

FAIRFAX FEDERATION OF CITIZENS ASSOCIATIONS
MINUTES OF MEMBERSHIP MEETING ON JUNE 20, 2002 (DRAFT 6-28-02)
PACKARD BUILDING

Call to Order.

Art Wells convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. with the following announcements:

- This is the last membership meeting for 2001-2002. There will be a Board meeting on June 27 but no membership meeting in July *or August*.
- Supervisor Sharon Bulova held a *town* meeting on clean air quality, which was taped by Channel 16 and will be replayed Wednesday, July 3, 2002.
- The attendance roster is attached.

Referendum on Sales Tax for Transportation—Proposed Resolution.

Sally Ormsby moved approval of the attached resolution, which was seconded. This resolution, approved by the Federation Board, was posted on the web site before the meeting. She noted that this position is consistent with a position in the Federation Legislative *Program*, and that *food purchased for human consumption would be exempt from the half cent tax increase*. An association representative questioned the Federation's involvement with this issue. Others responded that the Federation deals with all quality of life issues and acts for the benefit of the County populace. The resolution was approved with two votes in opposition. It will be sent to the appropriate press and public officials.

Comments to VDOT on Widening of the Beltway.

George Smith moved approval of the attached position, which was approved by the Federation Board and posted on the web site prior to the meeting. The discussion focused on the disconnect between the proposed 12 lanes from I-95 to *the American Legion Bridge* while Maryland will maintain the beltway at 8 lanes; the destruction of homes, the taking of land; the expenditure of \$3.3B; and the failure to consider light rail, heavy rail or monorail as an integral part of the *Beltway improvement draft EIS*. The proposed position was approved unanimously for transmittal to the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Proposed Resolution re Residential Development Criteria

Approval of the attached resolution, as approved by the Federation Board on May 30, was moved and seconded. This was posted on the web site prior to the meeting. After considerable discussion of pros and cons of proffer use, the proposed resolution was approved with one amendment--addition of the following language to the end of paragraph d: "...including the provision for cash proffers for schools restricted for use in the district or *adjoining* districts without allowing for substitution of library or other public facilities to offset proffers for schools." The amended resolution will be transmitted to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

Linking Land Use and Transportation—Proposed Resolution.

The attached resolution, as approved by the Federation Board and posted on the web site, was moved and seconded. Discussion focused on the need for linking land use and transportation so that density can be supported. The Tysons Corner and Dulles Corridor were cited as examples of planned increased densities around future Metro stations that may not be available for years. The recommendation is that the Comprehensive Plan be adhered to with no additional transit density bonus given until a funding mechanism is in place to reduce congestion *and transportation infrastructure can support increased densities*. The proposed resolution was approved unanimously for transmittal to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors.

County Budget Overview Committee – Proposed Resolution

The attached resolution, as approved by the Federation Board and posted on the web site, was moved and seconded. This is a recommendation to revive the Citizens Budget Overview Committee that served effectively in the mid-1980s as a mean of providing citizen input into the budget process. The proposed resolution was approved unanimously for transmittal to the Board of Supervisors.

Affordable Dwelling Unit Task Force Extension – Proposed Resolution

Bill Hanks moved approval of the attached resolution, which was discussed by the Federation Board and posted on the web site prior to the meeting. The resolution proposes that the Task Force not be disbanded until they address all of the issues they were assigned. The proposal was approved unanimously for transmittal to the Board of Supervisors.

Comments on Meadowood Farm (Mason Neck)

The President addressed the Meadowood Farm issue by stating that a letter and *position* had been sent to the Bureau of Land Management on behalf of the Federation after discussion of the environmental issues at the last Board meeting. A copy of the letter is on the web site.

Approval of the Minutes

The attached minutes of the membership meeting on May 16, as posted on the Federation web site, were approved with correction of a clerical error.

Treasurer's Report

The attached treasurer's report for June (as of 6/20/02), which projects a year-end balance of \$868.58, was received and filed. The president commended Charles Dane on his service as treasurer.

Committee Reports

Chairs noted several ongoing activities but there were no written committee reports. Applications to renew membership will be sent out next month. The form, distributed at the meeting, also is on the web site.

New Business

No new business was introduced. Art reviewed the progress made by the Federation in 2001-02 in addressing issues of importance to citizens of Fairfax County. He thanked the Board for their efforts and support, and also expressed his hopes for next year: increasing membership, strengthening of committees, and more coordination with the member units and district councils. Planning for achievement of these goals will begin at the Board meeting on June 27.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 *p.m.*

Submitted by Mary Anne Lecos and Dolores Moseke

Attachments:

Proposed Resolution: Referendum on Sales Tax Increase for Transportation.
Comments to VDOT on Widening of the Beltway
Proposed Resolution on Residential Development Criteria
Proposed Resolution on Linking Land Use and Planning
Proposed Resolution on County Budget Overview Committee
Proposed Resolution on Affordable Dwelling Unit Task Force Extension
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