore, and American hornbeam.

For pictures of the mature species offered in the packages please visit the website at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/seedlingsale.htm>

To download an order form, go to [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/orderform\\_2011.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/orderform_2011.pdf). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nick Kokales by phone at (703) 324-1420 or by e-mail at [nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:nicholas.kokales@fairfaxcounty.gov)



**Redistricting**

The County's Citizens Advisory Committee for Redistricting prepared a report to the Board of Supervisors that contained a number of recommendations from the Committee and also several from the public at large. Specifically, the report includes: (1) the Chairman's letter; (2) introductory material describing the present supervisor districts and population information; and (3) the twenty-five plans proposed by members of the Committee and the public. The full report spans more than 230 pages. The report can be found at [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/reapportionment\\_plan.pdf](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/reapportionment_plan.pdf)

The board will hold a public hearing on the recommended redistricting proposals on April 12, and currently, the board is scheduled to adopt a redistricting plan at its April 26 meeting. This information is copied from the county web site at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/redistricting/> Comments on any of these plans can be sent to Chairman Sharon Bulova and your local supervisor.

The Federation's representative, Rob Jackson, will be reporting on the Committee's work and process at the April 14 Federation Membership meeting. In the interim, you can contact him with any questions at [rhjackson@cox.net](mailto:rhjackson@cox.net)