

## Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2014

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### Call to Order/Welcome

The January meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Rob Jackson at 7:40 p.m. at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, VA.

**Present:** Rob Jackson, Ed Wyse, Bill Barfield, Linda Boone, Charlie Dane, Flint Webb, Fred Costello, Art Wells, Tim Thompson, Daniela Cockayne, Scott Schlegel, Sammy Roth, Bill Hanks, John Cockayne, Bill Barfield, Jeff Parnes, Cheri Lejeune, and Don Hinman

### Administrative Topics

**Appointments:** No appointments

**The Bulletin (Newsletter):** Fred Costello—March 1 is due date for the Bulletin.

**Board Meeting Minutes:** Linda Boone, Recording Secretary—The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January board meeting as moved by Flint Webb and seconded by Art Wells. The Minutes are filed for record.

**Treasurer's Report:** Scott Schlegel, Treasurer—Flint Webb and Ed Wyse moved and seconded the report which was filed for the record.

**Citizen of the Year Banquet:** There were questions about the COY award which were deferred until Tania Hossain could be present. There will be three gratitude awards to honor retiring legislators.

### Board and Committee Reports

**Citizen Association Services:** Don Hinman—HB 751 failed in the General Assembly today. Some members of HOAs think that their Boards have sufficient power to oversee the HOA currently.

**Education:** Charlie Dane & Tim Thompson—Five resolutions are being discussed by the committee and will be submitted for the budget resolution. The tax rate could be increased in order to fully fund the School's request. FCPS' gap is down to \$34M, if State funding in the amount of \$30M actually arrives. Schools and county working on infrastructure funding, both are not getting enough benefit from proffers by the developers.

**Environment:** Flint Webb—Friends of Accotink Creek has a composting program they would like to present to HOAs. The presentation from Stormwater Division given at the Membership meeting will be posted on the website; the presentation by Randy Bartlett was excellent. We may want to have a presentation from the Sanitary Sewer staff. Stormwater Ordinance passed by the Board of Supervisors on February 25.

**Human Services:** Cherie Lejeune—Neighborhood Collaboration will be offering a program for the community and requested that the Federation encourage our members to register.

**Land Use:** Fred Costello—The Reston Plan passed despite concerns about open and park space and a traffic analysis that is based on a low estimate of the number of vehicles/trips.

**Library Ad-hoc Committee:** Kathy Kaplan –provided attached email about status of library “ad hoc” committee.

**Legislation:** Lansdowne HOAs has been really opposed to HB 791 and the legislation was defeated today. We need to work with those HOAs to have it reconsidered next year. Only two the Federation's 10 legislative positions that were provided to the delegation have been addressed this year. Committee needs to provide its resolution about legislation earlier to the delegation (probably September or October).

**Membership:** Per Mr. Wyse, the First Vice President, there are 47 members currently, but Arcadia Condominiums joined today. The Federation is identifying members by size of the association. We need to add an item on the membership form for the number of units served by that association.

**Public Safety:** Daniela Cockayne—met with Sheriff Kincaid and the Fire Department about how to be more visible in neighborhoods. She recommended they come to the Federation before they launch programs in neighborhoods. Sheriff requested money for Project Lifesaver, a program that provides bracelets and batteries for people with cognitive disabilities to allow them to be tracked

**Resolutions:** Bill Hanks—Posting any Policies and Procedures revisions on the website will be delayed until after the Citizen of the Year banquet review is completed in May.

**Transportation:** Jeff Parnes—submitted links to the six-year transportation project list with a budget of \$1.4 B. The list is posted on the county website <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/cdot/projects/approved.htm>. It is the first link under Quick Link under FCDOT homepage: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/>)

Prioritization of the projects is currently being done: Interchanges, Roadway Extensions, Spot Improvements, Roadway Widening, Transit, and Bicycle and Pedestrian. Mr. Parnes will form a task force to prioritize Sully District projects. Some money may be used to fund changes to Metro. The Silver Line is eligible for a Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) Loan (\$900M), which allows for favorable financing for projects. Dulles Rail Silver Line was reported as substantially complete but evaluators indicated that was not the case for the contractor. The Line will probably not open until July 2014. Phase 2 of the Silver Line is starting even with the delays.

President Jackson sent a study about overweight trucks being subsidized by taxpayers to the Committee for review, even though the General Assembly just increased the fee for overweight trucks.

Even though a fee for hybrid cars was removed during the General Assembly, all-electric cars are still required to pay a fee because those vehicles do not pay any gasoline taxes that support road maintenance.

**Website:** Jeff Parnes—the Federation is currently paying for 2 listservs. Since the Federation is using MailChimp now, Mr. Parnes will close the listservs since they will no longer be needed. Need to work on linking minutes to handouts from meetings as part of the website and also posting draft Minutes for review.

**Budget:** Linda Boone— What final topics should we include in our budget resolution? Schools, Libraries, Debt Management and its effect on County's financial rating, and Public Safety.

Do we want a quick Board resolution about the tax rate? Yes, property assessment is by State law a tax increase. We want to remind the Board of Supervisors of this and to be aware that income is up only 2.1% in the county. Also to acknowledge that fee increases will affect homeowners further and increase the existing "tax burden." Flint Webb moved and Daniela Cockayne seconded that Board President will prepare a statement to the Board of Supervisors to that effect. The statement needs to be delivered to the Board of Supervisors quickly because the tax rate limit will be established on March 4.

Do we want to mention anything about the Lorton Arts debt incursion? Yes

#### District Council Reports

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

**Braddock:** Art Wells— Budget Town Hall to be held on March 12.

**Lee:** Chris Soule— not present, no report

**Mason:** Roger Hoskin— not present, no report

**Mount Vernon:** Karen Pohorylo— not present, no report

**Providence District Council:** Flint Webb— Met on February 18 with Michelle Thompson to discuss legislation about HOAs. Flint was elected as vice chair and Tania Hossain was elected as the chair of the Council.

**Springfield:** Ed Wyse—Town Hall on March 20 to discuss budget.

**Sully:** Jeff Parnes— January's Sully Meeting was canceled due to inclement weather, the topic - the FCPS Budget - will be combined with the review of the county budget at our March 20<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The February meeting will be a progress report of Fairfax Forward, specifically concentrating on the review of the Dulles Suburban Area (RT 28 corridor) and the Fairfax Center Area (Rt50/I66 interchange). Over the next two months we will be hearing progress reports on the Timber Ridge development at EDS and the relocation of the Islamic Saudi Academy from the RT1 corridor to the Oak Hill area on McLearen Road.

Discussed the need for planning for a rail station to Centreville.

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

### **Next Meetings**

Reminder that Board and Membership meetings are switched in March because of the budget discussions and schedule.

Board Meeting—March 20, 2014, 7:30 at Hidden Oaks Nature Center, 7701 Royce Street, Annandale, VA

Membership Meeting—March 27, 2014, at 7:30 pm at Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA

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