

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations
Summary of Board of Directors Meeting
August 23, 2001
7:30-10:00 p.m.

Attending: Art Wells, Wade Smith, Carol Hawn, Charles Dane, Mary Anne Lecos, Jean Packard, Anne Kanter, Ray Steele, Sally Ormsby, George Smith, Mike Tobias, Johna Gagnon, Peter Brinitzer, Jeffrey Parnes.

I. Committees.

Art Wells introduced Ray Steele, who will co-chair the Land Use Committee. He announced his intention to revive the Human Services Committee and recruit a chair who has been active on the Human Services Council.

II Membership Meeting on September 20.

The program focus is Transportation with George Smith introducing the speaker, Young Ho Chang, Director of the County Transportation Office. George will review highlights from a background paper prepared with Sally Ormsby. The paper will be distributed as a handout, and the proposal section—as amended after review by the directors—will be published in the September Bulletin and posted on the website of Jeff Parnes' association.

George is seeking approval of the proposed position in concept for use with the Citizens' Advisory Committee. Sally Ormsby noted that the proposal's support for regional planning, if approved, will require modification of a Federation legislative position.

The other major agenda item is clarification/discussion of the proposed changes in the by-laws.

III Changes in By-Laws

After review and discussion of comments submitted by Charles Dane and Bill Hanks, an amended version of the August 9 draft was approved unanimously. A summary of changes will be published in the September Bulletin, with full copies available from Sally Ormsby before and at the meetings in September and October.

IV September Newsletter

Peter Brinitzer explained that the major reason for delayed delivery is the autonomy of local mail carriers in delivering bulk mail. Therefore, we agreed that the Saturday after each Board meeting will be the deadline for sending copy to Peter (or his set-up person). This deadline of August 25 for the September Bulletin will ensure posting by August 31. A final draft of each newsletter will be reviewed by Art Wells and Jean Packard before printing.

The newsletter contents for September:

- Message from the president re planning and goals
- Transportation program info; summary of proposed position; website reference
- Contact info for Board of Directors

- Summary of proposed revisions to by-laws; source of full copies
- Meeting dates for 2001-002, with program info through November
- Membership form, amended to include space for 3 alternates
- Summary of the membership meeting in May (if space allows)

Delayed until the October Bulletin:

- Repts to commissions, boards, task forces, and organizations (Carol Hawn)
- Short descriptions--100 words--of committee responsibilities and plans (Chairs)
- List of member organizations (Wade Smith)

V Planning for the October Membership Meeting

- Vote on revised by-laws
- Legislative Positions. (Directors should send proposals to Sally Ormsby after reviewing the 2001 package, which was distributed in July meeting and is available from Sally. Proposed changes will be considered by the Board on September 27.)
- School Bond Referendum (Charles Dane will arrange for a speaker and develop a position with the Education Committee for review by the Board on September 27.)
- November Membership Meeting Focus: Land Use and Revitalization (Including reps of the McLean task force.)
- December Focus: Deregulation of Power? (Or collaborate with LWV on securing info?)

VI Earley/Warner Debate. We voted not to consider sponsorship because of scheduled debates in Fairfax County and on TV.

VII Communication/Logistics. Sally Ormsby will send her list of Federation Board e-mail addresses to all directors. Jean Packard distributed a schedule for use of rooms at the Packard Center in 2002. (Note the difference from Carol Hawn's list for March.)

VIII. Art Wells reported on his productive meeting with Supervisors Bulova and Connolly about our plans to strengthen the Federation, and he intends to communicate with other supervisors. He will continue recruitment of committee chairs and outreach to district councils. Agenda items postponed until the board meeting on September 27:

- Membership drive (more associations and minorities)
- Increasing revenues and reducing costs
- Date and speaker for 2002 Citizen of the Year award banquet

