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Federation Membership Meeting

Thursday, May 15, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Mason Government Center
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003

Topic: Annual Meeting, Election of Officers

**Expansion of the Lorton Construction
Debris Landfill and the Green Energy Park in
Lorton**



Federation Board Meeting

May 22, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.
Hidden Oaks Nature Center

President's Message

Greetings to all our Federation Members, Officers, and Board Members:

Is it time for a boycott of the Virginia tourism industry?

Yet again, the General Assembly killed a bill that would repeal the so-called "Kings Dominion Law," that prohibits public school divisions from starting classes before Labor Day. (In all fairness, Kings Dominion no longer supports the ban.) In 2014, the House of Delegates once more passed a bill repealing the law, but the Senate Health & Education Committee killed it. Shame on them.

Virginia is one of a very few states that prohibit public schools from starting classes before Labor Day, and, to make matters worse, our law is crafted so that more than 70 Virginia school divisions can get waivers regularly and start early. But the law is written so that Fairfax County cannot qualify for a waiver.

This law is important because an earlier start to fall classes would give students more instruction time before they must take important standardized tests in the spring, including AP, IB and SOLs. Kids from other school systems that can set their own start date, including our many excellent private schools, have an advantage over FCPS students. That's not fair.

The argument goes: Delaying school opening until after Labor Day extends the vacation season and puts more money in the state treasury. This argument is a canard. If school starts earlier, it ends earlier. People will still vacation. And if a late start for school puts more money in state and local coffers, why do most states allow pre-Labor Day starting dates? Why does the Virginia General Assembly allow more 70 school divisions to begin classes earlier? The Kings Dominion Law is designed to harm Fairfax County.

In sum, the law is based on fraudulent arguments and is internally unfair. It's time to repeal the law for Fairfax County or for county residents to consider stop spending vacation dollars in the Commonwealth. Why should Fairfax County residents help support an industry that supports a law that harms Fairfax County students, while protecting many other students around the Commonwealth? It's about time for the Federation to consider a resolution urging a boycott of the Virginia tourism industry unless and until the Kings Dominion Law is repealed.

What do our members think?

Best regards,
Rob

Lorton Landfill: Construction Demolition Debris

The County is considering a proposal to greatly expand the Lorton landfill. The neighbors object. Part of the interest in expanding is the inclusion of demonstration projects for green energy. The proposal can be found at:

http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/furnaceassoc/sea/april_21_2014_soj.pdf

The subject will be discussed at the May 15 Federation meeting.

Meeting Announcements

The Federation is now on meetup.com. Sign up on meetup.com to get the latest meeting information.

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FCFCA Calendar 2013-2014				
Membership Meeting			Board Mtg	
Date	Program	Location	Date	Location
2013				
Jul	no meeting	—	—	—
Aug	no meeting	—	22-Aug	Braddock Hall
19-Sep	Membership discussion and vote on Federation resolutions	Mason Governmental Center, Main Conference Room (MCR)	26-Sep	Braddock Hall
17-Oct	Legislative Package	Mason Governmental Center, Large Conference Room (LCR)	24-Oct	Braddock Hall
21-Nov	Public Safety–New Police Chief; Final vote on Legislative Package	Mason Governmental Center (MCR)	—	—
Dec	no meeting	—	5-Dec	Hokkaido Sea-
2014				
16-Jan	School Budget	FCPS Administration Center	30-Jan	Hidden Oaks Na-
20-Feb	Stormwater Budget	Braddock Hall	27-Feb	Hidden Oaks Na-
27-Mar	County Budget	Mason Governmental Center (MCR)	20-Mar	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
10-Apr	no meeting	—	24-Apr	Hidden Oaks Na-
27-Apr	Citizen of the Year Banquet	Crowne-Plaza Hotel Tysons Corner, McLean		
15-May	Clean Construction-Debris Landfill, the Green Energy Park; also Annual Meeting with Election of Officers	Mason Governmental Center (MCR)	22-May	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
19-Jun	Picnic, Installation of Officers, State of Fairfax	Annandale Community Park	26-Jun	Braddock Hall

Braddock Hall is at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

All meetings start at 7:30 pm, except at 6:30 pm on Jun 19 (the picnic).

The deadline for submissions to *The Bulletin* (our newsletter) is the first day of the month for that month's issue.

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	FedBudgetChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
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Land Use: Fred Costello & Matthew Bell.....	FedLandUseChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
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Transportation: Karen Camplin & Jeff Parnes.....	FedTransportationChr2014@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!

Building Your Community

Your Community, Your Call: Why is building community important? What are some successful best practices for building community? How can communities do a better job of addressing the intergenerational needs of communities? Tune to Fairfax County Government Channel 16 on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m., for the live TV program, Your Community, Your Call: Building Community. This is your opportunity to call in or e-mail your questions related to homeowner or condominium association management or living.

Michelle L. Thompson of the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch; Marla Diaz, attorney with the law firm of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP; and Victoria Garner, Senior Community Manager with Cardinal Management Group, Inc., will respond to your live calls and emails during the hour. Please call 703-818-1445 during the show or e-mail your questions ahead of time to ycyc@fairfaxcounty.gov. To view the live broadcast online visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/live_stream.asx

New on the Federation Website

Home page: FY2015 budget testimony; April board meeting agenda and draft March Membership meeting minutes; 2014 State Legislative Program Post Mortem; Citizen of the Year sponsors; Citizen of the Year Table Sponsor; Twitter feed; announcements of May's membership and board meetings, including Membership Meeting topic

Environment: May report; May topic; link to Tysons Park Planning; 2014 Virginia Environmental Legislation Priorities; Project Clean Stream

Land Use: noise and group assembly meetings; Tysons Park Planning

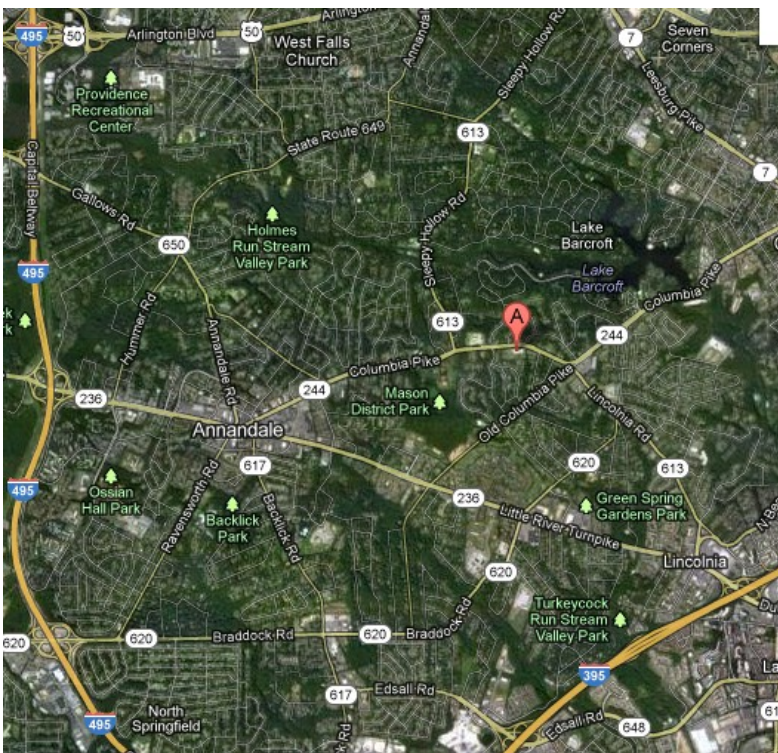
Legislation: 2014 State Legislative Program Post Mortem review, package and video testimony

Keep Your Association Information Up-to-Date

Fairfax County lists approximately 2500 Community Associations (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/internet/assoc.htm>). Be sure your association keeps its contact information up to date, using <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/opa/houpdate.htm>.

Directions to the Mason Government Center

From I-495 (the Beltway), Take the Little River Turnpike East towards Annandale exit. Follow Little River Turnpike into Downtown Annandale. Turn LEFT at the traffic light at John Marr Drive. At the next traffic light, turn RIGHT onto Columbia Pike. Follow Columbia Pike past the Mason District Park (on your right). The Mason Governmental Center is on your right, in the same building as the Police Station, 0.5 miles past the park entrance .



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Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at FedBulletinEditor2014@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 or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

Testimony on Fairfax County FY 2015 Budget

On April 8, Rob Jackson, President of the Federation, presented to the Board of Supervisors the following summary of the Federation's budget resolution:

- Maintain and don't increase the existing \$1.085 tax rate – the increased assessments constitute a significant tax increase that is much higher than the average (2.1%) increase in residents' income
 - Fairfax County cannot go back to the days where spending and tax increases annually outpaced growth in residents' income – this year must not be a precedent
- We support a 50/50 split of the increased revenues between FCPS and County services
 - Federation believes FCPS justified a need for more funds
 - Federation recognizes that this decision would result in reductions on the County side from what Ed Long proposed
- Despite significant mismanagement of our Libraries, which we will address in a separate resolution, we support adding \$2 M to the Libraries' budget
- We urge continued caution in borrowing so as to keep debt service costs reasonable; matching recurring requirements with sustainable and recurring sources of revenue; and inclusion of debt service cost information about EDA bonds in future budgets
- We request the county appoint a blue ribbon commission to study the effect of increasing the retirement age on the near-and long-term pension costs and the impact on staffing
- Besides keeping the real estate tax rate flat, the BoS should
 - Look at all possible sources of revenue, including meals tax, BPOL, increasing residential permitting fees, SACC fees
 - Use its statutory powers to impose a transportation impact fee to pay for the additional needs caused by development
 - Ensure new transportation revenues collected from fuel and related taxes be used to alleviate congestion on county roads
- Process-wise:
 - Create a countywide citizens advisory committee on the budget and individual budget committees in those magisterial districts lacking them
 - Release the County Executive's proposed budget at least 60 days before budget hearings begin
 - Continue to hold a series of outreach meetings throughout the county to solicit community input on spending priorities
 - Publish five-year budget goals
 - Establish an inventory of all public-private partnerships that may expose taxpayers to unexpected budget obligations, and establish a process that ensures broad public discussion of any partnership that may entail hidden risks for taxpayers
 - Require all Performance Measurement results in departmental budgets and Lines of Business documents, the latter of which needs to be updated, be reported in terms of accomplishments/results

The County's Approved 2015 Budget

The county budget was approved on April 29. The combination of an increase in assessed value of real estate and an increase in the tax rate results in an average increase in real estate taxes of 7%, well above the 2.1% rate on increase in average income in the county. The increase was necessary to overcome the shortfall in funding relative to the budgeted expenditures. Budgeted expenditures increase 3.3% from FY2014. In addition, revenue from commercial real estate decreased, so homeowners are also covering this lost revenue..

The final budget is not yet in a neat form. You can start with the advertised budget, but you must then review the subsequent documents to track the changes. All of the documents are available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/>.

The Federation's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on various parts of the budget can be found at: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/resolutions/ResolutionFY2015CountyBudgetAppr140327.pdf>.

The Federation had recommended that the tax rate be held constant so that the real-estate tax would increase 6.54%, rather than 7%.

Funds to Improve Your Neighborhood

The Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program<<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cex/nepp/>> (NEPP) is currently seeking proposals for the FY 2015 funding cycle. The NEPP funding opportunity is a County of Fairfax competitive application process to enhance the quality of life in neighborhoods by supporting projects and initiatives that assist in achieving the county's vision elements. A total of \$100,000 is available in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 for the Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program. Through a competitive process, awards up to \$5,000 will be made on a one-time basis to selected projects. The Application, Frequently Asked Questions and additional information is available at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cex/nepp/>. Proposals are due by Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at 11:00 AM.

Potential applicants are encouraged to participate in one of the two Pre-Proposal Conferences to be held on Tuesday, May 6th (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM) at the Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, 6488 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria, VA 22315, and Tuesday, May 13th (6:30 PM - 7:30 PM) at the Pennino Building, 12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th Floor Virginia Room Fairfax, VA 22035. For more information, please contact Andrew Janos in the Department for Human Services at andrew.janos@fairfaxcounty.gov or at 703-324-5307.

Apartments in Your Neighborhood

The Planning Commission's Residential Studio Unit Committee is meeting on May 27, 2014, at 7pm in Conference Rooms 9 and 10 of the Government Center. This is a working meeting, although comments can be submitted by email at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/rsu/rsu.htm>. The latest working document can be found at http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/rsu/4_9_14_draft_res_studio_amendment.pdf. This document allows Residential Studio Units in areas that are zoned at densities of R-12 or greater.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2014

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 5/15/2014](#)

The March meeting of the membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Rob Jackson at 7:35 p.m. at the Mason Government Center (6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003).

Administrative Matters

Minutes—It was moved and seconded that the minutes March Membership Meeting be approved. The motion passed on a voice vote and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report—Scott Schlegel presented his report, receipt and filing was moved by Ms. Thurmond and seconded by Mr. Goldberg. After a voice vote, the report was filed for the record.

Citizen of the Year—Tania Hossain, chairman of the event, noted that invitations had been sent and encouraged attendees to RSVP quickly. The 2013 Citizen of the Year honoree is Janyce Hedetniemi. Citation of Merit honorees are Tena Bluhm and Kathy Kaplan. Special Gratitude honorees are Congressman Jim Moran, Congressman Frank Wolf, and Delegate Jim Scott. Information is on the website about the event. Members need to market tables for the banquet. Sponsor levels are on the website also as well as the brochure. We continue to look for sponsors.

Bulletin—Input to the Bulletin is due on April 1.

There was no other urgent business for the membership.

Program: FY2015 Budget Presentation

Ms. Boone introduced County Executive Ed Long and Deputy Director Department of Management and Budget Joe Mondoro who presented an overview and highlights of the FY2015 advertised budget. Sequestration has ended for now but continues to impact the economy in the county. The General Assembly bill concerning transportation passed last year which provides \$125M to the county for transportation projects. Multi-year budget approach is working. New CIP review process has been undertaken by the schools and county to look at infrastructure needs. The utility rate for Stormwater Division will increase to \$.0375 over the next 5 years. An IT Plan will be coming next year for technology needs as well as Public Safety needs.

Items of concern about the budget include that real estate values are not back to 2008 levels. Mr. Long does not want to approve anything in upcoming budgets that cannot be sustained. There will be continuing challenges to fully fund FCPS and county employee compensation.

The county has cut so much in past years, but we have now identified a core level of services. The extra \$20M in cuts that the Board of Supervisors asked for are significant – libraries, school readiness, etc.—areas where the advertised budget had put extra funding for FY2015.

Jobs are slowly starting to increase, however, the unemployment rate inched up to 4% last month. New jobs in the county have changed from high paying ones to construction or other lower paying ones.

AAA bond rating saves the county money. The last bond sale garnered a 2.84% rate. There was a watch issued by one of the rating agencies because of three reasons: the county used onetime money for recurring expenses; the level of reserves should be increased from 7-8% currently to 15-20%; and there was concern about the liability gap of the retirement system – Mr. Long commented that the county would grow those funds from 72% to be 80%. Revenues are not growing as they have in the past; the new normal is smaller increases in revenue.

The Business and Professional Occupational License (BPOL) revenues are lower than expected, no other extra revenue sources except to ask for a referendum to allow a meals tax. The meals tax failed two times with voters already. Reduced revenue growth is the new normal. Further, 63% of revenue comes from real estate taxes. We don't have magic ways to increase revenue.

Increased home values have resulted in an average 6.54% increase in real estate assessments; with no commercial real estate increased values and high vacancy rates. Need to increase commercial real estate values and reduce vacancy rates.

The Board of Supervisors approved an advertised real estate rate that is 2 cents more than the current rate, or \$1.105. They did that to allow room for discussion of possible increases in the adopted budget.

School budget comprises 52.1% of county expenditures. Support for schools has not wavered. Since 2009 over 650 county cuts were made—police fire, DFS, etc. The Schools have traditionally gotten a fair share of any revenue increases.

The Schools budget request was for a 5.7% increase while the Advertised budget allows for a 2% increase in funding. There is a gap in funding the schools, which did not include an estimated \$30M from the state budget.

A market pay study for county employees revealed that the fire department was out of market, so a 3% pay increase is in the budget. The Board wants to consider a 2% increase for county employees. The Board has to consider what is sustainable for FY2016 and beyond. Pay is important to recruit and retain quality employees and teachers.

The 911 call center equipment must be replaced at a cost of \$5M. Computer aided dispatch terminals will cost \$11M. Increased public assistance caseloads transferred from state must be funded. The

Community Funding Pool resources help community organizations serve residents.

Mr. Long stated in the future that if we build a facility, we must be able to staff it. Buildings under construction now will be staffed.

World Police and Fire Games are coming next year, June 27-July 5, and will be an international event. Funding to support the games is required along with lots of volunteers. Opening ceremony will be at RFK Stadium; the athletes' village will be in Reston and athletic events will take place in Virginia, the District and Maryland.

The budget assumptions for the FY2016 budget will be offered by the Board when it adopts the FY2015 budget. The level of

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the schools transfer and county employee compensation projections are always included. Mr. Long opened the floor for questions.

Q: What technology upgrades are needed in police cars?

A: New terminals are needed.

Q: Additional revenue—what are other possible revenue enhancements? User fees? Carryover amounts?

A: Fees get updated or reviewed annually. The Board of Supervisors asked to look at SAC fee increases this year. Meals tax could be done—requires a voter referendum. Residential permits fee of \$25 fee could be added. The county must have a balanced budget. Emergencies happen. Mr. Long feels the county is running too close on revenue estimates. Reserves are used for true emergencies only. Rainy day fund can only be used when projected revenues fall by \$55M and then the Board can only take half of the amount from the rainy day reserve. In 2009 the county had to dip into the rainy day fund.

Q: What will county look like in a decade?

A: Diverse community, migration of new residents is at the lower end of income scale. Some new industries are coming to the county such as genome and genetics industries. We will also need technology companies to run “big data”. Town centers like Reston and Tysons will increase as well as density; additional growth in Springfield and Merrifield; more communication and outreach to community; and more urbanization in general.

Q: Vacant buildings—east county human services building—why not use existing building instead of building a new one?

A: Leased space is expensive. Hard to get large properties together to build something, but sometimes it is necessary.

Q: Verizon will not maintain boxes at the 911 Center because of their age. Why?

A: We need to replace the boxes which Verizon will then maintain.

Q: What are the health care and pension requirements for county employees?

A: Volume 2 of the budget has contribution rates for employees and the retirement programs for each class of employee. New employees cannot retire before age 55, rule of 85, with a defined benefit plan.

Q: Feds went from defined benefit to a small defined benefit but larger defined contribution plan?

A: That could be expensive, too. County human resources/consultant conducted a study 2 years ago and decided to remain with a defined benefit plan.

Q: If lower income people are moving into the county. How will they be able to afford to live here?

A: Apartments are more affordable. County is always looking at increasing the affordable housing stock. Over half (53%) of the homeless work; there about 1300 homeless persons at any time in the county.

Q: In comparison to the reduction of over 600 County positions, FCPS had reduced 1400 positions and now in the FY2015

budget proposes to reduce another 700 positions. How many vacant positions has the County had open for over a year?

A: A query is being addressed that will be posted on the county’s website. The county requires agencies to keep about 8% of vacancies open in order to meet the payroll budget.

Q: What do you mean by the need to revamp the 911 Center?

A: No, 911 boxes need upgrading, not the PSTOC itself.

Q: Lack of code compliance is impacted by lack of county attorneys. How are salaries for county attorneys viewed as an investment or expense?

A: Attorneys are investments, but we have to be able to afford them.

Q: How do you calculate (project) out-years numbers?

A: Use econometric models and financial tools.

Q: Do you apply risk analysis?

A: Yes

Q: Income in the county has only risen by 2%. What about income increases in 2016?

A: Mr. Long worries about it. Homes are moving faster but pent up demand for housing has caught up. Unemployment rate was up last month.

President Jackson presented Mr. Long and Mr. Mondoro with new Federation mugs to commemorate their discussion with the membership.

Federations’ Budget Resolution

The membership moved to a discussion of the Federation’s Budget Resolution.

Revenue

Discussion began with correcting an error in the Board recommended resolution. Need to strike and remove the paragraph in the Revenue section that proposes increasing cigarette taxes. Ms. Horn moved and Mr. Birch seconded to remove the paragraph. After discussion the motion was withdrawn and a substitute motion was made by Ms. Horn and seconded by Mr. Birch that reads: “**Resolved**, the Federation urges the Board of Supervisors to look at all possible sources of revenue (within its authority) including but not limited to meals tax, BPOL, increasing residential permitting fees, SACC fees, etc.” The motion passed 41 For 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions.

Libraries

Per Ms. Kaplan the VA Code authorizes the Trustees to approve the budget. There was a philosophical discussion about the budget and what our priorities were as the Federation. Motion by Ms. Kaplan to delete the \$100,000 funding for the study was seconded by Ms. Trainer. The motion was approved 40 For 0 opposed 3 Abstentions.

Main motion to approve the Library section as amended was moved by Ms. Kaplan and seconded by Ms. Cockayne. It passed with a vote of 38 For 3 Opposed 0 Abstentions.

Debt Management

Resolution approval was moved by Mr. Schlegel and seconded by Mr. Thompson. An amendment was added to the wording of

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the resolution to read, "Resolved, that the Federation recommends that the county continue to adhere to its sound financial management policies and practices, including matching recurring requirements with sustainable and recurring sources of revenue, and if necessary defer or eliminate any new debt issuance that might place the county's strong debt rating and healthy financial condition at risk." Passed on vote of 36 For 2 Opposed 4 Abstentions

Correction of typo passed on a voice vote.

Final Resolution as amended passed on a vote of 39 For 0 Opposed 4 Abstentions.

County Employee Compensation

Ms. Boone moved and Ms. Kaplan seconded the motion to add this section recommending a 2% increase in compensation for county employees. After discussion, the motion failed on a vote of 15 For 23 Opposed 5 Abstentions and will not be part of the Federation's Budget Resolution.

Pension Fund

Mr. Costello moved approval of the resolution and it was seconded by Mr. Wyse. There was discussion and one friendly amendment to change the word conduct to "appoint". The section passed 24 For 19 Opposed 2 Abstentions and was added to the Federation resolution.

Budget Process

Mr. Thompson moved approval and Mr. Wells seconded the motion which passed 41 For 0 Opposed 0 Abstentions. It will be added to the Resolution.

Education

Mr. Saperstein moved approval and Mr. Thompson seconded it. Ms. Horn moved and it was seconded to remove the words "at least" from the resolution clause. The amendment passed on a voice vote. After discussion, the amended section was added to the Federation's resolution on a vote of 35 For 2 Opposed 8 Abstentions.

Revenues

Motion to approve the entire Revenues section was made and seconded. The vote was 41 For 0 Opposed 2 Abstentions. The section was added to the Federation resolution.

Budget Resolution

Approval of the entire Federation budget resolution was moved by Mr. Saperstein and seconded by Ms. Horn. Discussion was about the need to reduce the tax rate or keep it the same and how to identify where the additional revenue could be found. The entire resolution as amended passed on a vote of 38 For 3 Opposed 2 Abstentions.

Old Business/New Business

An invitation to AHOME's fundraising reception was announced by Mr. Hanks. The reception will honor Congressman Gerry Connolly. For details contact Mr. Hanks or go to the website.

The Federation was advised that if there is no Special Session budget approved at the state, FCPS will have to issue pink slips because of time requirements.

Adjournment

The Federation Membership meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.

Next Meetings

The Membership Meeting, April 10, 2014, was cancelled. (The next membership meeting will be May 15, 2014.) The next Board Meeting will be on April 24, 2014, at the Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street, Annandale.

Minutes prepared by Linda Boone, Recording Secretary

Federation Resolution: Library Strategic Plan

The following resolution was approved by Federation Board April 24, 2014; for Membership Consideration May 15, 2014.

Background

Transition to a highly-evolved, dynamic, urban county requires support of a modern library that functions as an educational institution capable of supporting all facets of our complex community. Engagement of the entire community is needed to create a new library system to fulfill current and future needs.

Resolution

WHEREAS the 2005 Library Strategic plan allowed for individual reorganization of branch libraries to suit local needs, including creation of space for meeting rooms and elimination of collection materials to provide space for the meeting rooms;

WHEREAS the 2013 Library Strategic Plan provided language to transition from print materials to digital formats, thereby leading to the discarding of several hundred thousand books in the fall of 2012 and during 2013;

WHEREAS the Library Board of Trustees recommends that digital books should not supplant print books in a premature move to new technologies;

WHEREAS Fairfax County Public Library sustained between 2006 and January 2014 a net loss of 460,522 holdings;

WHEREAS the Library Board of Trustees has requested a broader outreach including surveys to reach all population demographics to ascertain current and projected community library needs; and

WHEREAS a function of the library is to include literacy support for children and adults and library support for new businesses as strategies for furthering economic development in the county;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations calls for a new Library Strategic Plan, to be developed with full participation of all library stakeholders, including citizens, citizens associations, staff, volunteers, and members of library Friends groups, with such Plan to include metrics and standards for success that are agreed to by the stakeholders.

Current Federation Members

The Federation welcomes its newest member, the South County Federation. Formerly known as the Federation of Lorton Communities, South County is an umbrella organization of associations in the area bounded on the south by the Occoquan River, on the north by Fort Belvoir, the Fairfax County and Franconia-Springfield Parkways, on the east by the Potomac River, and on the west by Lee Chapel Road. South County has 32 members plus an unaligned caucus composed of people who joined as individuals. Federation members as of May 1 are listed below, by district and the year through which their dues are paid. Memberships extend through June 30 of the year indicated. Associations whose membership year expires June 30, 2014, should plan now to renew, using the online application at:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/membership1.htm>

Braddock

Country Club View Civic Association: 2014
Middleridge Civic Association: 2014
North Springfield Civic Association: 2014
Oak Hill Citizens Association: 2014
Ravensworth-Bristow Civic Association: 2015
Red Fox Forest Civic Association: 2014
Stone Haven Civic Association: 2014
Truro Homes Association: 2014

Dranesville

Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association: 2015
Marlborough Nantucket Community Association: 2015
McLean Citizens Association: 2014
McLean Hamlet Citizens, Inc: 2014
Potomac Hills Citizens Association: 2015

Hunter Mill

Colvin's Glen/Colvin's Forest Citizens' Association: 2015
Fox Mill Estates Homes Association: 2014
Reston Citizens Association: 2014
Townes of Coppermill Property Owners Association: 2014
Woodside at Holly Oak: 2014

Lee

Amerliegh Homeowners Association: 2014
Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association: 2014
Hayfield Citizens Association: 2014
Huntington Grove II Homeowners Association: 2015

Mason

Adams Walk Homeowners Association: 2014
Annandale Acres Civic Association: 2014
Barcroft Square Homeowners Association: 2015*
Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association: 2015
Lafayette Village Community Association: 2014
Lincolnia Hills/Heywood Glen Civic Association: 2015
Lincolnia Park Civic Association: 2014
Parklawn Civic Association: 2015
Ravenwood Park Citizens Association: 2014
Skyline House Unit Owners Association: 2014
Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association: 2014
Sleepy Hollow Woods Civic Association: 2014
Sunset Manor Civic Association: 2015

Mount Vernon

Huntington Community Association: 2015
Montebello Condominium Unit Owners Association: 2014
Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Homeowners' Association: 2014
Waynewood Citizens Association: 2014

Providence

Holmes Run Acres Civic Association: 2014
Mantua Citizens Association: 2014
Tysons Manor Homeowners Association: 2014

Walnut Hill Homeowners Association: 2016

Springfield

Innisfree Community Association: 2014
Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association: 2014
West Springfield Village, Civic Association of: 2015

Sully

Chantilly Farm Homeowners Association: 2014
Chantilly Highlands Homes Association: 2014
Virginia Run Community Association: 2014
Mount Vernon and Springfield Districts
South County Federation: 2015

- Former member has renewed effective with the 2014-2015 membership year."

Large Group Gatherings in Residential Neighborhoods

The County is considering changing the Zoning Ordinance to define what is meant by group gatherings as an Accessory Use of residences. In particular, the county wants to limit gatherings to 49 people in one day at a frequency not to exceed three such gatherings in 40 days. The changes to the zoning ordinance (Article 10) can be seen at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoning/groupassembly/>

The full Zoning Ordinance can be found at:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/>

The issue has arisen because of the number of complaints the county has received from residents concerning large gatherings that have a subtle commercial function, thereby possibly violating Section 10-304 of the zoning ordinance, which states: "There shall be no customers or clients." The proposed change does not seem to address this issue and might even exacerbate the problem by allowing too many people. In addition, enforcement seems problematic because an official record would be needed to show that more than three gatherings were held in 40 days. Proving that a gathering is held for commercial purposes is itself difficult to prove.

A related issue is noise, as indicated on the county webpage cited above on group assemblies. Changes to the noise ordinance are also being considered.

The county has scheduled meetings on gatherings and noise, allowing for public comment, as follows:

Wed, May 7, 2014 from 7 - 9 p.m. at [South County Government Center](#), 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309, in the Main Conference Room (SCC221)

Mon, May 12, 2014 from 7 - 9 p.m. at [Fairfax County Government Center](#), 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035 in the Board Auditorium

Mon, May 19, 2014 from 7 - 9 p.m. at [Lemon Road Elementary School](#), 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, VA 22043 in the school cafeteria

To further combat the large parties, the Mason District Council has asked the county to change Article 11 of the Zoning Ordinance so that parking on unpaved land would be prohibited even for short times, such as loading and unloading. At present, parking on unpaved land is permitted for up to 48 hours.

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# of Residences	Dues	Voting Delegates	Bulletins (emailed) One per delegate
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