

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Membership Meeting Agenda (Revised)

Thursday, 17 December 2009 7:30 p.m.

Packard Center, 4022 Hummer Road, Annandale

Call to Order/Welcome/Updates - Jeff Parnes, Federation President

Calendar:

Month	Membership	Board
Dec	17 - Storm Water	10 (2 nd Thursday)
Jan 10	21 - School Budget Presentation	28
Feb	18 - Tyson's Corner Plan	None (note early March Board meeting)
Mar	25 - County Budget Presentation (4 th Thursday)	4 (1st Thursday) Budget
Apr	15 - Report from Federation Appointees & Representatives	22
May	20- Report from Richmond (Selected Fairfax County legislators)	27
Jun	17 - Picnic - State of Fairfax by Sharon Bulova, BOS Chair, Officer Installation	24

Program: Storm Water Management in Fairfax County

Presenter: Randy Bartlett, Fairfax County DPW&ES

Randy is responsible for the county's stormwater and wastewater programs. Over the last several years there have been many pressures on the stormwater program, and there are a lot of misconceptions regarding the program. A 15-20 minute briefing will be used to explain the County Executive's recommendation. The briefing provides insights into the overall program and the recent history of the stormwater program, regulatory trends, stream programs, and infrastructure needs.

Administrative Items:

- **Approval of 19 Dec 2009 Membership Meetings Minutes:** Ed Wyse
<http://www.fcfca.org/minutes-agenda/200911MinutesMemberDraft.pdf>
- **Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schegel
- **Officer and Committee Chair Vacancies:**
 - Co-Recording Secretary - if you are interested in serving the remainder of the 2009/10 term please contact Jeff (FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).
 - Human Services - Chair
 - Bulletin Editor - Carol is planning to step down after the June 2010 bulletin. If you're interested in serving as Bulletin Editor when she steps down please either contact her (FedBulletinEditor2009@fairfaxfederation.org) or Jeff (FedPres2009@fairfaxfederation.org).
- **The Federation is looking for a new place to hold its meetings for 09-10.**
 - The Federation is exploring new locations to hold its meetings and store its files as the Packard Center may be closed due to cost of required physical facility upgrades. Any member who knows of a suitable location should contact our second Vice President, Kahan Dhillon, at fed2ndvp2009@fairfaxfederation.org.
 - Flint has suggested the Dunn Loring Center located at 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027

Old Business:

- **Chairman's Photos** - John
 - BOS Chair Bulova's office staff has determined where the chairman's photo's may be best displayed
 - Supervisor Herrity provided a photo of his father, the late Chairman Herrity. We will arrange for it to be framed by the same firm that framed the other portraits.
 - BOS Chair Bulova's office is contacting Public Affairs about date for a small reception to receive, hang or unveil the photos.

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New Business:

- **Resolution on Daytime Noise Limits** - Fred Costello (Needs 2/3's approval to introduce as it has not been through the Board)

The resolution deals with the fact that daytime noise is no longer limited, thanks to a recent Court decision that was based on the vagueness of the current ordinance. The County needs to replace the vague ordinance with a specific ordinance. The County is keenly aware of the need.

<http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Landuse/ResolutionDaytimeNoiseOrdinanceDraft091211.pdf>

- Why urgent: A farm winery in Clifton will open on January 16. If the noise limit is not set before it opens, then whatever noise it produces, for example from wedding receptions, will not be covered but will be grandfathered.
 - Where measured: The noise ordinance (Section 108) in general establishes where the noise is to be measured (at the boundaries of the property).
 - Lawn care: I included exceptions for construction and maintenance, so lawn-care machines, chain saws and shredders would be exempt.
 - Noise level: Nighttime noise (11 pm to 7 am) is limited to 55 dBA. Normal conversation is at no more than 65 dBA, which drops to 58 dBA in approximately three feet (<http://www.sengpielaudio.com/calculator-distance.htm>). I propose to limit the daytime noise to 3 dBA greater than the nighttime limit (i.e., limit daytime noise to 58 dBA). That means the noise could be twice as loud as at night. If, instead of two people talking at 65 dBA, a row of trumpets is producing the 65 dBA, the loudness will drop much more slowly because each trumpet contributes to the total noise, but this case is exactly what we want to prevent.
- **Resolution on Operation of Farm Wineries**- Fred Costello (Needs 2/3's approval to introduce as it has not been through the Board)
<http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Landuse/ResolutionOperationofFarmWineriesDraft091211.pdf>
 - In the Background in my resolution I wrote R-1-zoned land allows some agricultural uses, but does not specifically forbid the use of the land for the production and sale of wine.
 - If wineries are allowed in R-1 zones, the issue with wineries becomes more acute. The zoning is indeed ambiguous and informal conversations with County officials implied that wineries are permitted in R-1 zones; therefore, this resolution is needed to address the issue.
 - **Publicity** - Charlie
 - See p. 5 of the Monday, 7 December edition of the Washington Examiner for Rob Jackson's (President) of McLean Citizens Association) supporting comments about the Federation.
 - <http://www.fcfca.org/newspaper/The3-minuteInterviewRobJacksonWashingtonExaminer091203.pdf>

Board & Committee Reports

- Association Services - Don Hinman
- Budget - Carey Campbell and Charlie Hall
- Citizen of the Year - John
 - Nominations are open until 31 Jan 2010 - <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>
 - Banquet April/May
- Education & Youth - Charlie Dane
- Environment - Flint Webb
 - We're happy to have Ana Prados continue to represent the Federation at the MWAQ Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).
 - The Environment Committee of the Fairfax County Planning Commission will be holding a public workshop on a draft Policy Plan Amendment proposal addressing disturbances to Environmental Quality Corridors. More details are provided in the attachment. Of particular note is the availability of a background document containing the "Strawman" draft Plan Amendment at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/eqcdisturbancesstrawman.pdf>
- Human Services - **Vacant**

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- Land Use - Fred Costello
- Legislation - Tania Hossain
 - Carol Hawn is reformatting our position for distribution
 - Jeff is the 2nd speaker at the public hearing on 10 Jan 2010
- Membership - Tania Hossain
- Public Safety - Gail Parker
- Resolutions - Bill Hanks
- Transportation - Roger Hoskin and Carey Campbell
 - Attached is the Planning and Design Division Monthly Projects Status Report for October for sidewalks, trails, bus shelters, and road projects that may be of interest to you.
 - Please note that the contact for trail requests or trail maintenance on Park Authority land has changed to Liz Cronauer (FCPA) 703-324-8629 Elizabeth.Cronauer@fairfaxcounty.gov Jenny Pate is retiring on January 5, 2010.
 - The contact for sidewalk requests or maintenance is Chris Wells (FCDOT) 703-877-5772 chris.wells@fairfaxcounty.gov
 - Let me know if you have any questions, Mark Tipton, FCFCA representative, Trails and Sidewalks Committee <http://www.fcfca.org/committees/Transportation/PDDMonthlyStatusReport+200910.pdf>
- Website - Jeff Parnes
 - Fairfax Federation Forum - The federations own discussion board <<<http://fairfaxfederation.org/smf/index.php>>> is now active. Please follow they link and register - any questions, please get with Jeff at (Fedwebmaster2009@fairfaxfederation.org).

District Council Reports (Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

- Braddock - Art Wells
- Lee - Don Hinman
- Mason - Roger Hoskins
- Mt. Vernon - Karen Pohorylo
 - Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Mount Vernon School Board Member Dan Storck held public meeting regarding the fiscal year 2011 budget in the Mount Vernon District on 9 Dec
- Providence - Charles Hall
- Sully - Jeff Parnes
 - Public Safety brief at last night's meeting and Parks report in January.
 - Land Use and Transportation Committee reviewed the three APR cases that had been deferred awaiting the VDOT 527 analysis - no objections were raised to the Sully APR Task Force recommendations
- Springfield - Mike Thompson

Closing Announcements:

- Celebration Honoring Ann Rodriguez
 - Several Federation representatives attended the A Celebration of Ann's Life, hosted by the Arts Council of Fairfax County, on Wednesday, December 2nd, CenterStage, Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods in honor of Ann Rodriguez, their past chair
- Verdiana Haywood is retiring!
 - Please mark your calendar and plan to drop by his Retirement Open House on Thursday, January 14th between 10 am and 3 pm just outside of Verdiana's office ... its open to all and at Verdiana's request - there's NO speeches, NO program, NO formalities ... just a time to say, "hey, HEY, hey" and enjoy some treats.
 - Next, get together with some colleagues - or go it alone - make a scrapbook page (standard 12 X 12) that captures a memory... all together, it will become a book to bring smiles for years to come! You are welcome to bring in a photo or jot down a story instead of a whole page.

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- During the week of January 4 - 11, there will be an "Open Mike" video camera set up in the Government Center at designated dates and times (TBD). We invite everyone to stop by and sing a song, say a few words, tell your favorite joke, or make faces so Verdia can relax later at home with some popcorn and enjoy the memories.
- And last but not least, in lieu of any retirement gifts ... if you are so inclined, make a donation to the Verdia Haywood Long Term Care Services Fund. To honor Verdia's vision and dedication, CareFaxLTC/Life Circle Alliances has created this fund to help provide resources for emerging projects in long term care for older adults or adults with disabilities. Harriet and Jerry Hopkins have issued a challenge grant of up to \$5,000 to be matched dollar for dollar by donations from the community. All donors who contribute by December 31, 2009, will be recognized as charter members of the Fund.
- Donations can be made on line via the CareFaxLTC / Life Circle Alliances website <http://www.carefaxltc.org> (please note "for the Verdia Haywood Fund" in the designation field). You may also donate via check made payable to CareFaxLTC and mailed to CareFaxLTC at 4031 University Drive, Box 323, Fairfax, VA 22030.
- We look forward to seeing you on January 14th! **Please feel free to pass this along to others you know who know Verdia ...**

Adjournment

Upcoming Meetings:

Next Membership Meeting - 21 January 2010, 7:30 PM

Next Board Meeting - 28 January 2010, 7:30 PM