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Federation Membership Meeting

Annual Picnic

Thursday, June 19, 2014

6:30 p.m.

Annandale Park

4022 Hummer Road, Annandale, VA 22003

**Topic: Annual State of Fairfax presentation,
Installation of Officers**



Federation Board Meeting

Tentative: July 24, 2014, at 7:30 p.m.
Braddock Government Center

President's Message (as edited to fit)

Goodbye to all our Federation Members, Officers, and Board Members

I did not expect to be saying "goodbye" to the Federation now. I fully planned to serve a second term and to work on a number of projects that had been started. But that will not happen. A series of actions intervened, some of which I don't fully understand, and my presidency is ending.

This past year we have succeeded in representing the citizens of the county on many issues. We are keeping the Residential Studio Units out of neighborhoods with densities less than 12 housing units per acre; ensuring greater community input to the county's Fairfax Forward re-zoning process; defeating a change in the zoning ordinance that would encourage large parties in residential areas; saving the public libraries; and advancing a state law that would help HOA's enforce their covenants. In addition, our work on the county budget increased government transparency by making easily accessible to the public over 15 years of detailed budget data (on the Federation website).

The Federation wants an effective and efficient government, protection and enhancement of the quality of life, and the maintenance of reasonable and fair taxes to support the county and its public school division. Taxes cannot increase faster than homeowners' income and be sustainable.

My successor, Tim Thompson, is intelligent, knowledgeable, energetic and hard-working. I wish him well.

Best Regards,
Rob

New on the Federation Website

Home page: 2015 Federation officers; picnic announcement; library resolution.

Citizen Association Services: Announcement of funds available for Neighborhood Enhancement Partnership Program.

Education: May 23 draft of the Resolution on Infrastructure Joint BOS/FCPS Committee.

Environment: Project Clean Stream.

Human Services: Code Compliance Community Forum; Preventing the 911 Call.

Land Use: Tysons Park System Concept Plan; Public Meetings on Fairfax County Noise Ordinance; Group Assembly in Residential Dwellings Ordinance.

Transportation: I-495 Trail & Bike Design hearing; BOS Transportation Committee meeting; Transportation Advisory Committee meeting.

Nominee for Recording Secretary

Curtis Anderson has been nominated to the Federation office of Recording Secretary. Voting for the officer in this position will occur at the June 19 Membership meeting. Curtis has been President of the Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association (SHCA) and its representative to the Federation in past years. He has been interested in local community issues, including the Seven Corners and Bailey's Crossroads revitalization, Annandale revitalization, housing and transportation issues. He has been involved with the Community Residences association and several other civic organizations. He has substantial experience being a secretary to the board both professionally and in civic organizations.

Meeting Announcements

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

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www.FairfaxFederation.org

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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 Seafood Buffet
2014				
16-Jan	School Budget	FCPS Administration Center	30-Jan	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
20-Feb	Stormwater Budget	Braddock Hall	27-Feb	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
27-Mar	County Budget	Mason Governmental Center (MCR)	20-Mar	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
10-Apr	no meeting	—	24-Apr	Hidden Oaks Nature Center
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	-	-

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
Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman	FedAssociationServicesChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Education: Ed Saperstein & Tim Thompson	FedEducationChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Environment: Flint Webb	FedEnvironmentChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson.....	FedHumanServicesChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Land Use: Fred Costello & Matthew Bell.....	FedLandUseChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Legislation: Frank Anderson & Bill Barfield.....	FedLegislationChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Membership: Tania Hossain.....	FedMembershipChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne	FedPublicSafetyChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
Resolutions: Bill Hanks	FedResolutionsChr2014@fairfaxfederation.org
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!

Federation Resolution on Infrastructure to the Joint BOS/FCPS Committee

The following resolution, developed by the Education Committee, will be presented for approval by the Federation membership at the June 19 Federation picnic.

Whereas, the ad-hoc BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee has made recommendations to provide some additional funding for construction and renovation of school facilities, and

Whereas, the County's and FCPS's facilities staff have standardized maintenance, including major maintenance, and renovation/construction categories, and

Whereas, this BOS/FCPS ad-hoc committee has recognized the need to improve the design and construction practices in their recommendations that (1) County and School staff should continue to employ Value Engineering, and (2) the staffs should highlight significant project savings and reallocation to their Boards, and

Whereas, the County's cost for new construction appears to have been significantly higher than FCPS's costs, and

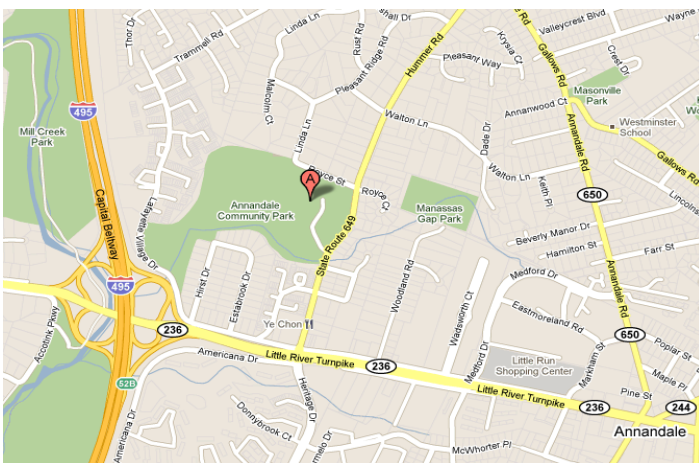
Whereas, the County and FCPS may be leasing overly expensive and unneeded storage and other space, and

Whereas, both the County and FCPS may realize significant savings through a review of the potential for telecommuting and

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Directions to the Annandale Community Park, Picnic Shelter

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 left at the fork, instead of the right usually taken to the Packard Center, to the parking lot.
After the left fork, the parking lot will be on the left; the shelter, on the right.



Funds Available: Community Service Projects

Each year, Leadership Fairfax solicits community service project proposals for our Emerging Leaders Institute (ELI) class. ELI is a 10-month leadership development program for emerging leaders from all sectors in Fairfax County - large corporations, small businesses, non-profits, and the government. The class is divided into teams of 5 -7 participants, with each team selecting a community service project for a Fairfax County non-profit. The project is completed during the class year, from September through May.

The formal Request for Proposals will be sent in late June. In the meantime, we invite you to learn more about the types of proposals we are looking for by attending one of our upcoming "Brown Bag Lunch" discussions. In general, selected projects are ones that can utilize the time, energy and diverse expertise of 5-7 energetic volunteers over several months. Successful projects are well thought-out, support your mission, have some flexibility, are sustainable and perhaps leave a legacy to the community .

The one-hour 'Brown Bag Lunch' Project Proposal Information sessions was offered on **Thursday, June 12** and will be offered **Tuesday, June 24** from **12 noon to 1 pm** at the **Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, in Conference Room #8** . Leadership Fairfax staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide you with details on how to complete a proposal effectively, as well as answer your questions.

[Register Now!](#)

If you have any questions, please contact Moniek in the Leadership Fairfax office at 703-752-7555.

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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.

Federation, Award Winners in Congressional Record

The following is a photocopy of what Representative Connolly entered into the Congressional Record, recognizing the Federation and the awardees whom the Federation honored at its annual Citizen of the Year banquet.



Congressional Record

Proceedings and Debates of the 113th Congress, Second Session

WASHINGTON, D.C.

House of Representatives

RECOGNIZING THE 2013 HONOREES OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY FEDERATION OF CITIZENS' ASSOCIATIONS

HON. GERALD E. CONNOLLY OF VIRGINIA

MR. CONNOLLY: Mr. Speaker, I rise to acknowledge the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations and the honorees of its 64th Annual Awards Banquet. The Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations is a coalition of civic and homeowners associations from across Fairfax County. Each year, the Federation honors a few select individuals for their extraordinary contributions to our community. As a former two-term President of the Federation, I understand that those who volunteer their time, energies, and talents to civic activities play a role in making Fairfax County one of the best places in the nation in which to live, work and raise a family. I am honored to recognize the following individuals for their service to the community:

2013 Citizen of the Year: Janyce Hedetniemi. Ms. Hedetniemi's service to Fairfax County has included positions on a wide variety of important boards and commissions. Since January 2013, she has served as a Member At-Large of the Fairfax County Planning Commission. Before that, she served as a Member At-Large of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board. She is a member of the Fairfax County Community Revitalization and Redevelopment Advisory Group. Ms. Hedetniemi was the Braddock District representative to the Fairfax County Transportation Advisory Commission for nine years and chaired the Commission from 2008 to 2010. She was a member of the Tysons Land Use Task Force and Vice-Chair of the Task Force Steering Committee, which helped formulate new comprehensive plan language for Tysons. She chaired two Fairfax County Bond Referendum Committees, has been President of the Oak Hill Citizens Association since 1997, and served as President of the Braddock District Council for two years. Professionally, she is an expert in community relations and enjoyed a distinguished career at the National Institutes of Health.

2013 Citation of Merit: Tena Bluhm. Ms. Bluhm was appointed to the Fairfax County Commission on Aging in 2004 and has chaired the Commission since 2007. Tena has been instrumental in increasing the Commission's presence and influence in Fairfax County through speaking on behalf of older adults and the issues of aging before elected officials of both Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of Virginia. She has educated older adults about services provided by Fairfax County and sought ways to make the county aging-friendly. Ms. Bluhm was elected to her homeowners association's board in 2000 and in 2005 became its president.

She is a member of the Braddock District Council, where she raised attention to aging issues by organizing a seminar about services available to older adults in Fairfax County. Ms. Bluhm worked for 45 years as a Home Care nurse and in 2008 was named Lady Fairfax for the Braddock District. She is now retired and resides with her husband, Ray, in Fairfax.

2013 Citation of Merit: Kathy Kaplan. Kathy Kaplan is an author, publisher, artist, naturalist, and activist who has lived in Reston for 31 years. Her novel, *The Dog of Knots*, was recognized by the Association of Jewish Libraries and the Anti-Defamation League. Ms. Kaplan has worked as an interpretive naturalist, conducted workshops in art and bookmaking for youth camps and schools, and sculpted a bronze relief for the September 11 Memorial at Freedom Grove at Brown's Chapel in Reston. As co-chair of the Residential, Urban Design, and Livability workgroup for RCA Reston 2020, she wrote the Vision for Herndon Monroe Station area and worked on several alternate park designs for Reston Town Center North. Ms. Kaplan was appointed Chair of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations' Library Committee in August 2013 to review proposed changes to the county library system and was named 2013 Citizen of the Year by the Reston Citizens Association for her work in library advocacy.

2013 Special Gratitude Award Honorees: U.S. Rep. James Moran, U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf, Virginia Del. James Scott. The Federation also will honor three Northern Virginia legislators, who are retiring this year after distinguished careers in public service. Representatives Moran and Wolf have served the residents of our region for more than 30 years, and I have been pleased to partner with them, first as Chairman of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors and then as a Member of Congress, to champion the interests of Northern Virginia and the Commonwealth. Delegate Scott served the residents of our community for more than 40 years, including 14 years representing the Providence District on the Board of Supervisors prior to his service in the General Assembly.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking these incredible individuals and in congratulating them on being honored by the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations. Civic engagement is the root of a community and Fairfax County residents enjoy an excellent quality of life due in part to the efforts of these individuals. The contributions and leadership of these honorees have been a great benefit to our community and truly merit our highest praise.

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reassessment of space needs resulting from significant reductions in administrative and maintenance positions and warehouse space, and

Whereas, the County is budgeting for a review of the status of County facilities in the FY15 budget, and

Whereas, the BOS have proposed a joint FCPS/BOS working group to review the condition of School and County facilities, and

Whereas, the County and FCPS use different criteria and rating systems for determining the conditions of facilities and the priority for renovation, and

Whereas, the County and FCPS may not be using similar methods when determining the number of square feet, e.g., perhaps non-building space is being factored into the comparative calculations.

THEREFORE BE IT

Resolved, that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) (1) commends the members of the BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee for the cooperation shown in their work to address facility needs by both the County and FCPS, and (2) commends both boards for taking steps to implement the recommendations contained in the Committee's report.

Resolved, that the Federation recommends the County and FCPS facilities staff, under the auspices of the BOS/FCPS Infrastructure Committee (1) develop common criteria for assessing facility condition and the urgency of renovations, and (2) jointly carry out inspections of both County and FCPS facilities, and (3) ensure that square footage comparisons are of comparable entities, and

Resolved, that the Federation recommends that the County hire a qualified, independent, contractor to evaluate the County's design and construction process for the purpose of resolving the difference in costs per square foot, and to assess FCPS and the County's utilization of administrative and warehouse space.

Meals-Tax Referendum

The County is considering levying a tax on meals provided by restaurants. A task force was formed to advise the Board of Supervisors regarding adding a referendum on a meals tax to the November ballot. The task force will have completed its work before this Bulletin is distributed. Documents from the meetings can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mealstax/meals-tax-referendum-task-force-documents.htm>.

The documents will show the pros and cons of the meals tax, thereby providing the Supervisors with stakeholder viewpoints. At present, the only supporting data that has been provided pertains to the need for more tax revenue.

The task force must complete its work by June 17, 2014,

Re-planning Reston

At www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable/channel16/asx/supervisor_hudgins.aspx Supervisor Hudgins discusses the process being used by Fairfax County for Phase 2 of the re-planning of Reston. Phase 1 dealt with the land adjacent to the Dulles Toll Road.

The primary goals for Phase 2 are to (1) update the Reston land use map (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/maps/phase_i_and_phase_ii.pdf) and (2) evaluate and provide Comprehensive Plan guidance for the following types of places within Reston: (a) Residential neighborhoods, (b) Village Centers, but not Lake Anne, (c) Commercial area north of Baron Cameron Avenue (adjacent to Reston Town Center), and (d) four Convenience centers: Lake Newport, Fairways, Soapstone, and Sunrise Valley. These goals are to be accomplished within a timeline of a little over one year starting from April 2014. This scope is a considerable expansion from the original Phase 2 goals, which dealt with the Village Centers only. According to Supervisor Hudgins, the expansion will apply [Fairfax Forward's](#) County-wide policies to Reston.

Unlike the 25-person Phase 1 task force, where people representing all points of view in the community sat through 200-plus meetings over 4.5 years, there will be just six opportunities for the public to learn and contribute to the re-planning of Reston. Phase 2 will require only one year. Initial public input will come from:

- The two-hour Open House held on June 7, 2014, at the United Christian Parish, 11508 North Shore Drive, hosted by Supervisor Hudgins which will introduce Phase 2 (http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/reston/publicmeetings-2014/06-07-2014_open_house.htm)
- A form on the Reston Master Plan website to submit suggestions, ideas, etc. (<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/submissionform.htm>). The suggestions must pertain to specific parcels and must include a description of the character and type of proposed development (e.g., FAR, dwelling units, building height). The suggestions must be submitted by July 11, 2014.

The County Planning staff will draft the new master plan. It will be reviewed with the community in two public meetings:

- A public meeting on the Village Centers
- A public meeting on all the other parts of the plan

The final opportunities for public input will occur when the County staff present the plans to the Planning Commission and, finally, to the Board of Supervisors.

The County is not planning on meetings among stakeholders (residents, landowners, retailers, community organizations); therefore, stakeholders would need to plan their own meetings.

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/hoauupdate.htm>.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 15, 2014

[Draft to be submitted for approval on 6/19/2014](#)

First Vice President Wyse called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. at the Mason Government Center (6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003).

Program: Clean-Construction-Debris Landfill

The meeting began with the presentation and discussion about the Lorton landfill proposal. The Federation will not take a position on this issue but members are free to make their ideas known to the Board of Supervisors as the Public Hearing record is still open. Mr. Webb, Environmental Committee Chairman, described the format for the presentation. Since this is a contested issue, each side had twenty minutes to present its ideas, followed by ten minutes of rebuttal for each. Questions and answers followed.

Landfill Expansion Application from Envirosolutions Inc. (ESI)

Presenters for the landfill expansion were Conrad Mehan and Frank McDermott. Mr. Mehan addressed how ESI's application fit with the county's environmental objectives: Solid Waste Management Plan, Green Energy Triangle, Energy Sustainability Policy, and the Clean Air Act. Landfill accepts concrete, rock, brick, tree stumps, etc., items that cannot be recycled. It is the primary depository for the region. He showed photos of materials that are deposited in the landfill. LEED materials are delivered also, sorted and shipped for recycling or used onsite. Volume of material chart showed that:

- 24% of material received was from other recycling facilities.
- Dirt and other material have to be landfilled; that is about 49% of the material received and landfilled.
- 17% was clean dirt that is used on site.
- 34% was mixed debris (recycled 36% of that material).
- Aggregate (stone, concrete, etc.) was also reused.

Project was really about the green energy park on top of landfill: 3 wind turbines; mixed waste facility that will have 3 acres of solar on the site; methane recovery site—2 million kW hours per year; and a geothermal site. Power generated can be used at the proposed soccer metropolex or other facilities in the area.

Conditions contained in the application are required to be carried out by ESI or there are penalties attached. The final use of the facility would be to develop an observation platform on top of the landfill to be used to educate the public about green energy. This would be a pilot project to show renewable energy as a project for the future. Electricity revenue would be shared with County on a 50-50 basis. \$13.2M would be shared with community groups. There are 5 phases of development of the project. Landfill would be planned to close in 2034. The berm would allow top of landfill to be developed for wind turbines and allow extra capacity for the landfill to operate. The landfill expansion would support a goal of the Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) of having construction/demolition/debris (CDD) disposal capacity available for 20 years. Several organizations in the county support the expansion including 4 chambers of commerce, contractors, recycling environmental organizations, and some HOAs/residents of South County.

Landfill was scheduled to close in 2018 but ESI is requesting to keep it open until 2034. The facility eliminates greenhouse

gases (GHGs). If the landfill closes there will be a new recycling facility opened across the street and increased truck traffic, GHGs, etc. Discussed a letter from South Run Coalition, a group of 42 HOAs in south county, that support the landfill expansion.

South County Federation Opposition to Expansion

Homeowners who oppose the expansion were represented by Larry Clark and Nick Firth of the South County Federation. In 2006, an application was approved to expand the landfill. The community opposed it then, but negotiated a closing date of December 31, 2018, to have nice parkland be the final appearance of the landfill. In 2009, ESI could not obtain approval from Park Authority to accept the park. South County Federation voted against the expansion and approved a resolution to close the landfill.

ESI's proposal is a greenwash. This is a landfill on top of a landfill. ESI's plans are just recommendations about what will occur; none are approved for implementation. This is a marginal wind area, so the turbine demonstration will be marginally effective. Wind turbines are tall requiring 100-foot deep pylons. Some of the offerings have potential for other entities to provide – either public or private, but none are required to be provided by ESI. Small amounts of methane will be produced from the landfill because the material landfilled doesn't generate much methane.

The SWMP requires recycling. County needs to add CDD recycling policies. ESI should go ahead and build the recycling facility across the road. Because of its size, ESI cannot run 400 trucks through the proposed recycling facility as it does the current landfill. ESI needs to replicate the road controls for that facility also. The county needs to require LEED certification for all building.

Rebuttal to Opposition

Mr. Frank McDermott, attorney with Hunton and Williams, responded to the accusation that the expansion would result in millions of tons of CDD being landfilled. Additional material will be landfilled in the county rather than have to transport it miles south to other landfills. 395 feet is the new height of the landfill. If the SEA is not approved, the landfill will be closed at 412 feet. The berm view of the landfill will not ruin the view of the southern entrance to the county. Berm is a vegetative berm—green materials, not the colors shown in the photos. Berm will not be visible because the trees already there will block the view. Berm will be visible on Furnace Road only, not from residential areas. There are other things that can already be seen: the Covanta facility, a closed county landfill, and an active ash landfill.

There is not enough capacity in remaining local CDD landfills beyond 2 years of disposal. Prince George's landfill can only accept 125 trucks per day and it closes in 2025. Then disposal capacity will have to be located in central Virginia.

Green energy cannot happen until there is a place to allow it to happen. The Park Authority walked away from Overlook Park, not ESI. South County Federation wanted a Recreation Center at a cost of \$50M which ESI could not afford upfront.

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Rebuttal Against Expansion

In 2006 there were plans described and agreed to, but the park has not been realized. Now ESI has an application to expand the landfill and close in 2034. Will that agreement be implemented? Turbine generated power will be used by the landfill and not the community. ESI must get a new permit from Virginia Department of Environmental Quality to expand the landfill. Mr. Clark displayed photos of what the balloon tests showed about the height of berm. The landfill filling will be stopped at 395 feet but closing materials will be placed on top of that. The berm will be visible to homeowners. Oppose the SEA.

Questions

Q: One needs many acres for viable solar power and wind turbines installations. What are these projects actually powering?

A: It is a demonstration project. Green energy triangle would work in coordination with county properties in an energy park. Wind and solar would be sold to the grid. Methane would be donated to county—who could either sell it or use it for county facilities. There are various options about how the power will be used.

Rebuttal--Windmills and solar projects are viable. Why do we need a demonstration project? Put it where it works, not here.

Q: Negative comments were made to discredit the South Run Coalition (earlier in the discussion). Why?

A: There were no viable names and no legal documents establishing it. (NOTE: Federation had received list of HOAs and "leaders" names, but without positions, addresses, or phone numbers).

Other comments:

What look has been given toward technology improvements in the future? There needs to be a compromise from South County and ESI to make this work? What compromise can Lorton make?

ESI could use its current capacity by 2022. Green energy is important. Put solar park at the source where it can be used at Lorton Arts Center. The vote at the Planning Commission was 6 to 4 to approve the application.

The recent task force "negotiation" between South County and ESI was mischaracterized. South County did not make concessions during the negotiation. ESI unilaterally reduced landfill height and closing date.

Mt. Vernon Sierra Club has changed its position from support of the application to being against the landfill expansion.

The discussion among some attendees continued after the presentation closed, but moved to the outside hall because the remainder of the membership meeting continued.

Administrative Matters

Minutes—Approval of the March Membership Meeting Minutes—Moved by Ms. Hossain with Ms. Trainer seconding. The minutes were unanimously approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report—Federation 2014-2015 Budget—Board had previously reviewed the draft budget and now presents it to membership. Mr. Schlegal reviewed the significant points of

the budget. The motion to approve the 2014-15 budget was moved by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Soule. The 2014-15 budget was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Citizen of the Year—Citizen of the Year Banquet Report – Ms. Hossain described an excellent program for this year's event with three members of Congress attending along with the awardees. A lessons learned file will be compiled for use next year. A few invoices remain to be collected for donations and meals.

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

There was no other urgent business for the membership.

Library Committee — Mrs. Kaplan

During the recent budget review, there arose a need for a resolution to develop a new strategic planning resolution about the libraries. The beta plan has been suspended. Ms. Kaplan provided a history of the failings of the current strategic plan. 460,000 holdings have been reduced. On June 3, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting to discuss the community survey that will be administered to residents. Federation members are encouraged to attend and make their ideas known. Literacy for children and adults should be the focus of the new strategic plan. Business librarians are needed also. Approval of the draft resolution was moved by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Soule. Discussion included:

- need to add schools to list of stakeholders.
- Will add language including "but not limited to."

These friendly amendments were accepted. However, a suggestion to include "economic feasibility of the strategic plan" was not accepted but a further amendment was not made.

The future of the library system may be to close or reconfigure parts of the library system. Residents need to be aware of the situation. The cost per check out of an electronic book is \$3.40; while it costs \$.20 for a paper book per checkout. Metrics include circulation rate. Mr. Soule called the question and it was seconded by Ms. Trainor. The resolution was approved unanimously by voice vote. Ms. Kaplan will revise the resolution and submit it to President Jackson to submit to the Board of Supervisors.

Old Business/New Business

Old Business—There was no old business.

New Business—Ms. Hossain, Chair of the nominating committee, offered a nomination for each of the positions, except Recording Secretary, and there were no nominations from the floor. The votes for the positions were voice votes except for president. Those nominated are shown on the next page.

There was no other business for the membership and no district council reports.

Adjournment

The Federation Membership meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Next Meetings

The next Board meeting will be held on May 22, 2014, at the Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street, Annandale;

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Current Federation Members

Current Federation members as of June 1, 2014, are listed below, by district and the year through which 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>. Because members have differing dates for fiscal years and transitions to new officers and boards, the Federation maintains a six-month renewal grace period through December 31, 2014, during which 2013-2014 members may continue to vote in membership meetings.

Braddock

Country Club View Civic Association: 2015
Middleridge Civic Association: 2015
North Springfield Civic Association: 2014 (1)
Oak Hill Citizens Association: 2014
Ravenworth-Bristow Civic Association: 2015
Red Fox Forest Civic Association: 2014 (1)
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: 2015
Reston Citizens Association: 2015
Townes of Coppermill Property Owners Association: 2014
Woodside at Holly Oak: 2015

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 (2)
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: 2015
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: 2015
South County Federation: 2015 (3)
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

Springfield (continued)

South County Federation: 2015 (3)
West Springfield Village, Civic Association of: 2015

Sully

Chantilly Farm Homeowners Association: 2014
Chantilly Highlands Homes Association: 2014
Virginia Run Community Association: 2014

- (1) Member has submitted an online application for 2014-2015; the check is pending.
- (2) Former member has renewed effective with 2014-2015 year.
- (3) The South County Federation is located in two districts.

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The next Membership meeting will be held on June 19, 2014, at the Federation's annual picnic at Annandale Park, 4022 Hummer Road, in Annandale. Festivities will include the installation of Officers and a talk on the State of the County.

Minutes prepared by Linda Boone, Recording Secretary

President	Mr. Tim Thompson	27 For 10 abstentions
First Vice-President	Mr. Ed Wyse	Unanimously approved
Second Vice-President	Mr. William Barfield	Unanimously approved
Corresponding Secretary	Mr. Fred Costello	Unanimously approved
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer	Mr. Matthew Bell	Unanimously approved

Large Group Gatherings in Residential Neighborhoods

The County has been considering changing the Zoning Ordinance to define what is meant by group gatherings as an Accessory Use of residences. In particular, the county may 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 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. Enforcement seems problematic because an official record would be needed to track the number of gatherings. Proving that a gathering is held for commercial purposes is itself difficult.

At the time of this writing, the change, limiting gatherings, will probably not be accepted. The Development Process Committee will be presenting its findings at the June 10 meeting of the Board of Supervisors.

Federation Resolution: Library Strategic Plan

The following resolution was approved by Federation Membership on May 15, 2014, and sent to the Board of Supervisors, the Library Board, County Executive Long, and Deputy County Executive Molchany .

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 but not limited to, citizens, citizens associations, staff, Fairfax County Public Schools, volunteers, and members of library Friends groups, with such Plan to include metrics and standards for success that are agreed to by the stakeholders.

Apartments in Your Neighborhood

The Planning Commission's Residential Studio Unit Committee met on May 27, 2014, at 7pm in Conference Rooms 9 and 10 of the Government Center. This was a working meeting, although comments were permitted by email and from the floor. 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. After David Versel of George Mason University's Center for Regional Analysis presented the forecasted demand, the committee focused on how to induce developers to build RSU's. The committee did not discuss the potential supply nor the disincentive of the planned rent control. The committee has no doubt that RSU's should be built.

Library Continues Excessive Culling

By the time this article is published in the Federation Bulletin we will have a better idea of the future direction of the library and whether citizens will be allowed to participate meaningfully in that future. On June 3, 2014 the Library Board of Trustees ad hoc Communication and Evaluation Committee held a meeting for the public concerning a survey of library stakeholders. This was the only public meeting. It was held at Oakton Library at 7 pm.

Proposals to the C&E committee regarding a survey by Doug Miller, FCPL strategic planner, will be considered and a draft proposal was planned to be submitted to the entire Library Board June 11 for approval. As of June 1, it was not clear that the public will be allowed any input into the process of creating the survey to determine the future library needs of county residents. It is not clear whether an independent consultant will be employed to create an unbiased survey to include all library stakeholders. It is suggested that the Library Friends and Library Foundation fund an independent consultant if the county cannot find the funds necessary.

On June 4, 2014 the ad hoc Floating and Discards Committee met at George Mason Library at 2 pm. They discussed ongoing problems with the floating collection, changing patterns of uses in the library, issues relating to discarding low-demand books. Low-demand books that do not circulate for 24 to 36 months are being removed from the shelves to create more open space in the library. That includes reference-like books such as large art books which are primarily used in the library by patrons and not always checked out.

Half the low-demand books transferred to other branches through Technical Operations are being discarded. These books are usually in very good condition. This is a great loss of taxpayer resources.

Recent instructions by Library Administration that all youth books must be pristine to remain on the shelves at a time when very few new books are being ordered will lead to a significantly diminished collection for children and young adults in a very short time. Children's books are well "loved" and do not remain pristine for long.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and their appointees on the Library Board of Trustees halted the Beta Plan; however upper level county staff is not following that policy decision and continues to discard books inappropriately.

Noisy Parties

In response to complaints about noisy gatherings in residential areas, changes to the noise ordinance are being considered.

The county had meetings in May on gatherings and noise, allowing for public comment.

On June 10, 2014, county staff will be presenting a [summary](#) of all comments received to the Board's Development Process Committee and will be seeking direction from the Board regarding next steps.

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