

# The Fairfax County FEDERATION

of Citizens Associations *Established 1940*

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## THE BULLETIN

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### Federation Membership Meeting

**Thursday, March 31, 2016  
7:30 p.m.**

**West Springfield Governmental Center**  
6140 Rolling Road, Springfield, VA 22152

**Topic: Fairfax County Economic Development  
Authority**

**Dr. Gerald Gordon, President and CEO  
Rodney Lusk, Director, National Marketing**

**Also: Member Voting on Budget Resolution**



### Federation Board Meeting

March 17, 2016, at 7:30 p.m.  
Mason Government Center

### Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet April 3

The COY Selection Committee selected Olga Hernandez as Citizen of the Year and recognized Doug Sanderson, Jim Hart, Phil Rosenthal and Shirley Ginwright with Citations of Merit. Sally Sibley was honored with a Special Gratitude Award. The biographies of the awardees can be found at

[http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/  
COY/2015COYHonorees.htm#COY](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2015COYHonorees.htm#COY)

Plan on joining us on 3 April as we honor these worthy Fairfax County residents during the annual Citizen of the Year Banquet at the Tysons Corner Crowne Plaza Hotel.

### County and School Budgets

The county and school budgets are on the Federation's website Budget page: <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/budget1.htm>. Comparisons with budgets for previous years are included. The Federation's proposed budget resolution will be posted after March 24, 2016

### County Budget Meetings

The schedule of meetings for the county budget are at: [http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/county\\_budget\\_calendar.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/county_budget_calendar.htm)  
The schedule of meetings on the Lines of Business review are at: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/2016-lines-of-business.htm>

### **President's Message**

Hello Members, Neighbors and Friends:

It is my pleasure to announce that the 2015 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year is Olga Hernandez. Among numerous organizations to which she gave her time and energy, the League of Women Voters stands out in most Fairfax homeowners minds. Joining Olga will be Doug Sanderson, Jim Hart, Phil Rosenthal and Shirley Ginwright who will be Citations of Merit Honorees; along with Special Gratitude Award Honoree Sally Sibley

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding and exemplary volunteers whose dedicated service has meaningfully impacted the quality of life for countless residents in Fairfax County and beyond. We look forward to the pleasure of your company at our 66th Annual Citizen of the Year Banquet on Sunday, April 3rd, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza Tysons Corner-McLean, 1960 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. For more information about the honorees, see pages 4-6 or our website:

[www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2015COYHonorees.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/COY/2015COYHonorees.htm).

Our next membership meeting is scheduled for March 31st at the West Springfield Government Center. The Federation looks forward to welcoming Gerald Gordon to discuss the County's Economic Development Authority. Without the EDA working to broaden the county's tax base by having businesses relocate to Fairfax County, we homeowners/citizens wouldn't have the many services and schools presently afforded for all of us.

This leads to the other major event on March 31st – discussion and passage of the Federation's Budget Resolution. Presently, the Budget Committee under Curtis Anderson is preparing it for the Board Meeting on March 17th, which will give somewhat less than two weeks for our Membership organizations to review and seek clarifications (if needed) so the Budget Resolution will be passed (in some form) at the meeting and presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) the following week by mail. I'll give it to the BOS at their Public Hearing April 7th.

I would like to thank both Joe Mondora and Alice Wigington (from the County and FCPS respectively) for their time presenting and answering Members questions regarding the FY2017 Budget. It was a very insightful evening for everyone.

After the presentation, the members present considered and passed a resolution opposing pending General Assembly legislation that would limit the ability of local governments to use proffers. Our position is similar to the BOS Chairman's position, which she had expressed earlier to the Fairfax Delegation. The Federation's resolution is presented in full on page 6. A description of the resolution approval process is presented in the draft minutes on page 8.

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FCFCA Calendar 2015-2016				
Membership Meeting			Board Mtg	
Date	Program	Location	Date	Location
2015				
Jul	no meeting	—	—	—
Aug	no meeting	—	6-Aug	Dunn Loring Center
17-Sep	State Senator Richard Saslaw	Providence Community Center (Classroom #2)	24-Sep	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
29-Oct	Discuss and vote on the annual Federation Legislative Package issues	Gatehouse Administration Center (Room 5055)	22-Oct	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
19-Nov	Police-Practices Review Commission	Mason Governmental Center (Main Community Room)	—	—
17-Dec	(Meeting not held)	Mason Governmental Center (Main Community Room)	3-Dec	Restaurant (TBD)
2016				
2-Feb	Superintendent Garza on FCPS Issues (7 PM start time)	Gatehouse Administration Center (Room 1600)	28-Jan	Canceled due to snow
18-Feb	CFO's from school system and from county to answer budget questions	Mason Governmental Center (Main Community Room)	25-Feb	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
31-Mar	Dr. Gerald Gordon, President and CEO Rodney Lusk, Director, National Marketing Fairfax County Economic Development Authority	West Springfield Governmental Center (Community Room)	17-Mar	Mason Governmental Center
3-Apr		Crowne Plaza, Tysons	28-Apr	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
21-Apr	TBD	Mason Governmental Center (Main Community Room)		
19-May	TBD	Mason Governmental Center (Main Community Room)	26-May	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)
16-Jun	Picnic, Installation of Officers, State of Fairfax	Mason District Park	23-Jun	Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2)

Dunn Loring Center is at 2334 Gallows Rd, Dunn Loring VA 22180

Gatehouse Administration Center is at 8115 Gatehouse Rd, Falls Church 22042

Mason Government Center is at 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Providence Community Center is at 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax, VA

West Springfield Governmental Center is at 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield.

All meetings start at 7:30 pm, except at 5:30 pm on Apr 3 (Banquet), 6:30 pm Jun 16 (the picnic)

The deadline for submissions to *The Bulletin* (our newsletter) is 9 am on the Saturday after the Board meeting.

Changes to the schedule are in red.

**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: Curtis Anderson ..... [FedBudgetChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedBudgetChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman ..... [FedAssociationServicesChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedAssociationServicesChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Education: Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer ..... [FedEducationChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedEducationChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Environment: Flint Webb & Monica Billger..... [FedEnvironmentChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedEnvironmentChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson..... [FedHumanServicesChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedHumanServicesChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Land Use: Fred Costello ..... [FedLandUseChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedLandUseChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Legislation: Matt Bell & Bill Barfield & Katherine Ward..... [FedLegislationChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedLegislationChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Library: Kathy Kaplan & Dennis Hays..... [FedLibraryChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedLibraryChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
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- Public Safety: Patrick Smaldore..... [FedPublicSafetyChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedPublicSafetyChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Resolutions: Vacant..... [FedResolutionsChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedResolutionsChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org)
- Transportation: Karen Camplin & Jeff Parnes..... [FedTransportationChr2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedTransportationChr2016@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.

**President's Message** (Continued from page 1)

I shared a copy of the Federation's resolution with the First Lady last week. She said she would share it with the Governor. I believe he received similar concerns from the BOS and school board.

On behalf of the Federation, I wanted to thank you for staying connected so that our concerns can be amplified to a bigger platform. This was illustrated last meeting with the BOS asking the Federation for its position on the proffer legislation – which was then shared publicly in Richmond. What the Federation says is regarded and listened to by our elected officials. With our collective efforts, there is no doubt that Fairfax County will continue to be one of the best places to live, play and work.

Best regards, Tim

**New Postings on the Federation Website**

**Budget page:** School and County budget data, including their history.

**Transportation page:** Constrained Long Range Plan call for comments.

**Land Use page:** The Resolution on proffers (as on Page 6)

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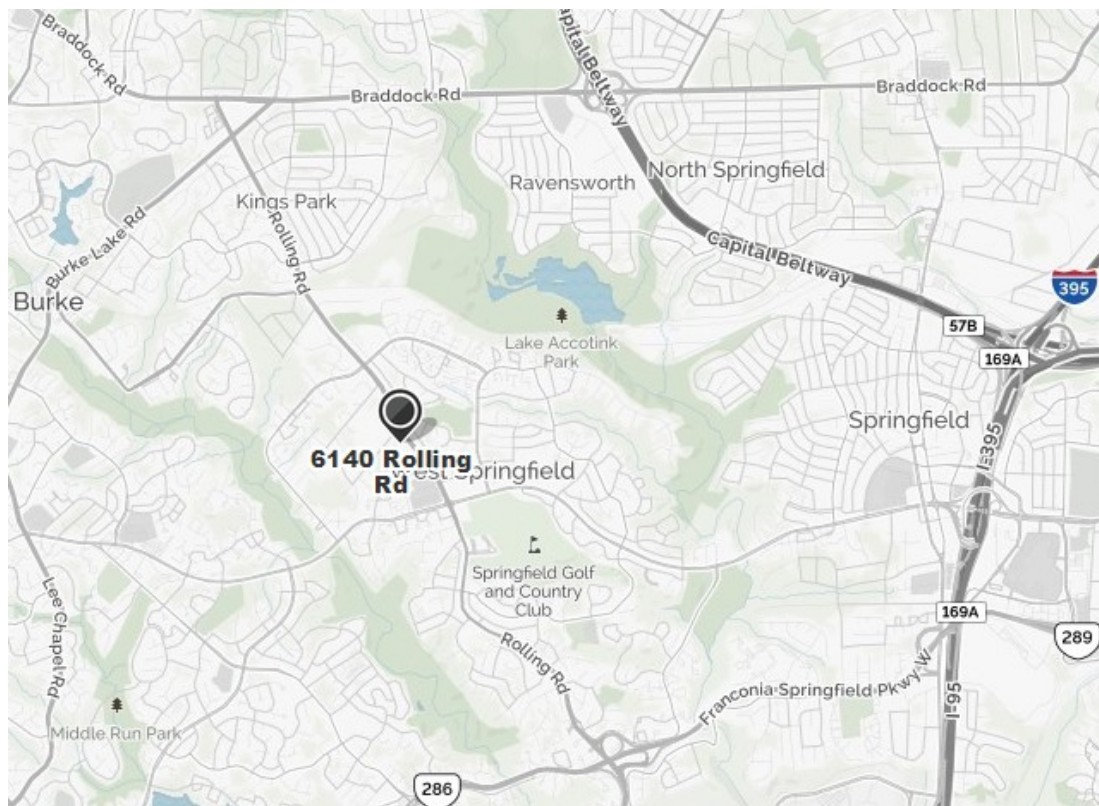
*The Bulletin* is the newsletter of the Federation. It is usually published monthly, except in August. The purpose is to provide information to member communities; federal, state, and local officials; and other interested persons. Articles reflect the view of their author and may be reprinted with the use of the following citation: "*The Bulletin* of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations". Please contact Fred Costello with newsletter name and email address changes, comments, or suggestions at 703-620-4942 or [FedBulletinEditor2016@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:FedBulletinEditor2016@fairfaxfederation.org)

**Federation Meeting Cancellation Policy**

If either Fairfax County Government or Schools are closed after 12:00 noon the day of a Federation membership meeting, or if it is announced that Fairfax County Government or Schools will be closed the day after a scheduled Federation membership meeting due to inclement weather or other emergency, the Federation will not hold that event. This does not pertain to regularly scheduled closures. Membership meetings will not be rescheduled, although speakers may be asked to attend an upcoming meeting. We will make every attempt to post the cancellation on [www.fairfaxfederation.org](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org) or, for more information, you can call 703-620-4942.

## Directions to the West Springfield Governmental Center

From I495 at Exit 54, go west on Braddock Road. After 1.5 miles, turn left onto Burke Lake Road. Proceed 0.3 miles. Turn left on Rolling Road. Proceed 1.9 miles to the West Springfield Governmental Center on the right.





## **COY Awardees**

### **Olga Hernandez, 2015 Fairfax County Citizen of the Year**

Olga Hernandez has been involved with the League of Women Voters in Virginia for over 20 years. Olga became a board member of the LWV of the Fairfax Area in 1996 (Fairfax is the largest league in the state) and served as its president from 2000 to 2005. From 2005 to 2007, she served as the Vice President and director of the League of Women Voters of Virginia., and in 2007, she was elected president of the League of Women Voters of Virginia. In addition to the presidency, she moderated the Women's Roundtable meetings during the General Assembly sessions.

She served as LWV of Virginia President for four years, and is currently on the state board. She has organized statewide televised Gubernatorial and US Senate debates.



She served on the Help America Vote Act committee for Virginia, the Virginia State Board of Elections Residency Task Force and state Census Complete Count Committee. She is an officer of the Virginia Coalition for Open Government and the LWV of the National Capital Areas. She served on the Fairfax County Bi-Partisan Election Improvement Commission and has also served on various community committees.

Born in Cuba, but raised in Miami, Florida, Olga Hernandez became a naturalized citizen at 18. She graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Broadcast Journalism.

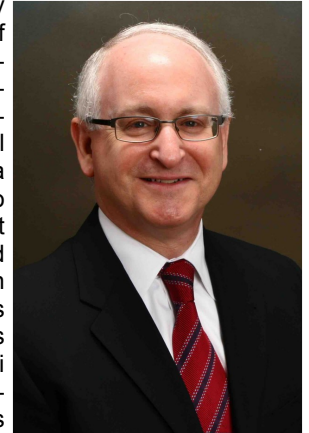
Her professional experience includes work in radio, public and commercial television news production, and print media in various locations throughout the U.S.

She has done extensive work with Girl Scouts USA, various PTA organizations, military community groups and other non-profit and volunteer efforts. As a military family, her family resided in various states. In 1995 they moved and settled in Virginia.

### **Citation of Merit Recipient Doug Sanderson**

Mr. Douglas Sanderson has tirelessly devoted 25 years of pro-bono legal service to the citizens of Fairfax County as legal counsel to the Arts Council of Fairfax County, Inc. The Arts Council is the non-profit organization that is Fairfax County's designated local arts agency. Doug's professional expertise has had and continues to have a direct and positive impact on the quality of life in Fairfax County.

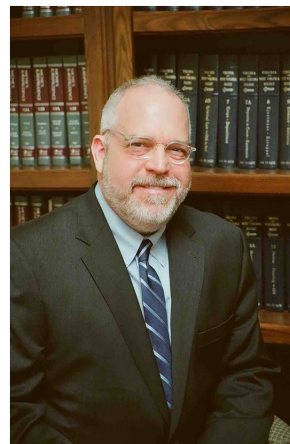
Doug has provided outstanding legal expertise to the Arts Council on a consistent, steady and ongoing basis, in the arena of lease agreements, artist contracts, and even fending off disgruntled or misguided complain-ers. He has attended nearly all board meetings, though not a voting member of the board, so that he himself can keep abreast of the Arts Council's services and engagements. He has become in part a "living history" of the Arts Council, having served under its last three Presidents, from Toni McMahon, through Ann Rodriguez, to Linda Sullivan. He has personally negotiated the legal provisions in the Council's last three leases, as the Council moved from Annandale to the Courthouse area, to Merrifield.



Doug has lent his personal commitment and legal sensitivities to auxiliary roles for the Council that directly benefit the County, such as serving on the Master Arts Plan Task Force to produce a master arts plan for the County, and providing legal guidance to support the Council's public art project, Imagine Arts Here: Tysons Tiles. For over two decades Doug assisted the Arts Council in bringing children from around the world to perform at the International Children's Festival, a youth festival dedicated to the performing, visual, and interactive arts.

Doug's passion for the arts stems from growing up with art historian parents, and he recalls, growing up, having visited perhaps more churches with his Dad, who was doing research in and about them, than most people visit in their lives. But his involvement with the community goes beyond advocating for the arts. In addition, Doug has served many years as a member of the boards of directors of Legal Services of Northern Virginia (serving as President from 1993 through 1996), Temple Rodef Shalom, the Central Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, and the Communities of Faith United for Housing. He served on the Site Selection Committee for Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. Doug's well-regarded legal practice includes commercial real estate transactions and family law as a principal in the 100+ year old firm of McCandlish Lillard in Fairfax.

### **Citation of Merit Recipient Jim Hart**



James R. Hart is an attorney with Hart & Horan, PC in Fairfax. He is an author and frequent lecturer on construction law, and a former Chair of the Construction Law and Public Contracts Section of the Virginia State Bar. He has served for the past 31 years on the Fairfax Public Law Library committee.

Jim has been an at-large member of the Fairfax County Board of Zoning Appeals since 2000. He has served as an at-large member of the Fairfax County Planning

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Commission since 2004, including 2 terms as Parliamentarian, and its current Secretary, handling countywide zoning ordinance amendments. He has chaired its Environment Committee since 2007, developing the County's green building policy. He also has served on the commission's Policy and Procedures, Land Use Process, Parks, Transportation, Telecommunications and Tysons committees. A former president and land use chair of the West Fairfax County Citizens Association [WFCCA], he also represented the Virginia Run community on Sully District Council, and served on many land use and transportation task forces.

He is a former member of the Fairfax County Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments, and a former chair of the Countywide Non-motorized Transportation [Trails] Committee. A past recipient of the Fairfax Bar Association's President's Award, he was recognized as an at-large Lord Fairfax in 2000, and received the James D. McDonnell Award for Outstanding Achievement in Community Service from the WFCCA in 2002. A graduate of the both the School of Architecture and School of Law of the University of Virginia, Jim resides in the Virginia Run community in Centreville.

#### Citation of Merit Recipient Phil Rosenthal

Phil Rosenthal, President of Nationwide Creditors, assists the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department with many of their community outreach events. Mr. Rosenthal began supporting the toy drive distribution over 15 years ago. At that time Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department was trying to help 50 children in low income areas of the county with gifts for the holidays. With Mr. Rosenthal's help and 15 years later Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department is now distributing gifts to over 4000 children at over 70 schools, shelters and nonprofits in Fairfax County.



Also with Mr. Rosenthal's assistance Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department has started a backpack/school supply distribution and a winter coats distribution. This year alone they were able to give away over 2200 new backpacks with supplies in August and over 2500 new coats in October.

Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department also has a program called Safety in Our Community (SIOC) where firefighters go door to door in the community every weekend in the summer to make sure the residents have a working smoke alarm. If not, they replace it for free. One of the reasons why Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department is able to have a program such as this is because of generous donations from people like Mr.

Rosenthal. He is one of Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department biggest supporters.

#### Citation of Merit Recipient Shirley Ginwright

Shirley Ginwright is the president of the Fairfax County NAACP and has long been active in Public Safety initiatives and programs. Ms. Ginwright served on the Fairfax County Chief of Police's Diversity Council in 2013 and has worked hard to increase diversity within the Police Department.



After the riots in Ferguson, MO, Ms. Ginwright grew concerned about the safety of Fairfax County citizens and law enforcement officials. She saw a need to increase cooperation and communication between residents and public safety agencies. In early 2015, she met with law enforcement leaders and elected officials to discuss what precautions were in place and what needed to be done to prevent violence from occurring in Fairfax County. Ms. Ginwright recommended the creation of a Committee to improve law enforcement and community relationships and communication. Shortly after this meeting, the Communities of Trust Committee (COTC) was established, bringing together law enforcement agencies and citizens to discuss community outreach and cooperation.

Ms. Ginwright became Chairman of COTC and immediately signed up to attend the Police Department Civilian Academy to get a better understanding of the operations of the police department. She then reached out to a diverse group of community leaders, citizens, religious leaders, and law enforcement officials to serve with her on the Committee.

In 2015, the COTC held multiple meetings and organized a number of outreach events, including "Public Safety Day" and several moderated, community forums. These events allowed citizens and public safety officials to communicate with each other and learn about the challenges facing each group. Ms. Ginwright has also been instrumental increasing COTC membership to include not only Fairfax County public safety agencies, but also the Arlington County Police Department, the Virginia State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Justice Department Outreach Division. In addition to her work with COTC, Ms. Ginwright served on the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission organized by Chairman Bulova in 2015 to review police practices. Ms. Ginwright served as the Chair of the Subcommittee to Review Police Practices for Recruitment, Diversity, and Vetting. The Commission submitted its recommendations near the end of 2015.

Ms. Ginwright's plans for this year include working to establish a 501(c)(3) Public Safety Outreach Foundation to implement pro-

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grams to keep children safe and make them responsible and successful citizens.

### Special Gratitude Awards Honoree Sally Sibley

Sally Sibley retired after 42 years as President & CEO of PHILLIPS Programs for Children and Families, a nonprofit serving youth with disabilities. Since Sibley's time at PHILLIPS, the organization has grown from serving four students in a small schoolhouse to serving over 500 children and families in five programs across the entire Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.



Sibley began her career at PHILLIPS in September 1969 as the first Director of the Early Childhood Unit, after working at the George Washington University Counseling Center. As PHILLIPS began to grow there became the need for overall leadership and Sibley assumed the role of CEO. Sibley's desire to work directly with children brought her to PHILLIPS and this commitment is the reason she continued her work for 42 years. "Sally has given her leadership, time and effort to build and sustain our strong and highly regarded organization on behalf of the children," explains Kevin Boyce, Chairman of the PHILLIPS Board of Trustees.

A constant champion for children, Sibley was instrumental in the establishment of a community network of associations who work together in advocating for the rights of children and their families. This work included the creation of the Virginia Association of Independent Special Education Facilities, Northern Virginia Coalition (NOVACO), and the National Association of Private Special Education Centers (NAPSEC), of which she was the first woman president. "Coordinated voices are more impactful than single voices," says Sibley describing the importance of advocacy. Sibley was also invited to represent NAPSEC on the taskforce that wrote the original I.D.E.A. (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) legislation and associated regulations, which governs how state and public agencies provide special education for children with disabilities, during the mid-1970s. Sibley maintains that given the current economic climate it is critical to keep the needs of these children and families in the forefront and continue to focus on providing the best educational opportunities.

Sibley credits the success of PHILLIPS mission to the strong values that guides the organization. "We built a foundation with these values which helps us always keep the best interest of the child and family in mind," says Sibley when discussing the strong dedication to values. Sibley hopes the focus on values will continue to be the guiding principle of the PHILLIPS as it continues to grow enhance services. The strength of values created the legacy of the past and built a solid foundation for the future.

### Proffers

The Federation reviewed the General Assembly bills (SB549 and HB770) to limit the use of proffers. On February 18, 2016, the Federation Membership passed the following resolution:

- 1) WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (Federation) appreciates communication and cooperation between Fairfax County citizens, Fairfax County's Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Fairfax County Delegation to the Virginia General Assembly, and
  - 2) WHEREAS, this resolution is predicated on the General Assembly's current actions (see Reference below) impacting the use by county governments in dealing with proffers from the home building industry, and
  - 3) WHEREAS, proffers are available to any Virginia local jurisdiction such as Fairfax County, which may require proffers, as warranted, due to the impact of new residential, commercial and institutional construction upon existing county and state facilities, infrastructure, social & public safety services, and
  - 4) WHEREAS, limiting the use of proffers by county governments for residential, commercial and institutional development removes an important local land use control and decision making aspect for management and stewardship of existing and future county facilities, infrastructure and social and public safety, and
  - 5) WHEREAS, while parks, schools, and certain transportation areas may be excluded from pending proffer legislation, the loss of proffers may cause the need to raise Fairfax County real estate taxes to fund initiatives to offset adverse consequences of new development or to force the County to completely forgo such newly needed initiatives because of budgetary constraints, and
  - 6) WHEREAS, Fairfax County strives to work closely with its development community to balance the socio-economic impacts of new development with County services and public facilities for County residents, and
  - 7) WHEREAS, Fairfax County is known for not requesting unreasonable proffers, and only requires proffers to be related to the impact of the development on the public facilities, infrastructure, and social and safety services of the County or the quality of resident's lives in the proximate vicinity of the development, and
  - 8) WHEREAS, Fairfax County does not require proffers that are deemed to be unreasonable; and that the continued use of proffers for residential, commercial, institutional developers are currently incorporated into Fairfax County's existing budget and are presently relied upon in County budgets for FY 2017 and FY 2018, and
  - 9) WHEREAS, in their February 2, 2016, letter to the Fairfax General Assembly Delegation members, Chairman Bulova and the Board of Supervisors requested Fairfax County's land use authority be retained, and
  - 10) WHEREAS, Chairman Bulova, the Board of Supervisors, several community organizations and Federation members have asked for the Federation's position on the County's use of proffers with the development community, therefore be it
- RESOLVED** that the Federation requests the Fairfax County's land use proffer authority be fully retained; and be it further
- RESOLVED** that the Federation requests the General Assembly establish and fund an economic impact study by George Mason University on the use of development proffers within the Commonwealth and within Fairfax County.

## Membership Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2016

Draft to be submitted for approval on 3/31/2016

The second of two February Membership meetings of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order on February 18, 2016, by President Tim Thompson at 7:29 p.m. at the Mason Governmental Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

### Attendance

There was no formal sign-in; however, the secretary noted this attendance:

### Board:

**Officers:** Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ Civic Association of West Springfield), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association).

**District Council Representatives:** Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/ Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

**Committee Chairs:** Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), Daniela Cockayne (Public Safety/Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), and Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety).

### Membership:

**Members:** Jon Clark (Annandale Acres Civic Association), Steve Belisle (Country Club View Civic Association), Joana Garcia (Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc.), Amanda Sansbury (Lafayette Village Community Association), John Jennison (Mantua Citizens Association), Greg Doherty (Mason Hill Citizens Association), John Hanley (Reston Citizens Association), John Cockayne (Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), Nick Firth (Stone Haven Civic Association), Julie Hirka (Stonewall Manor Community Association), and Gabriel Goldberg (Walnut Hill HOA).

**Others:** Joe Mondoro, Chief Financial Officer for Fairfax County; Alice Wigington, Coordinator in Budget Services for Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS); Lifan Zhou, Coordinator in Budget Services for FCPS.

**Invited Guests:** Curtis Anderson introduced our invited guests Fairfax County Government & Public Schools Budgets Officials Joe Mondoro & Alice Wigington.

### Presentation: County and School Budgets

Joe Mondoro discussed the FY2017-FY2019 Advertised Budget:

- Continued shortfall in State funding for education is significant
- Modest economic and revenue growth continues
- Significant budget reductions have been taken since FY2009
- Significant cost avoidance decisions were also made
- In every budget year staff is looking for opportunities for efficiencies and to take advantage of cost savings including more than \$13 million identified for FY2017.

- However, additional significant program reductions will change the fabric of the County irrevocably and will need to be carefully evaluated during the next phase of the Lines of Business discussion commencing this summer.
- The FY2017 budget is balanced with a \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed value increase in the Real Estate Tax rate.
- Each \$0.01 equates to approximately \$23 million.
- To provide options for the Board to address unmet requirements for the FY2017 budget includes a recommended \$0.04 increase in the Real Estate Tax rate.
- High office vacancy rate in the County – over 20 million sq. ft. vacant out of 116.5 million sq. ft.
- County's FY2017 real estate equalization growth lower than anticipated: half of what it was in FY2016 and only a quarter of what it was in FY 2015.
- More than half of County budget is transferred to Fairfax County Public Schools; however there is a \$68 million gap between the Advertised Budget and the FCPS request.
- County employee pay is fully funded; and required benefit adjustments are funded.
  - On track to amortize 100% of unfunded liability by FY2020.
- Public Safety Funding:
  - Ad-Hoc Police Commission/Diversion First is funded at \$7.50 million.
  - New South County Police Station is funded at \$3.14 million.
  - 14 new Police Patrol Officers in existing stations funded at \$2.90 million.
  - Police Polygraph Capacity increased by FTE funded at \$0.34 million.
  - Full-Year Funding for Fire and Rescue staffing is funded at \$2.20 million.
  - Fire Apparatus and Ambulance Replacement funded at \$1.78 million.
- Capital and Debt Service increased funding \$15.77 million.
- Human Services increased funding of \$12.01 million including 4 FTEs.
- Cost of County Operations funding increased by \$9.93 million including 14 FTEs.
- Community Development, including Transportation, is set \$3.77 million.

Alice Wigington discussed the FCPS request:

- Priorities are employee compensation and reducing class size in elementary schools.
- Proposing a \$2.7 billion operating budget which is a 4.8% increase over the FY2016 Approved Budget.
- Increased funding of \$10.8 million to help reduce class size in elementary schools.
- Total Compensation:
  - Base Salary Increase for All Employees: \$62.2 million
  - Increased funding to improve teacher salaries: \$40.0 million
  - Living Wage Adjustment: \$1.4 million
  - Health Insurance \$16.5 million
  - Virginia Retirement System (VRS) Rate: \$11.9 million
  - Fairfax County Employees' Retirement System (FCERS) Rate: \$1.6 million
- 89.3% of FCPS' operating budget is for employee compensation.

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**Minutes** (Continued from page 7)

- FY2017 Advertised Budget includes a county transfer request of \$1.9 billion, an increase of \$122.7 million, or 6.7%.
- FCPS receives one of the lowest percentages of its budget from the State compared to other counties within Virginia.

At 8:45 pm the meeting went into recess. The meeting reconvened at 8:56 pm.

**Administrative and Organizational Topics**

Tim Thompson remembered Charlie Dane who passed away recently.

**Bulletin/Newsletter:** Input to the Bulletin was due no later than 9 AM on February 27.

**Meeting Minutes:** Curtis Anderson presented the minutes of February 2, 2016 Membership Meeting to be approved. Art Wells moved, seconded by Fred Costello to accept. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Matthew Bell submitted the following report by email: The current funds in the Federation account are: \$15,008.03.

Bill Barfield noted there is an opening for Chair of the Resolutions Committee.

**Unfinished Business**

None.

**New Business**

**Proffers** – Tim Thompson discussed the issue of proffers and House Bill No. 770 which passed the House of Delegates on February 3, 2016. The Legislative and Land Use Committees offered a resolution and Mantua Citizens Association offered a marked of version of the same resolution. Federation rules require a 2/3 vote of those in attendance in order to consider a resolution at this meeting since it has not been reviewed or acted upon by the Federation's Board. John Jennison moved, seconded by Art Wells, to consider the resolution on proffers; the vote passed 32 to 0, with 5 abstentions, which exceeds the 2/3 requirement.

Art Wells moved, seconded by John Jennison, a Draft Resolution proposed by the Federation committees. A motion was made by Jeff Parnes, seconded by John Jennison, to substitute the Resolution submitted by the Mantua Citizens Association; the motion passed unanimously. After several edits to the Mantua Resolution were suggested and approved, the amended resolution (attached) was approved by a vote of 28-0-0.

**District Council Reports**

(Dranesville and Hunter Mill do not have District Councils.)

- **Braddock** – Art Wells – Report attached.
- **Lee** – Vacant – No report.
- **Mason** – John Birch – Will meet next week.
- **Mt. Vernon** – Katherine Ward – No report.
- **Providence** – Flint Webb – No report.
- **Springfield** – Ed Wyse - No report.
- **Sully** – Jeff Parnes – Will meet next Wed with VDOT.

**Membership – Open Floor**

No report.

**Board & Committee Reports**

**Budget** – Curtis Anderson – Asked for input to the budget document presented last year.

**Citizens Association Services** – Don Hinman – No report.

**Education** –Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer – No report.

**Environment** - Flint Webb and Monica Bilger– No report.

**Human Services** – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.

**Land Use** - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn – No report

**Library** - Kathy Kaplan and Dennis Hayes– No report.

**Membership** – Ed Wyse & Shiasta Keating – No report.

**Public Safety** – Daniela Cockayne and Patrick Smaldore– No report.

**Resolutions** – VACANT – No report.

**Transportation** – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Upcoming items are Countywide Transit Network and I-66 and the Beltway

**Website** – Updated for Public Safety items.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:29 p.m.

**Next Meetings**

(The following schedule has since been changed. See the Calendar on Page 2 for the new schedule.)

**Membership Meeting** – March 17, 2016 — Mason Governmental Center at:

[6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/mason)

**Board Meeting** – March 24, 2016 - Dunn Loring Center, Room 108 (Entrance 2) at:

[2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dunnloring).

*Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary*

**Report from the Library Committee**

According to the Library's "Monthly Statistical Snapshot" for January 2016 which was given to the Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) at their board meeting this month by Library Administration, the number of holdings discarded from the six month period July 1, 2015 to January 2016 was 165,934. That is more than was discarded for the entire previous fiscal year. The number of discards for Fiscal Year 2015 was 164,495.

In the county's own documents are numbers that corroborate accounts from all over the county library system that book dumping has started up again. The discard rate has doubled in Fiscal Year 2016.

Library Director Sam Clay distributed a document at the LBOT budget committee last fall that called for transition from print to digital books. Previously such a transition with associated and well-publicized book dumping was stopped by the Library Board in fall 2013.

**Keep Your Association Information Up-to-Date**

Fairfax County lists approximately 2100 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>.



## **Current Federation Members**

Federation members as of February 26, 2016, are listed below, grouped by district.

**New Members Eligible for Special Dues Rate.** New members (defined as not a member in the previous three years) may join the Federation now for either of these special dues rates:

- Half normal dues for membership through June 30, 2016.
- Full dues for membership extended through June 30, 2017

**A membership application** is available online at:

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

and is attached as the last page of *The Bulletin*.

Ed Wyse, First Vice President (Membership),  
[Fed1stVP2016@FairfaxFederation.org](mailto:Fed1stVP2016@FairfaxFederation.org)

### **Braddock**

Country Club View Civic Association  
 Fairfax Hills Civic Association  
 Middleridge Civic Association  
 North Springfield Civic Association  
 Oak Hill Citizens Association  
 Red Fox Forest Civic Association  
 Stone Haven Civic Association  
 Truro Homes Association

### **Dranesville**

Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association  
 McLean Hamlet Community Association  
 Potomac Hills Citizens Association

### **Hunter Mill**

Colvin's Glen/Colvin's Forest Citizens' Association  
 Fox Mill Estates Homes Association  
 Reston Citizens Association  
 Woodside at Holly Oak

### **Lee**

Groveton, Virginia, Civic Association  
 Hayfield Citizens Association  
 Vantage Homes Association

### **Mason**

Adams Walk Homeowners Association  
 Annandale Acres Civic Association  
 Barcroft Square Homeowners Association  
 Bel Air Civic Association  
 Hillbrook-Tall Oaks Civic Association  
 Lafayette Village Community Association  
 Parklawn Civic Association  
 Ravenwood Park Citizens Association  
 Skyline House Unit Owners Association  
 Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association  
 Sleepy Hollow Woods Citizens Association  
 Woodburn Village Condominium Owners Association

### **Mount Vernon**

Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association  
 Collingwood on the Potomac Citizen Association  
 Huntington Community Association  
 Mason Hill Citizens Association  
 Pavilions at Huntington Metro Community Association  
 South County Federation (also Springfield District)\*  
 Stratford on the Potomac Section IV Homeowners' Association  
 Waynewood Citizens Association  
 Wellington Civic Association

### **Providence**

Five Oaks Estates Citizens Association  
 Greenway Downs Citizens Association  
 Holmes Run Acres Civic Association  
 Mantua Citizens Association  
 Stonewall Manor Community Association  
 Tysons Manor Homeowners Association  
 Walnut Hill Homeowners Association

### **Springfield**

Crosspointe Swim and Racquet, Inc  
 Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association  
 South County Federation (also Mount Vernon District)\*  
 West Springfield Village, Civic Association of

### **Sully**

Chantilly Farm Homeowners Association  
 Chantilly Highlands Homeowners Association

The South County Federation is an umbrella group with 32 associations and a "non-aligned caucus" to which individuals can belong. The association members are listed at:

<http://southcountyfederation.com/index.php/members>.

## **If the Police Pull You Over, Know:**

### **#1: Where to Pull Over**

When you see those flashing blue lights behind you, pull over to a safe location. It could be the nearest shoulder, turn lane or parking lot. Try to get your vehicle completely out of the travel lanes. Police may approach from either side, depending on the location and other safety considerations. Also, don't be alarmed if you see another officer pull up. Police often show up to check on each other, especially at night.

### **#2: Do's and Don'ts Inside Your Car**

Remain in your vehicle, keep your hands in view and minimize your movements. Officers may become alarmed if you or a passenger shifts or moves around a lot. Are you just looking for your license and registration? Or are you hiding/reaching for something illegal?

### **#3: Introduction and Direction**

Police will introduce themselves, explain why you've been stopped and provide direction to make the interaction as smooth and brief as possible.

### **#4: Summons/Ticket**

If you are issued a summons, you are required by law to sign it. It is not an admission of guilt and you have the right to contest the charge in court. Instructions are provided on the summons. Failure to sign could result in you being arrested and brought before a magistrate.

### **#5: Police Impersonators**

Police impersonators are out there. If you have doubts about vehicles pulling you over, especially unmarked cars, find a bright and/or populated place to pull over. Turn on your four-way hazard lights to acknowledge the officer (or impersonator) as you look for a safe and public location. You can also call 9-1-1 to report the stop or verify the person is *actually* a police officer.

**Return this form to Membership Vice President at address shown below.**

**Please tell us who is submitting this form: and your email address:**

**Federation Membership Application/Renewal for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (starting July 1, 2015)**  
 Print this form in landscape mode and submit by mailing with a check to address shown below.  
 You may also complete this form on line at [www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/memberappl.htm)

<b>Association Name:</b>		<b>and address:</b>		<b>Date:</b>
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone/FAX (XXX.XXX.XXXX)</b>	<b>E-mail see note #2</b>
<b>President</b>				
<b>Treasurer</b>				
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Delegate</b>				
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate</b>				
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate</b>				
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Delegate</b>				

**Please indicate person and address above to send future membership renewals:**      **District?**      **Association Type?**  
**Association Size/Federation Dues:**      **Organization's web site:**      **Month new officers installed:**

1. Number of votes is based on association size. Dues are based on association size and number of mailed bulletins (see chart below):  
 2. Bulletin notices are distributed by e-mail at no cost. Mailed Bulletins are \$10 per subscription. Unless otherwise noted, email addresses provided above will be added to the Federation's email list for distribution of Federation notices  
 3. Membership dues are from July 1 to June 30 of the following year. Separate invoices may not be mailed. To determine whether your association's membership is current check with the Federation Treasurer at [fedtreas2015@fairfaxfederation.org](mailto:fedtreas2015@fairfaxfederation.org)

4. Mail application form and check, payable to "Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations" or simply "FCFCA", to:

**THE FEDERATION**  
 Attention: Membership Vice President  
 P.O. Box 3913  
 Merrifield, VA 22116-3913

Dues, Delegates, & Bulletins		# of Residences	Dues	Voting Delegates	Bulletins (emailed) One per delegate
Under 100	\$20		1	+ \$10 per each mailed	
100-1000	\$40		2	+ \$10 per each mailed	
Over 1000	\$60		3	+ \$10 per each mailed	

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**Future membership renewals:** 1. Submitter, 2. Association Address, 3. President, 4. Treasurer, 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Delegate, 6. 2<sup>nd</sup> Delegate, 7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate, 8. 4<sup>th</sup> Delegate  
**District:** B. Braddock, D. Dranesville, H. Hunter Mill, L. Lee, M. Mason, MtV. Mount Vernon, P. Providence, Sp. Springfield, Su. Sully  
**Association type:** Civic, Coop, Condo, Homeowner  
**Association Size/Federation Dues:** For example: 90/\$20