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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 28, 2013

7:30 p.m.

Braddock Hall

9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA

Topic: County Budget

Ed Long, Fairfax County Executive



Federation Board Meeting

Mason Government Center

6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

March 21, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

President's Message

Greetings Friends and Neighbors:

I am pleased to inform you that Pete Murphy, Fairfax County Planning Commissioner, has been selected as the 2012 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year! Along with Mr. Murphy, I am delighted to share that the Honorable Kate Hanley is the recipient of a Special Gratitude/Lifetime Accomplishment Award; Rose Chu and Phyllis Payne are Citation of Merit Award recipients; and Kyle Talente is the Special Gratitude Award recipient. Please join the Federation in congratulating and recognizing these outstanding community leaders at the Federation's Sixty-Third Citizen of the Year Banquet on Sunday, April 7, 2013 at the Tysons Crowne Plaza Hotel. Please RSVP online at www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/COYsvp.htm.

The Federation's review of the FY2014 County Budget is underway and we invite all Fairfax residents to join in the discussion. The county's budget process has a very short turn-around time and the Federation's Budget Committee is seeking your input via email to Chairs Rob Jackson and Linda Boone at fedbudgetchr2013@fairfaxfederation.org. Your participation is invaluable.

I am excited to inform you that County Executive Ed Long will continue the long-standing tradition of the county executive participating in the Federation meeting each year during budget deliberations. Please join us for our Membership meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2013. On February 26, the County Executive released the FY2014 Advertised Budget Plan, which you can see at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb.

I would like to thank our Human Services Chairs Cherie Lejeune and Morgan Jameson for coordinating an excellent panel of 'a sample' of human services programs being offered to county residents. At our February membership meeting, Jesse Ellis, Office of the County Executive, kicked off the panel, which consisted of Cheryl Keiper, Department of Family Services; Jamie MacDonald, Community Services Board; Evan Braff, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services; Tom Barnett, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness; Taylor Dixon, Department of Neighborhood and Community Services; and Sharon Arndt, Health Department's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. See the Program section of the Minutes on Page 4 of this bulletin for more information on their talks.

Thank you for staying connected to the Federation and for your support of our work.

Happy Easter, Passover and a beautiful start to Spring.

Tania

Schedule Change for March Federation Meetings

As shown on the Calendar (Page 3), the Federation's Board meeting will be on March 21 and the membership meeting, on March 28. These are changes from the previously published schedules. The locations for those dates are unchanged; therefore, the membership meeting will be held at Braddock Hall.

Fairfax County Budget FY 2014-2015

Facts and figures on the County budget are available for review at www.FairfaxCounty.gov/dmb. The Fairfax County 2014 Advertised Budget Plan was released and posted on February 26, 2013. The Board of Supervisors set the tax rate on March 5. A public hearing is scheduled for April 9. The BOS usually sets the rate the day after the public hearing. The proposed budget calls for a tax increase of 2-cents-per-\$100 of assessed value.

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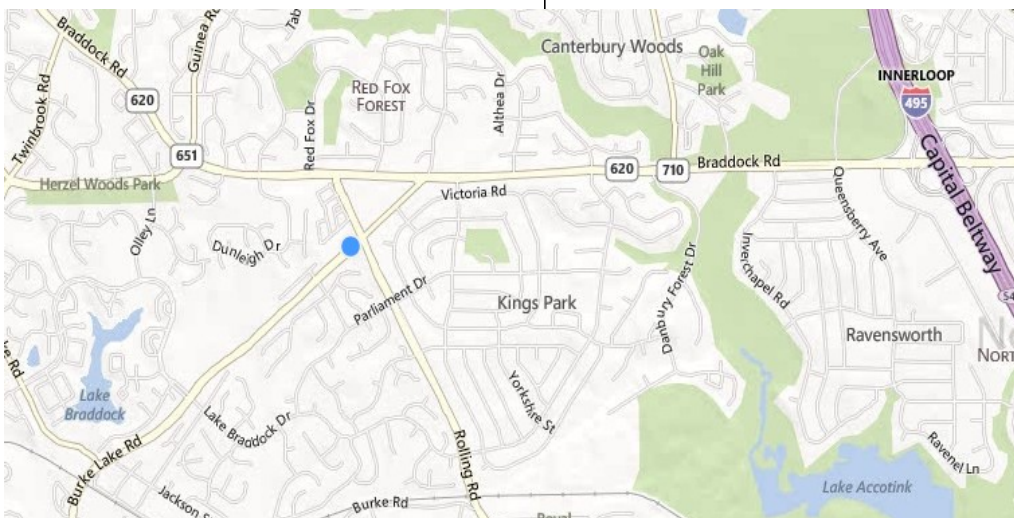
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Directions to Braddock Hall

Take Capital Beltway to west on Braddock Road. Go 2.6 miles on Braddock to left on Burke Lake Road. Go 0.3 miles on Burke Lake, pass Rolling Road. Turn right into second driveway after Rolling Road.



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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 or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

FCFCA Calendar 2012-2013				
Membership Meeting			Board Mtg	
Date	Program	Location	Date	Location
2012				
Jul	no meeting	—	—	—
Aug	no meeting	—	23-Aug	Braddock Hall
20-Sep	Legislation	Kings Park Library Mtg Room	27-Sep	Braddock Hall
18-Oct	Public Safety	Mason Governmental Center	25-Oct	Braddock Hall
15-Nov	Transportation	Hidden Oaks Nature Center	—	—
13-Dec	Environment	Hidden Oaks Nature Center	6-Dec	Marco Polo Restaurant
2013				
17-Jan	School Budget (Kristen Michael)	FCPS Administrative Center	24-Jan	Braddock Hall
21-Feb	Human Services	Mason Governmental Center	28-Feb	Braddock Hall
28-Mar	County Budget	Braddock Hall	21-Mar	Mason Gov't Ctr
7-Apr	Citizen of the Year Banquet	Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner Hotel	25-Apr	FCPS Dunn Loring Center, Room 111
18-Apr	Report from Richmond	Mason Governmental Center		
16-May	Land Use including Tysons Corner Update, Election of Officers	Mason Governmental Center	23-May	Braddock Hall
20-Jun	Picnic, Installation of Officers, State of Fairfax	Annandale Community Park (tentative)	27-Jun	Braddock Hall

- Braddock Hall is at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke
- Mason Governmental Center is at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003
- The FCPS Dunn Loring Center is at 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring
- All meetings start at 7:30 pm, except the picnic, which starts at 6 p.m.

***The Bulletin* (our newsletter) is distributed one week before the Membership Meeting.
The deadline for submissions to *The Bulletin* is the first day of the month of the Membership Meeting.**

Do you want to have an impact?

The Federation is 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 committees that make up the backbone of the Federation please contact the committee chairs, listed below, using the following email addresses:

Budget: Linda Boone & Rob Jackson	FedBudgetChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman	FedAssociationServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein & Tim Thompson ..	FedEducationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Environment: Flint Webb	FedEnvironmentChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson.....	FedHumanServicesChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Land Use: Fred Costello & Matthew Bell.....	FedLandUseChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Legislation: Frank Anderson	FedLegislationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Membership: Tania Hossain.....	FedMembershipChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Public Safety: Melissa Smarr	FedPublicSafetyChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Resolutions: Bill Hanks	FedResolutionsChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org
Transportation: Jeff Parnes	FedTransportationChr2013@fairfaxfederation.org

The committees conduct the bulk of their business by email and formulate positions and suggest actions for consideration by the Board and by the Federation members. 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!

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 21, 2013

The meeting took place at the Mason Governmental Center –
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 3/28/2013](#)

The meeting was called to order by 1st Vice President Rob Jackson at 7:30 pm. Rob introduced Mary Lipsey, President of the non-profit Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association (www.honorfairfaxcemeteries.org). Ms. Lipsey gave us a brief overview of cemeteries in Fairfax County and spoke about the importance of preserving these sites. The Association is looking for volunteers to help preserve and protect Fairfax County's endangered cemeteries.

Program

Human Services Chairs Cherie Lejeune and Morgan Jameson introduced the evening's program and Jesse Ellis as the facilitator for the panel of experts for 'a sample' of human services programs being offered to county residents. Mr. Ellis gave an overview of the various resources available to county residents and thanked the Federation for the opportunity to showcase some human services programs. The panel discussion was started by Cheryl Keiper of the Department of Family Services who spoke on Parenting Programs (more information is available on their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/childreneyouth/parentingresource); Jamie MacDonald of the Community Services Board spoke on Mental Health First Aid (more information is available on their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb); Evan Braff of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services spoke on Community, Teen and Senior Centers (more information is available on their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs); Tom Barnett, Office to Prevent and End Homelessness, spoke on the 100,000 Homes Campaign and Hypothermia Prevention Program (more information is available on their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/real-cost-homelessness.htm); Taylor Dixon of the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services spoke on Athletic Services (more information is available on their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ncs/athletics); and Sharon Arndt of the Health Department's Department of Neighborhood and Community Services spoke on the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax (more information is available on their website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/livehealthy).

Administrative and Organizational Topics

The Bulletin (newsletter): Fred Costello, Editor: The deadline for articles for the February newsletter is February 24.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary: The membership approved the minutes of the January 2013 membership meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel, Treasurer: The board voted to receive and file the report.

Citizen of the Year: Jeff Parnes, COY Chair: Rob Jackson recognized and congratulated the work of the Citizen of the Year Selection Committee and highlighted the accomplishments of the 2012 Citizen of the Year – Pete Murphy and Special Gratitude/Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Kate Hanley. Tania Hossain announced Rose Chu and Phyllis Payne as recipients of the Citation of Merit Award and Kyle Talente as re-

ipient of the Special Gratitude Award. In addition, she mentioned that preliminary announcement has been made to the public and invitations have been sent out.

Old Business

None.

New and Miscellaneous Business

None.

District Council Reports

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

Membership – Open Floor – no report from membership

Braddock District Council: Art Wells reported the following via email: The monthly Braddock District Council (BDC) Membership meeting on February 13th was the BDC's annual "Information Forum" program featuring the West Springfield Police Unit under Captain Joe Hill. He and his officers addressed the overall timely topic of Community Security encompassing eight specific related services. Their presentation, followed by discussion, was well done. The 2014 School and County Budgets will be featured at the March 13th meeting.

The BDC's "Aging in Place" Committee continues to meet twice monthly on the first and third Wednesdays, with increasing interest and participation. At its February 20th meeting two presentations were given on the subjects of "Scams Against Older Adults" and "Legal and Financial Documents." The committee's next meeting will be on March 6th at Braddock Hall.

Lee District Council of Civic Organizations: Chris Soule reported that the next meeting of Lee District is on 2/27, with a presentation on zoning and code enforcement. Our March meeting is 3/13 and our presentation will be on the county and school budgets.

Mason District Council: Roger Hoskins reported that the MDC will be voting on 2 resolutions: an independent auditor for school budgets and a litter resolution. The program will feature the Annandale Chamber of Commerce and the 395 ramp people.

Mount Vernon Council of Civic Associations: Karen Pohorylo—no report.

Providence District Council: Flint Webb sent report via email that the Providence District Council held an organizing meeting on February 19, 2013. Everyone in attendance determined that the PDC had an important role to play in the civic fabric of the community. Half a dozen stepped up to volunteer to set up a meeting this year and the announcement of a Program Committee. There was considerable discussion about whether the Program Committee would have the responsibility of setting up policy for the PDC and for the time being the PDC will not be making any resolutions until the integration between the PDC Board and the newly formed Program Committee can be established. After the next PDC meeting the PDC will return to the policy of having monthly meetings on the third Tuesday evening every month. See <http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/>.

At the March 6 Providence District Council meeting, Supervisor Linda Smyth, School Board Member Patty Reed, and the

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county and school budget staffs will discuss the FY2014 County and school budgets. Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Board elections will take place at 7 pm and the budget presentation will begin at 7:15.

Springfield District Council: Ed Wyse reported that the SDC met on February 19 to hear Supervisory Herrity deliver his State of the County address. His remarks are available at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/springfield/pdf_files/herrity_report/state_of_county_2013.pdf.

Sully District Council of Citizens Associations: Jeff Parnes—no report.

Board & Committee Reports

Budget – Rob Jackson & Linda Boone – Linda Boone gave a brief overview of the next steps for the Federation's review of the County's budget and welcomed membership participation.

Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman: No report.

Education – Leonard Bumbaca, Tim Thompson & Ed Saperstein – On behalf of the Education Committee, Charlie Dane presented the Access4All Resolution for a membership vote. The resolution was referred back to the Education Committee with recommendation to bring to the Board at its February meeting.

Environment - Flint Webb send in report via email in advance of this meeting. His report is as follows:

Uranium Mining – February 19

Uranium mining may be dead in the General Assembly but an article in the E&E News suggests that the lobbyists have taken the fight to Governor McDonnell.

Traces of Anxiety Drug Affect Behavior in Fish – February 14

Researchers in Sweden found fish exposed to Oxazepam anti-anxiety medications became less social. The Federation's Legislative Program urges research and ensuing legislation to mitigate pharmaceutical and endocrine disrupter pollution in Virginia waters. For further information about the Swedish research see www.nytimes.com/2013/02/15/science/traces-of-anxiety-drug-may-affect-fish-behavior-study-shows.html?_r=1&.

EPA Invites Communities to Apply for Smart Growth Assistance – February 13

The EPA put a call out to communities that would like Smart Growth Implementation Assistance (SGIA). The program will provide assistance in four areas:

1. Community Resilience to Disasters and Climate Change – Projects should aim to develop planning principles and building design guidelines that ensure future development provides communities with better protection against storms, floods, and other natural disasters.
2. Redevelopment for Job Creation – Projects should aim to support growing industries that provide quality jobs for existing residents using land use policies that direct development to existing neighborhoods, are pedestrian-friendly, allow for transit connections, and are close to businesses and public services.
3. Manufactured and Modular Homes in Sustainable Neighborhood Design – Projects should help communities that are using manufactured and modular homes to address sudden popula-

tion and economic growth. These communities should provide a mix of uses and maximize existing streets and other infrastructure investments, community gathering spaces, and water and energy efficiency.

4. Medical and Social Service Facilities Siting – Projects should aim to explore planning for high-quality community service facilities, including health care centers and social services centers, in ways that support neighborhood economic development and healthy communities.

For more information on the SGIA program and applications visit <http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/sgia.htm>. For more information on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities visit www.sustainablecommunities.gov

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee, Technical Advisory Committee – February 12

1. Tier 3 tailpipe emission standards: EPA is in the process of developing tailpipe emission standards for cars and light-duty trucks. The emissions of heavy-duty trucks will also be affected by revised fuel sulfur standards. The rule is expected to include tailpipe emission standards for oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), reactive volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulates (PM) and will lower the sulfur content limits for gasoline to allow for use of 3-way catalyst controls. The rule is expected to lower NO_x emissions from existing vehicles by 25%. The reduction in current vehicles' emissions is achieved by the introduction of cleaner fuels. The rule is projected to be published in the Federal Register this March. The TAC approved a letter for action by the MWAQC to go to EPA endorsing the new standards.

2. New roadside air quality monitors: EPA is requiring States (including the District of Columbia) to install roadside ambient air quality monitors. One of the new Virginia monitors will be installed near the mixing bowl. The exact location of the new monitor has not been determined yet but it is expected that wherever the new monitors will go they are likely to be among the highest reading monitors in the region. The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) has upgraded all the ozone monitors so that the QA/QC can be done overnight.

3. Mobile emissions budget: The VOC and NO_x budgets are projected to continue to drop due to new tailpipe emissions standards but are projected to start increasing again in 2040 as the area continues to grow. Due to changes the mobile emissions budget will need to go through a second round of public review.

4. Ana Prados was re-appointed to the TAC representing the Federation. Other stakeholder representatives come from the Edison Electric Institute, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority and the Department of Defense.

For more information see www.mwcog.org/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=97.

First Round of Public Meetings Fairfax Connector Silver Line, Phase 1 Bus Service Plan – January 31 - February 11

The Fairfax Connector held a number of public hearings on the proposed bus service changes that will take place once the Silver Line to Wiehle Road has opened in December of this year. There will be 12 new Fairfax Connector routes; 21 existing routes (41% of all Connector routes) will be modified; and six routes will be discontinued. Many of the routes being modi-

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fied had been terminating at the West Falls Church Metro stations – they now will terminate at the Wiehle Road Metro station instead. Other routes that will be modified are routes that had terminated at the Tyson's Westpark Park and Ride and those will terminate at one of the Tyson's area Metro Stations instead. The discontinued routes are duplicated by Metro Service or some of the new routes. The time between Silver Line trains is expected to be 6 minutes during rush hour; the same as the current and future Orange Line. To accommodate Silver Line trains going through the Rosslyn tunnel the Blue Line frequency will be decreased or some Blue Line Trains may terminate at the Rosslyn Metro Station. The Connector expects that there will be no increased cost to the system as a result of the changes and in fact they are expecting the time between buses will decrease due to the shorter bus runs. The plan will be taken up by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in July. For more information see the Fairfax Connector Silver Line, Phase 1 Bus Service Plan web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/connector/routes/dullesrail/.

Friends of Accotink Creek (FACc) – February 4

The FACc has started planning the Sustainable Living Presentations as part of the Lands and Waters Grant. There are four specific topics being developed:

Stormwater Management @ Home: This program would involve having professionals look at stormwater management issues at individual homes or neighborhoods and discuss remedies including rough cost estimates.

Composting for Your Home: Discuss options for composting household food scraps and how to use home compost.

What is a RPA and What You Can and Can't Do: This will be a basic primer on Resource Protection Areas.

Permeable Pavers: This will discuss the different types of porous pavers and how they could be use in your yards.

Native Plant Landscaping: This will be a basic introduction to the wonderful native plants and how they could be used in your yard.

All these programs are in development but may be available to your homeowner or civic association later this year. If your HOA or CA would like to receive any of these presentations contact Flint Webb, the Federation Environment Chair, and he will put you in touch with the folks preparing the presentations.

Federation Board Meeting – January 24

The Federation Board was treated to an excellent presentation about the litter clogging up our streams from Elizabeth Martin. The presentation has been sent to be posted on the Environmental Committee Federation web page www.fairfaxfederation.org/environment1.htm. The Board requested additional information and failed to act on the proposed resolution. One of the new issues discussed in the debate surrounding the litter resolution was the problem of shopping carts being discarded in the streams. Replacing shopping carts are a significant cost to commercial businesses in the area and are also difficult to remove from our stream valleys. There was also a discussion about requiring businesses to charge for shopping bags; several bag bills were introduced this year but they died in committee. This issue will be re-introduced in conjunction with the 2014 Legislative Program.

Friends of Accotink Creek (FACc) – January 22

The FACc has been given a grant from Lands and Waters. The Grant includes three parts:

Sustainable living Presentations: Prepare a set of presentations for Homeowner Associations, Civic Associations, and District Councils on a number of environmental issues.

Community Engagement: Originally the concept was outreach to specific HOAs and homeowners to explain the need for stormwater easements so the County can go forward on projects that are being held up due to lack of necessary easements.

Filing for 501(c)(3) status: This will require preparation of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. The organization will be a member organization. There was some discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of registering as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) organization but the upshot was that the advantages of being able to get tax deductible donations outweighed the limitation on political activity.

FACc also had a tour of a construction site to identify issues with the stormwater management procedures. The plan is to develop a cadre of citizen inspectors that could help the County identify improper stormwater management at construction sites to help extend oversight capability.

FACc has also started planning for the spring stream cleanups and would like to use the cleanups to educate the public about other issues in our streams including erosion, invasive plants, rare and endangered native plants, and hazards such as poison ivy. The plan is to have a designated person to walk the stream with the volunteers to point out things along the way.

FACc officially signed their position supporting EPA's attempt to regulate peak flow as a surrogate for sediment loading.

Upcoming Meetings:

February 25 – Monthly Meeting of Friends of Accotink Creek. 7 pm Audrey Moore Rec Center, 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale, VA 22003. See www.accotink.org/.

February 25 - State Implementation Plan Revision - 1997 Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards. 7 pm, Fairfax County Government Center, in conference room 2/3. For further information see <http://townhall.virginia.gov/ViewNotice.cfm?GNID=438>.

February 26 – Master Naturalist training program starts. The training includes 40 hours of training meeting on Mondays. For more information see www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/fairfax.html#training.

February 28 – Air & Waste Management Association, Baltimore -Washington Chapter meeting. Dr. Ana Prados (Federation MWAQC TAC representative) will describe using satellite data to monitor air quality. 6:30 – 9:30 pm, National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) offices located at 444 North Capitol Street, NW - Suite 307- Washington, DC 20001. Conflicts with the Federation Board meeting so I will be missing the February Board meeting.

Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – no further report

Land Use - Fred Costello & Matt Bell – Fred Costello reported that the Reston Plan has stalled right now.

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Legislation – Frank Anderson – no report. Tania Hossain reported that the Federation’s legislative agenda generated some action on the part of members and attention on the part of legislators.

Membership – Tania Hossain welcomed Sleepy Hollow Civic Association and Glen Haven Farms HOA

Public Safety – Melissa Smarr – no report

Resolutions – Bill Hanks reported that the litter resolution was not ready for review per the President.

Transportation: Jeff Parnes – no report

Website – Jeff Parnes — no report

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm by presiding Officer Rob Jackson, 1st Vice President.

Next Meetings

Next Board meeting is on March 21 (Budget) at Mason Governmental Center; next Membership meeting with guest speaker Fairfax County Executive Ed Long is on March 28 (Approval of the Federation’s FY 2014 Fairfax County Budget Resolution) at Braddock Hall.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Tania Hossain
Secretary Pro Temp*

Real Estate Tax Assessment

The Fairfax County Department of Tax Administration (DTA) begins mailing 352,234 real estate assessment notices to County taxpayers at the end of February. The notices were sent to all property owners of taxable parcels in the County. Of the 352,234 taxable parcels in the County, 276,121 had some value change. The remaining taxable parcels have no change in their 2013 real estate assessment. Please visit the county’s website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/realesstatetax_2013_noacsmailed.htm for more information.

Your Community, Your Call

View the most recent Your Community, Your Call, The Impact of Recent Case Law on Mondays at 8 p.m. on Fairfax County Government Channel 16 or on www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/your_community.htm. Recently, Jeremy Moss, attorney with Mercer Trigiani, and Paul Orlando, VP of Service First Management and Consulting, Inc. joined Michelle Thompson to discuss the impact of recent case law on a board’s authority to enforce violations.

Common Interest Community Associations

A View from Richmond: A conversation about Regulation, Legislation and Recent Case Law www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/presentations/wmccai.pdf

Allowing income-controlled studio apartments

As reported by Kali Schumitz at: <http://www.fairfaxtimes.com/article/20130220/NEWS/130229651/1064/fairfax-county-considers-allowing-income-controlled-studio-apartments&template=fairfaxTimes>

Fairfax County wants more studio and efficiency apartments to be built in the county. Private developers are allowed to build market-rate studio or efficiency units in commercial buildings; however, the developers have chosen not to build them. The County wants to change the zoning ordinance so non-profit companies and other organizations can provide the units.

Under the ordinance change, occupants of the units would be limited to low-income people. Of the units, 70% would be for those earning less than \$60,000 (i.e., 50% of the area median income) and the other 30%, for those earning less than \$84,000 (70% of the area median income). The buildings would consist exclusively of studio apartments. The apartments would have a maximum of 500 sq.ft. and would include a kitchen and bathroom. Up to 75 rental units would be allowed per lot. Institutions such as churches, that are on residentially zoned land, could construct such facilities.

The Board of Supervisors is supportive of the concept, but some have concerns about allowing these types of facilities in neighborhoods of single-family homes, about the change in the ordinance making legal currently illegal boarding houses, and about allowing people to construct rental apartments in their homes.

According to the Fairfax Times article, “programs in other areas have successfully used this type of housing, paired with supportive services like financial literacy programs, job counseling and substance abuse or mental health treatment, to help bring people out of homelessness and into a more stable living situation.”

The Board of Supervisors will consider adopting the zoning amendment in late spring.

The Federation’s March Membership Program

Join the Federation at its March Membership meeting to a discussion with County Executive Ed Long the various nuances and impact of the County’s FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan. All residents are welcomed to attend. In addition, the Federation welcomes your feedback and insights on the County’s FY 2014 Advertised Budget Plan via email to Budget Committee Chairs – Rob Jackson and Linda Boone:

fedbudgetchr2013@fairfaxfederation.org.

Cell Towers

The FCC is considering having the Federal government decide where to put cell towers. The FCC wants to ensure that accessibility by cell phone is not limited by local considerations. After the official language is published, you will be able to comment to the FCC at <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Currently, cell towers are installed upon agreement of the developer and landowner, as approved by the County Board of Supervisors. Frequently, exceptions to the zoning ordinance are needed.

2012-2013 Federation Members

The Federation is honored to be joined by associations throughout Fairfax County. We will continue to add our members to this list as associations join. The Federation welcomes all citizens associations in Fairfax County to join in membership in our collective effort to be an effective voice on behalf of residents to local, state, and federal officials. For your convenience, our membership application is located on Page 8 of this newsletter and online our website at:

www.fairfaxfederation.org/membership1.htm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Adams Walk HOA
Barcroft Square HOA
Bel Air Civic Association
Chantilly Highlands Homes Association
Civic Association of West Springfield Village
Colvin Glen Citizens Association
County Club View Civic Association
Glen Haven Farms HOA
Groveton Civic Association
Hillbrook Tall Oaks Civic Association
Holmes Run Acres Civic Association
Huntington Grove II HOA
Innisfree Community Association
Jefferson Manor Citizens Association
Lafayette Village Community Association
Mantua Citizens Association
McLean Citizens Association
Middle Run Estates HOA
Middleridge Civic Association
Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association
North Springfield Civic Association
Oak Hill Citizens Association
Oakwood Estates at Manderley
Parklawn Civic Association
Pimmit Hills Citizens Association
Ravenwood Park Community Association
Reston Citizens Association
Skyline House Unit Owners Association
Sleepy Hollow Civic Association
Stone Haven Civic Association
Stratford on the Potomac
Sunset Manor Civic Association
Tysons Manor HOA
Walnut Hill HOA
Wayneood Citizens Association
Wilburdale Civic Association

IRS Tax Tips

You might be one of the thousands that will receive suspicious emails, phone calls, faxes, or notices claiming to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS.) Don't be fooled! These scammers are hoping to trick you into revealing personal and financial information. For more information please visit the county's consumer protection website www.fairfaxcounty.gov/consumer/education.

Conversation on Education

All are invited to attend the McLean Citizens Association's Conversation on Education on Monday, April 8, 2013 from 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM in Lecture Hall 187 at the McLean High School, which is located at 1633 Davidson Road, McLean, VA 22101.

The meeting will feature remarks by three key leaders and decision makers on education policy and financing issues that affect McLean: Cluster I Assistant Superintendent Marty Smith, Dranesville District School Board member Jane Strauss, and Dranesville member of the Board of Supervisors John Foust. Their opening remarks will be followed by an extended question and answer period.

Fairfax County Budget Town Hall Meetings

The County's proposed budget will be presented and discussed according to the following schedule (some dates will have passed when you get this bulletin):

Braddock District: Supervisor John Cook & School Board member Megan McLaughlin will host two Town Hall meetings to discuss the budget on March 18, 7:30 pm at Little Run Elementary School, 4511 Olley Lane, Fairfax; and April 2, 7:30 pm at Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax

Dranesville District: Supervisor John Foust will host community budget meetings in McLean (March 12 at 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center), Great Falls (April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Great Falls Library), and Herndon (April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Herndon Town Council Chambers).

Hunter Mill District: March 27th @ 7pm in Rooms 3 & 4, Reston Community Center, 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston; and April 6th @ 10am, Vienna Town Center, 120 Cherry St, SE, Vienna.

Lee District: March 13 @ 7pm at Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria, VA 22310

Mason District: Mason District Budget Town Meeting, featuring County Executive Long will be held on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Mount Vernon: To be determined

Providence District: On Wednesday, March 6, Supervisor Linda Smyth, School Board Member Patty Reed and the county and school budget staffs will discuss the FY2014 county and school budgets. The meeting will start at 7 pm, in Room 111 of the Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Springfield District: March 6th @ 7pm at West Springfield Office, 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

Sully District: March 13th @ 7pm in LITTLE THEATER at Rocky Run Middle School, 4400 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly, VA 20151.

For more information on the budget, please visit the County's website at www.fairfaxcounty.gov.

Citizen of the Year Awards Winners

Citizen of the Year:

Peter Murphy

Pete Murphy is one of the most distinguished citizens of Fairfax County. He is best known as a member of the Fairfax County Planning Commission for over 30 years, its chairman over 20 years, and the host of the Planning Commission Roundtable television program for the past 10 years. He has led the Planning Commission with fairness, professionalism and a sense of humor. He has contributed much time to Celebrate Fairfax, Inc., and many other organizations. Pete has already been recognized for his contributions to civic responsibility by numerous other local groups with their awards. It is appropriate for the Fairfax Federation to recognize him for this unparalleled body of service to Fairfax County.

Citations of Merit:

Rose Chu

Rose is a long time resident of Fairfax County. She has worked tirelessly in outreach with the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia (CAPAVA), which seeks to advance the cause of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) in the Commonwealth of Virginia by participating actively and fully as civic-minded citizens engaged in the areas of education, culture, public health, elections, and civil liberties. As a founding member of CAPAVA, Rose has been devoted to its work since 2002. Rose's contribution to CAPAVA's work has been exemplary in its endeavor to provide the Asian Community with a platform for discussion, action, and solution. Under her leadership, CAPAVA collaborated with over 15 grassroots organizations in 2005 to conduct a first-time APAs candidates' forum held in Virginia. It was attended by over 500 APAs with participation by 21 northern Virginia candidates.

Phyllis Payne

Phyllis has been working for more than a decade to educate citizens—inside and outside of Fairfax County—about the health impacts of sleep. She has demonstrated strong leadership skills through her efforts with Start Later for Excellence in Education Proposal (SLEEP). She continuously works in a positive manner to build coalitions and maintain collaborative relationships with a broad range of associations at all levels of the community. Phyllis has spoken repeatedly on behalf of teens before local groups like PTAs, before elected officials including the School Board, Board of Supervisors, and the Virginia House of Delegates, and via her work on appointed authorities such as school board advisory committees. She is a tireless advocate for actions, both legislative and administrative, which further healthy school start times for all students. Phyllis' sustained, ongoing, unwavering efforts on behalf of healthy sleep make her worthy of a citation of merit.

Lifetime Achievement/Special Gratitude Award:

Kate Hanley

For nearly four decades, Kate has been a passionate and tireless public servant whose actions and leadership have helped transform Northern Virginia into a community that is envied throughout the country. She has been a champion of the Tysons redevelopment, expansion of human services and homeless prevention, access to the arts, electoral reform, education, and health care issues. Kate is a long-term resident of Fairfax

County and currently lives in Reston with her husband, Ed. She began her civic activism as a Vice Chairman, later President of the Holmes Run Woods and Crossing Civic Association. During this time, Kate served on the Fairfax County School Board. In 1986 she was elected to represent the Providence District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. She held this position until she was elected Chairman of the Board of Supervisors in 1995. Kate served as Chairman of Fairfax County for three terms from 1995 to 2003, a period of explosive growth and transformation. As Chairman, Kate made significant contributions to our community, starting the first youth-violence commission to address the growing threat of gang activity, pushing for critical transportation projects such as Rail to Dulles, and leading the effort to redevelop Tysons Corner. It was under Kate's leadership that Fairfax County was named "Best Managed County." In further recognition of her significant contributions, Washingtonian Magazine named Kate "Washingtonian of the Year" in 2000, and in 2002, she received the "Distinguished Service Award" from the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington. Following her service on the Board of Supervisors, Kate was appointed Secretary of the Commonwealth by Governor Tim Kaine, a position that she held from 2006 to 2009. In this capacity, Kate was an advocate for election reform and restoration of voting rights.

Special Gratitude Award:

Kyle Talente

Lee District resident Kyle Talente is worthy of recognition for his major volunteer contributions to improving the Richmond Highway corridor in Fairfax County. The county portion of Richmond Highway (Route 1) winds all the way from the city of Alexandria to the Occoquan River on the southern border of the county. In continuous use since our colonial days, Richmond Highway is a growing economic force in our county's economy. Kyle's efforts to improve the corridor have contributed to improving business vitality of the region and to making our historic road more attractive. He has shown strong and visionary leadership during eight years on the board of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC) (2005-2012), culminating in his service as President for the last 3 years (2010-2012). He has proven consistently knowledgeable and articulate on issues and options related to corridor development."

Your Invitation to the Sixty-Third Annual Awards Banquet

The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations and Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) request the pleasure of your company at the Sixty-Third Annual Awards Banquet on Sunday, the Seventh of April at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner Hotel 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Virginia 22102. .

Reception will start at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Program will start at 6:30 p.m. The Federation thanks you for joining in honoring these outstanding leaders at the Sixty-Third Annual Awards Banquet.

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