

Board Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2013

Approved May 23, 2013

The April meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tania Hossain at 7:30 p.m. at the FCPS Dunn Loring Center.

Present: Matthew Bell, Linda Boone, Karen Campblin, Daniela Cockayne, Fred Costello, Charlie Dane (member, Education Committee), Charlie Hall (guest from Providence District Council), Roger Hoskin, Tania Hossain, Rob Jackson, Morgan Jameson, Cherie Lejeune, Spencer Linbacker (spelling uncertain—guest from Hillbrook Tall Oaks Civic Association), Jeff Parnes, Jim Phelps (Federation representative to the Engineering Standards Review Committee), Art Wells, and Ed Wyse.

Administrative and Organizational Topics

Appointments: Linda Boone—The board approved the appointment of Karen Campblin as co-chair of the Transportation Committee. The board approved the appointments of John Cockayne as Federation representative to the Citizen Corps Council and of Daniela Cockayne as Federation alternate representative to the Citizen Corps Council.

The Bulletin (newsletter): Fred Costello, Editor—The deadline for articles for the May newsletter is April 28.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes: Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary—The board approved the minutes of the March 2013 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—This afternoon Scott distributed via e-mail to board members his first financial report since the Citizen of the Year banquet. Scott was not present at this meeting; President Hossain deferred group review/discussion of the financial records until next month.

Citizen of the Year (COY) Awards and Banquet: Jeff Parnes, Chair—(a) Jeff had distributed Monday via e-mail a survey of banquet satisfaction to 90 attendees and has received 10 responses. He and the board discussed the results. (b) Jeff described the terms offered by the Crowne Plaza for future banquets. [Terms: Same base price with a small escalation to cover anticipated sales tax increases with options for three years. This offer will expire this weekend.] Jeff made a motion to accept the Crowne Plaza offer. The vote was 4 for and 4 against. Having failed to receive a majority, the motion failed. (c) The financial report reveals that ticket sales did not cover the full costs of the banquet (which is the historical pattern); the sponsor's donation will cover the difference. Sponsorship for next year is uncertain given the pending bifurcation of SAIC.

Membership: Tania Hossain—Tania has received two new membership applications and is awaiting their dues payments.

Website: Jeff Parnes—no report

Nominations: Jeff Parnes announced that the Nomination Committee submits the following slate of candidates for the 2013-2014 membership year:

- President: Rob Jackson
- First Vice President: Ed Wyse
- Second Vice President: no nomination at this time
- Treasurer: Scott Schlegel
- Recording Secretary: Linda Boone
- Corresponding Secretary: Fred Costello

New Business

Stormwater Management Recommendations from the Engineering Standards Review Committee (ESRC) Subcommittee: The ESRC Subcommittee proposes three stormwater management ordinance amendments to PFM Chapter 6. Among the proposals are (1) allowing BMP (best management practices) facilities within single-family lots for subdivisions of greater than three lots and (2) county maintenance of facilities in new HOA single-family and townhouse areas. A related topic is phase-in of county maintenance of facilities that are in existing HOA outlots and individual lots. While there are other related proposals, the James Patteson, Director of the Department of Public Works and Environmental Services has asked the Federation's position on the two proposals mentioned here. Jim Phelps, Federation representative to the ERSC, brought this request to the board at this meeting. The DPWES will discuss the proposals with the Board of Supervisors' Environmental Committee on May 7. Public hearings are expected in the summer and autumn. The board concluded that it could not take a position tonight; further study would be required. First Vice President Jackson, the Land Use and Environmental committees, and our ESRC representative Jim Phelps will study the issue and present a recommended position to the board at its May meeting.

Fairfax Forward: Fairfax Forward is a proposal to replace the current Area Plans Review process, which has some shortfalls, with a new process for updating county plans. Charlie Hall introduced the topic. Some residents are expressing concerns with the current draft proposal, which is not complete; the primary concerns being that citizen involvement is insufficient and that the proposed concept of planning by areas, as written, hinders examination of impacts out-of-area, in adjacent areas, and countywide. The board had a spirited and detailed discussion of issues. First Vice President Jackson and the Land Use Committee will provide their recommendation to Charlie Hall. President Hossain asked members to review the draft planning process and to come to the May membership meeting ready to discuss it. She also urged members to ask their district councils to get involved in recommending improvements to Forward Fairfax.

Board and Committee Reports

Budget: Rob Jackson and Linda Boone—(a) Linda: The Board of Supervisors has passed the 2014 budget with a \$1.085 residential tax rate—a split between the current \$1.075 rate and the County Executive's proposed \$1.095 rate. (b) Linda: The Federation should plan to improve our budget review process for next year. (c) Charlie Dane: The Federation in September should review how the county handles "carry over" funds and 3rd Quarter Review to help determine what items the Federation may need to highlight in its budget review.

Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman—no report.

Education: Leonard Bumbaca, Ed Saperstein, & Tim Thompson—Charlie Dane reported. (a) Tim has met with the new Superintendent-designate, Dr. Karen Garza, who will assume the post on July 1, and she has tentatively agreed to meet with the committee in September. (b) On May 9 current Superintendent Dr. Jack Dale will release his budget. On May 11 the committee will develop its school budget position. On May 14 a public hearing will be held on the budget. (c) Tania thanked Charlie for serving on the superintendent search committee. He will submit an article on the school board's search efforts for publication in *The Bulletin*.

Environment: Flint Webb—*Flint sent a detailed written report via e-mail to the board on April 19.*

Human Services: Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson—Cherie reports she will be setting a date for the mental health first aid course. She is also urging Health Fairfax to include care/support for chronic diseases. Morgan reports that the recent survey of the homeless has defined the problem and identified that the most immediate need is to stock the food pantries.

Land Use: Matt Bell & Fred Costello—(a) Fred raised the issue of whether the open space as claimed by the Dulles Discovery project can be claimed as open because it is not accessible to the public. As the project is in the Sully District, Jeff provided more information about it. (b) Fred reported the May program on land use is on track.

Legislation: Frank Anderson— Frank recommended that our Report from Richmond be held in Richmond. He also recommend that rather than the Federation devoting a membership meeting to this

program, we would better serve our members by partnering with district councils to support their Report from Richmond programs.

Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne & Melissa Smarr—Tania will bring the new committee members up to speed on the Federation's work with the Franconia District Station staff to plan an immediate crime alert system.

Resolutions: Bill Hanks—no report. Charlie proposed that the Citizen of the Year awards criteria in the Policies & Procedures should be amended to reflect current practice.

Transportation: Karen Campblin, Joe Gibson, & Jeff Parnes—(a) The I-66/Route 28 Improvements (Preliminary study to identify interchange alternatives) will be the subject of a public information hearing on April 29 at Stone Middle School in Chantilly. (b) Other public hearings are pending on several other projects. (c) Reviews of bus service changes once the Silver Line opens are underway. (d) Three presentations given to the Transportation Advisory Council have been added to the Federation's website: MWAA's progress on the Silver Line Phase 1 and 2 Projects, VDOT's SuperNoVa Transit TDM Vision Plan, and proposed changes to Fairfax Connector routes in support of the opening of Metro's Silver Line.

District Council Reports

Seven supervisor districts have councils of citizens associations; Dranesville & Hunter Mill districts do not.

Braddock: Art Wells—(a) The April 10 meeting featured several members of the Northern Virginia delegation to the General Assembly who discussed major issues addressed during the recently concluded session. (b) The BDC Aging in Place Committee's April 17 meeting featured timely presentations on two major programs focused on assisting senior citizens: (1) Adult Health Day Care Program administered by the Fairfax County Health Department and (2) Program for All-Exclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) administered by INOVA Care for Seniors. Both presentations provided a good understanding of the organizations and services available to provide assistance to seniors' health needs.

Lee: Chris Soule—*Chris submitted this report to the board via e-mail on April 26.* Lee District held its monthly meeting on April 24th. Marianne Gardner from county planning staff led a presentation on how land use, zoning, and planning takes place in the county, with an emphasis on community participation. Our next meeting is May 22nd, with a presentation on human service needs and providers in the county.

Mason: Roger Hoskin: The council will hold its officer elections on the same date and in the same building as the Federation's May meeting.

Mount Vernon: Karen Pohorylo—no report

Providence District Council: Flint Webb—*Flint provided this written report to the board via e-mail on April 19.* In the PDC meeting of April 16:

Board Elections: The slate was Charlie Hall, Chair, Flint Webb Vice Chair, Cynthia Lee, Secretary and Julia Hutchins, Treasurer. The proposed slate was elected with no other candidates coming from the floor. For more information about the new officers see <http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/2013/03/05/2013-pdc-board-officers-nominated/>.

Fairfax Forward land use discussion: Marianne Gardner, Director of the Planning Division and Meghan VanDam, chief of the department's Policy and Plan Development Branch presented the Fairfax Forward plan. The Providence District aired their concerns about the plan mostly dealing with insufficient public engagement and encouraging representative from the District Councils and other homeowner and civic associations. For more information about Fairfax Forward see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/fairfaxforward/>. For more information about PDC's concerns see <http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/2013/04/13/letter-to-board-subject-of-april-16-pdc-vote/>. The proposal will be going to the Board of Supervisors on April 30th.

Upcoming meetings:

The Providence District Council will be having monthly meetings on the third Tuesday evening every month. See <http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/>.

- May 21 – Legislative Delegation (TBD). Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA 22027. Board elections will take place at 7 p.m. and the budget presentation will begin at 7:15 p.m.
- June 18 – Metro West Update
- July – Picnic and optional meeting on July 16. The picnic will probably be a weekend event.
- August 20 – Optional meeting
- September 17 – Stormwater Ordinance and/or Stream Restorations in Providence District
- October 15 – Candidate meeting
- November 12 – TBD (date moved to avoid Thanksgiving week)
- December 10 – Holiday party (date moved away from Christmas week)

Springfield: Ed Wyse—no report.

Sully: Jeff Parnes—(a) At its April 24 meeting the Sully District Council discussed Fairfax Forward. Jeff reported key points of the Sully discussion in this evening's Federation's Fairfax Forward discussion. (b) The Land Use committee studied an issue involving a cell phone tower at a school, specifically height and design. The committee deferred decision for two weeks. (c) The May meeting will be the Report from Richmond. Ten legislators have been invited; four have thus far committed to attend.

Adjournment—The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Next Meetings

The annual (membership) meeting will be May 16, 7:30 p.m., at Mason Governmental Center. The program topic is land use; election of officers will be held.

The next board meeting will be May 23, 7:30 p.m., at Braddock Hall.

The annual picnic will be June 20 at the Annandale Community Park.

Minutes prepared by Ed Wyse, Recording Secretary