

## Board Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2014

FINAL

Approved October 2,  
2014

The August meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:36 p.m. at the Mason District Governmental Center.

### Present:

Officers: Tim Thompson, Ed Wyse (also Springfield District Council Representative), Matthew Bell, Curtis Anderson.

District Council Representatives (DCR): Art Wells (Braddock).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein, Flint Webb (Providence DCR), Cherie Tripp Lejeune, Morgan Jameson, Kathy Kaplan, Daniela Cockayne, Bill Hanks, Karen Campblin, Jeff Parnes (Sully DCR).

Other: John Cockayne, Marsha McDevitt, Paul Albertson, John Hanks.

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

Administrative Topics: No report.

Federation Appointments: Tim Thompson nominated the following chairs/co-chairs of the following standing and special committees:

1. Public Safety Committee Co-Chair - Gabe Goldberg.

Nomination approved unanimously.

2. Nominating Committee – Nancy Trainer.

Nomination approved unanimously.

Bulletin/Newsletter: Ed Wyse reported that September 1 is the deadline for the September newsletter. [Fred Costello notes that the new due date for the Bulletin is 9 am on the Saturday after the Board meeting. The Board meeting occurs on the 4th Thursday.]

Meeting Minutes: Curtis Anderson moved, seconded by Ed Wyse, to approve the June Executive Committee Meeting minutes as presented (**attached**). Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Matt Bell reported on the turnover of information. There have been issues with respect to the QuickBooks software. [The Fairfax Federation has \$17,743.06 in the bank as of August 14, 2014.]

Unfinished Business: None to report.

New Business:



1. Presentation of Audit Committee's review of 2013 - 2014 Finances Bill Hanks et al. – Bill Hanks presented the report of the committee (**attached**) which found the books to be in proper order.
2. Presentation of the Meals Tax Task Force - Morgan Jameson reported that the report has been received by the Co-Chairs and nothing will be done until 2016, and specifically voted against a Special Election for the issue. There was a large list of pros and cons prepared. The report was too large for email but the link will be made available and included on the FCFCA website on the budget page.
3. Citizen of the Year (COY) Banquet –
  - a. Banquet dates being suggested Sunday, April 19 or April 26, 2015. Ed Wyse moved, seconded by Ed Saperstein, that the first choice is Sunday, April 19, second choice is April 26. Approved unanimously.
  - b. Discussion of Tiered Sponsorship program for the banquet. Discussion deferred until next meeting.

Board & Committee Reports:

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson and Paul Davis – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services - Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education - Ed Saperstein and Nancy Trainer – Ed Saperstein reported there was a change in the Monday schedule to a full day schedule. In addition, the calculation of school days was changed from 180 days to 990 hours which will help with teacher planning days and fewer snow days.
4. Environment - Flint Webb – Flint Webb submitted a detailed report (**attached**). He highlighted the meeting concerning Accotink and the Federation September 18 meeting where a representative of the Friends of Accotink will present on stream stewardship. The Federation will participate in a stream cleanup on October 11, 3 p.m. to 5 p.m, at Old Lee Highway and Accotink Stream in Fairfax.
5. Human Services - Cherie Tripp Lejeune and Morgan Jameson – Cherie Lejeune noted that the committee will establish a calendar on the FCFCA webpage and Facebook page noting as many Human Services events as possible and which can be updated. The online community is really growing. Still working on how to get tools to those who are not digitally active. The objective of the committee is to connect people to the proper resources. The Sheriff's Project Hope is a project to purchase battery for Alzheimer locators. In most cases the committee will not advocate policy positions but rather will facilitate information sharing.
6. Land Use - Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn – No report.
7. Legislation – Matt Bell and Bill Barfield- Matt Bell reported that there have been a few meetings already. Committee created a survey to be distributed to the Federation's email list; response should only require five minutes. Karen Campblin presented the proposed Recommended Evaluation Form (**attached**). There was discussion about use of the form and how the Legislation Committee will use the forms and survey. Committee needs help to educate the HOAs about the survey.
8. Library - Kathy Kaplan – Kathy reported on several concerns with the Library system. Kathy moved the **attached** resolution proposed by the Committee. Approved 7 to 2 with 1 abstention.
9. Membership - Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain – No report.

10. Public Safety - Daniela Cockayne and Gabe Goldberg – Daniela Cockayne would like to request a program for November meeting. John Cockayne reported on the disaster preparedness effort at the Burke Centre Festival (**attached**).
11. Resolutions - Bill Hanks - The committee will sponsor the "Iowa Plan" (method for redistricting) in the legislative package.
12. Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Jeff Parnes reported there is \$100 million transportation bond on the November ballot, 80% of which is for bicycle and pedestrian improvements.
13. Website - Jeff Parnes – Jeff Parnes reported that the pictures have been posted. Missing some email addresses for new members. Needs pictures of Committee Chairs. 2015 email aliases are now updated.

District Council Reports:

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock - Art Wells – Art Wells submitted a report (**attached**).
2. Lee - Chris Soule – No report.
3. Mason - Roger Hoskins – No report.
4. Mt. Vernon - Katherine Ward – No report.
5. Providence - Flint Webb – Flint Webb submitted a report (**attached**).
6. Springfield - Ed Wyse – No report.
7. Sully - Jeff Parnes – Congressional Candidates debate was rescheduled to September 22, 2014.

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

**Next Meetings**

The next membership meeting will be September 18, 7:30 p.m. at Mason District





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**Board Meeting Agenda**  
**7:30 pm, Thursday, August 14, 2014**  
**Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale VA**

Call to Order/Welcome - Tim Thompson

► Administrative Topics - Tim Thompson

► Federation Appointments: Tim Thompson

Nomination for Public Safety Committee Co-Chair - Daniela Cockayne

► Bulletin/Newsletter - Fred Costello

► Meeting Minutes - Curtis Anderson - approval of the June Executive Committee meeting minutes

► Treasurer's Report - Matt Bell

► Unfinished Business

► New Business

Presentation of Audit Committee's review of 2013 - 2014 Finances Bill Hanks et al.

Presentation of the Meals Tax Task Force - Morgan Jameson

► Board & Committee Reports

Budget – Curtis Anderson and Paul Davis

Citizens Association Services - Don Hinman

Education - Ed Saperstein and Nancy Trainer

Environment - Flint Webb

Human Services - Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson

Land Use - Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn

Library - Kathy Kaplan

Legislation – Matt Bell and Bill Barfield

Membership - Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain

Public Safety - Daniela Cockayne

Resolutions - Bill Hanks

Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin

Website - Jeff Parnes

► District Council Reports

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

Membership – Open Floor

Braddock - Art Wells

Lee - Chris Soule

Mason - Roger Hoskins

Mt. Vernon - Karen Pohorylo

Providence - Flint Webb

Sully - Jeff Parnes

Springfield - Ed Wyse

► Adjournment

**Next Meetings:**

Membership Meeting (Stream Stewardship), Sept 18, 2014, Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Board Meeting, Sept 25, 2014, Braddock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke

# MEMBERSHIP

www.texaseducation.org - P.O. Box 3013, Mansfield, VA 22118-3013

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7:30 pm, Thursday, August 14, 2014  
Mason Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA

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- Federation Appointments: Tim Thompson
- Nomination for Public Safety Committee Co-Chair - Daniels Cockayne
- Bulletin/Newsletter - Fred Costello
- Meeting Minutes - Curtis Anderson - approval of the June Executive Committee meeting minutes
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- Unfinished Business
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  - Land Use - Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn
  - Library - Kathy Kaplan
  - Legislation - Matt Bell and Bill Barfield
  - Membership - Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain
  - Public Safety - Daniels Cockayne
  - Resolutions - Bill Hanks
  - Transportation - Jeff Parnes & Karen Campbell
  - Website - Jeff Parnes
- District Council Reports
  - (Oranville & Hunter Mill - WA)
  - Membership - Open Floor
  - Bradock - Art Wells
  - Lae - Chris Soule
  - Mason - Roger Hoskins
  - Mr. Vernon - Karen Porcys
  - Providence - Flint Webb
  - Sully - Jeff Parnes
  - Springfield - Ed Wyse
- Adjournment

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Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA  
Board Meeting, Sept 25, 2014, Bradock Hall, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke



## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

June 26, 2014

FINAL

Approved 8/14/2014

The June meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:45 p.m. at the Braddock District Government Center. A purpose of this board meeting was for officers and district council representatives to elect committee chairs for the 2014-2015 membership year. Accordingly, incumbent committee chairs did not participate in this meeting.

**Present: Officers:** Tim Thompson, Ed Wyse, Bill Barfield, Matthew Bell, Curtis Anderson, Fred Costello, and Tania Hossain. **District Council Representatives:** Art Wells (Braddock).

### Administrative and Organizational Topics

#### Personnel Assignments

- a. Bill Barfield moved, seconded by Matthew Bell to continue the special (temporary) Library Committee until April 30, 2015; approved unanimously.
- b. Tim Thompson nominated the following chairs/co-chairs of the following standing and special committees:

Budget: Curtis Anderson and Paul Davis

Citizens Association: Don Hinman

Education: Ed Saperstein and Nancy Trainer

Environment: Flint Webb

Human Services: Cherie Lejeune and Morgan Jameson

Land Use: Fred Costello and Jack Dobbyn

Legislation: Matt Bell and Bill Barfield

Library: Kathy Kaplan

Membership: OPEN

Public Safety: Daniela Cockayne

Resolutions: Bill Hanks

Transportation: Karen Campblin and Jeff Parnes

All nominations approved unanimously.

- c. Bill Barfield nominated the following Liaisons to fill vacant or soon to be vacant positions:

Criminal Justice Advisory Board: Tania Hossain

FCPS Superintendent's Business and Community Advisory Committee: Charles Dane

All nominations approved unanimously.

- d. Related Positions:

Tim Thompson nominated Fred Costello as Bulletin Editor; approved unanimously.

Tim Thompson nominated Fred Costello, Jeffrey Parnes and Brian Graham as Webmasters; approved unanimously.

- e. Audit Committee: Tim Thompson nominated Bill Hanks (Chair), Elizabeth Greene, and Charles Dane as Audit Committee; approved unanimously.
- f. Nominations Committee: Tim Thompson nominated Tania Hossain (Chair), Art Wells (Braddock District Council), and Flint Webb (Providence District Council), with two names to be nominated later (member association delegates); approved unanimously.
- g. Immediate Past President Responsibilities: Per the bylaws and custom, the immediate past president chairs the nominating committee and the Citizen of the Year selection and banquet committees. The 2013-2014 president has declined to accept these duties. The second prior president, Tania Hossain, has graciously accepted these responsibilities.

Newsletter Publication Schedule. After discussion of options, it was agreed to leave the newsletter publication schedule as is. The deadline for submission of items is the last day of the month; the deadline for publication and distribution is one week prior to the membership meeting.

District Council Reports at Membership Meetings. Art Wells proposed that district council reports be reinstated at membership meetings. The practice had been discontinued the past year to reduce meeting length. The president, with the support of the board, agreed to include these reports in membership meetings.

**Adjournment**—The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

### Next Meetings

The annual (membership) meeting will be September 18, 7:30 p.m., at Mason Governmental Center.

The next board meeting will be August 14, 7:30 p.m., location to be determined.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

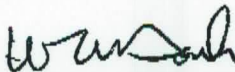


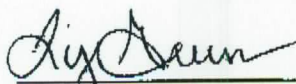
# REPORT OF THE FEDERATION AUDIT COMMITTEE

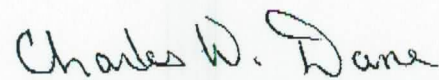
July 22, 2014

We have reviewed the financial records of the Federation for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, and summarize our findings as follows:

	Full-Year Treasurer's <u>Reports</u>	Audit Committee <u>Findings</u>
Balance: July 1, 2013	13,998.43	<u>13,998.43</u>
Income:		
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	14,720.57	<u>14,720.57</u>
Expenditures:		
July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014	11,096.08	<u>11,096.08</u>
Balance: June 30, 2014	17,622.92	<u>17,622.92</u>

  
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William W. Hanks, Chairman

  
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Liz Greene, Member

  
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Charles Dane, Member

Selected supporting documents were examined and accuracy verified including reconciliation of June 30, 2014, bank statement with Treasurer's end-of-year report.





## Environmental Report

Activity since the last Board meeting some key activities of the Environment committee:

- On June 16<sup>th</sup> attended the Friends of Accotink Creek (FACc) Town Hall Meeting.
  - **Whole Foods outreach/fundraiser:** The Friends of Accotink Creek along with the Friends of Lake Accotink received a portion of the profits and were given an opportunity to talk to patrons about the streams. The two friends groups will share the \$3500 proceeds.
  - **International Coastal Cleanup:** The FACc will be leading cleanups at 13 sites. The Federation will be sponsoring the cleanup at Accotink Creek and Old Lee Highway on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The site has good parking and easy stream access. **The Federation has agreed to help get the word out to encourage participation.** For more information see: <http://www.accotink.org/2014/InternationalCoastalCleanuppre-event2014.htm>.
  - **Park Authority Budget:** The FACc is very concerned about the decline in Park funding and is hoping that carryover funds will be used to cover some of the shortfalls.
  - **Route 1 Widening:** The FACc has a lot of experience (all bad) monitoring highway widening activities and is looking for partners from the South County to help monitor VDOT erosion and sediment control measures in the Accotink watershed.
  - **Virtual Stream Walks:** The FACc has several virtual stream walks highlighting pretty views and problem areas. See: <http://www.accotink.org/DMLongBranchCentralJune2014.htm>.
- On July 7<sup>th</sup> attended the kickoff meeting for the Long Branch Center Stream Valley group. The emphasis of the meeting was on organizational structure but the group is looking to partner with HOAs or other civic groups that would like to help maintain the stream. The Long Branch Center runs from the southeast edge of the City of Fairfax to about the intersection of Braddock Road and Wakefield Chapel Road. There is a virtual tour of the Long Branch Central on the FACc web site above. For more information see: [http://www.accotink.org/2014/LBSV\\_Meeting\\_Minutes\\_2014\\_07\\_07.pdf](http://www.accotink.org/2014/LBSV_Meeting_Minutes_2014_07_07.pdf).
- The subject of the July 12<sup>th</sup> Green Breakfast was the Lake Barcroft Watershed Improvement District. Lake Barcroft is a privately managed lake in the Cameron Run watershed. The residents of the Lake Barcroft watershed pay for the maintenance of the lake and the dam. One thing that struck me about the presentation was that they dredge the lake every year. This may be another way to pay for dam maintenance in other parts of the county rather than the County having to allocate millions of dollars every decade or so. For mor information see: <http://www.lakebarcroftwid.com/>.
- On July 17<sup>th</sup> there was a joint FACc and Friends of Lake Accotink Park (FLAP) meeting. Much of the discussion focused on how to spend the \$3500 from the Whole Foods event discussed above.
- On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> a Rain Barrel Workshop was held in Reston. We strongly encourage everyone to build and/or buy rain barrels. The rain barrels will capture the rainfall keeping it from eroding our streams (and save money by not



having to buy treated water to water your plants). For more information about Rain Barrel Workshops and buying rain barrels see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/rainbarrels.htm>.

- At the July 21<sup>st</sup> Friends of Accotink Creek (FAC) Town Hall Meeting in addition to the topics discussed at June 16<sup>th</sup> Town Hall Meeting the following new subjects covered were:
  - **Federation Membership Meeting:** Kris Unger is coordinating the FAC presentation at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Federation Membership meeting. The subject will be Stream Stewardship focusing on how civic associations and schools can help maintain the streams. Kris is planning to reach out to the Fairfax County Schools to have them present what FCPS is doing to promote stream stewardship.
  - **Lower Accotink Canoe Trip:** Several members of the FAC canoed the lower portion of the Accotink from Springfield to its mouth. There is a virtual at: <http://www.accotink.org/DMLongBranchCentralJune2014.htm>.
  - **Black Community Marker:** The FAC would like to put a plaque to commemorate the black community that used to be in the Merrifield area and is considering using some of the Whole Foods funds to pay for the project.
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup> attended the Fairfax Center Area Study meeting. The meeting discussed changes/updates to the Comprehensive Plan for the portion of Providence District west of the City of Fairfax, north of the I-66/Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Highway). One comment I made was that there was a problem with creating a wildlife corridor through the central part of the County and comprehensive plan should reflect this goal.



## Fairfax Federation Legislative Survey

### 2015 Legislative Survey

The Fairfax Federation of Citizens Associations conducts this annual survey of opinions about issues facing Fairfax County citizens. After committee and membership vetting, the top 10 issues are presented in October to the Fairfax County Supervisors and to members of the Virginia General Assembly who represent Fairfax County.

This survey will take about 4 minutes to complete.

#### 1. Evaluate the following issue topics by importance:

	Very Important	Fairly Important	Slightly Important	Not Very Important	No Opinion
Citizen Association Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Conservation/Environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Finance/Budget	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Human Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Land Use/Development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public Safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Transportation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

#### \* 2. What issues/bills would you like to see presented to our Fairfax and Virginia elected officials in the 2015 Fairfax Federation legislative package?

#### \* 3. Why do you think the issues/bills you mention above are important to you, your community and/or Fairfax County?

**4. Is there a history of your above mentioned issue(s) or bill(s) or has this issue/bill been brought before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors or the General Assembly in prior years?**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Feel free to provide detail:

**5. Please provide your contact information below:**

Name

Address

Community/HOA

ZIP

Email Address

Phone Number

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# **RESOLUTION FOR AUDIT OF FAIRFAX COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Approved by Federation Board August 14, 2014

## **Background**

A comprehensive collection inventory of Fairfax County Public Library (FCPL) collection has not been done since 1988.

Total collection numbers in internal Collection Overview documents cannot be reconciled since 2006 or even yearly. There is a 66,000 volume discrepancy in the FY14 document alone. Additionally, there are discrepancies in the budget numbers in official library documents. The 2011 IMLS (United States Institute of Museum and Library Services) report lists the FCPL budget as \$32.9M. The Library Journal Star Library rating (published in the Washington Post in 2014) for 2011 records a FCPL budget of \$35M. Fairfax County budget documents record the 2011 library budget as \$25M.

Techniques for the massive book dumping that occurred October 2012 to September 2013 has resulted in gaps in the recording of collection data. Books are on the shelves that are not in the catalog.

There is no way to verify the status of books currently held at Technical Operations. Prior to discard, books are held at Technical Operations. All of the increase of holdings for FY14 are in Technical Operations. The branches showed an overall decrease in holdings, per Terry Maynard's August 2014 Cumulative Collection Overview.

The Library Board has convened a committee to begin a national search for a new Library Director. In order to go forward, the new Library Director will need accurate data to assess what is needed to stabilize and rehabilitate the collection and to actualize a workable plan for the future of the library.

Deputy Library Director Melanie Quinn has stated that about \$100,000 per year from Friends of Library groups' ongoing book sales goes into the system gift fund and is used by the Library Director at his discretion. The system gift fund has never been audited. Melanie Quinn declined to provide information as to how the money was spent by the Library Director.

## **Resolution**

**WHEREAS** the Fairfax County Public Library has not had a complete audit with a collection inventory since 1988;

**WHEREAS** there are discrepancies in county documents between 2006 and 2014 regarding collection holdings;

**WHEREAS** a new Library Director needs a full understanding of the finances and holdings of the library;

**WHEREAS** the system gift fund has never been audited;

**WHEREAS** President Jennifer McCullough of Fairfax County Public Library Employee Association called for more transparency in library operations in her July 9, 2014 statement to the Library Board;

**THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests an independent comprehensive fiscal audit of the Fairfax County Public Library.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests a complete collection inventory of the Fairfax County Public Library.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations requests an audit of the system gift fund.

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# ARE YOU PREPARED FOR **DISASTER?**

LOOK FOR THE CITIZEN'S CORPS PAVILION AT  
**BURKE CENTRE FESTIVAL**



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 6TH (9:30AM-5PM)**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 7TH (11AM-5PM)**

Conservancy Festival Grounds

(6060 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA)

COME "SPIN FOR A DISASTER" AND LEARN  
FROM THE COUNTY'S FIRST RESPONDERS HOW  
TO ASSEMBLE AN EMERGENCY KIT AND SIGN UP  
WITH FAIRFAX COUNTY ALERTS.



## BRADDOCK DISTRICT REPORT – AUGUST

The Braddock District Council (BDC) elected its officers for 2014 – 2015 at its meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The incumbents headed by President Cliff Keenan were unanimously reelected for their second terms.

“Braddock Nights” concert summer series began June 27<sup>th</sup> at both Royal Lake and Lake Accotink Parks. The summer long weekly musical concerts encompass a wide range of performances from classical to bluegrass and all in between through August 29<sup>th</sup>.

The BDC and the Supervisor’s Office jointly sponsored its annual picnic on July 9<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the delicious food and the camaraderie among the many citizens who attended, “Best of Braddock” awards were made to seven (7) citizens, organizations and businesses that were recognized for their civic contributions within Braddock District.

The next meeting of the BDC’s special “Aging in Place” committee will be on August 20<sup>th</sup> at Braddock Hall. Featured will be presentations by Ken Plummer from the Fairfax County Library Board, and Helen Ignatenke the Head Librarian at the Kings Park Library.

The “Braddock District Neighborhood College” is a six week, one night a week course in community leadership organized by the Supervisor’s office. The course begins Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup> and runs through November 13<sup>th</sup> and will be conducted at the Little River Glen Senior Center. Each session will be from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. The course is designed by the Fairfax County Department of Community and Neighborhood Services. The instructors are county employees and community volunteers with expertise in the areas that they will cover.





## **Providence District Council Report**

- On June 3<sup>rd</sup> attended the Library Strategic Plan meeting at the Oakton Library to discuss the Library Survey put on by the League of Woman Voters. The meeting was packed. The subject of the meeting was how to structure a survey of library users. The plan was to only conduct an on-line survey with no consideration to proper sampling techniques. It was interesting that while the plan was to solicit survey information via e-mail they did not bother including e-mail addresses in the sign-in sheet so it was unlikely that the people attending the meeting would be asked to participate in the survey.
- On June 14<sup>th</sup> the Providence District Council held their annual picnic on the Green at Dunn Loring Park (not the County Park by the same name, but the older community park).
- The PDC is in the process of revising their by-laws. The effort is being led by Tania Hossain. Kosmo Talatias put together a straw man drawing from a number of sources including the Federation's by-laws.
- On July 22<sup>nd</sup> attended the Fairfax Center Area Study meeting. The meeting discussed changes/updates to the Comprehensive Plan for the portion of Providence District west of the City of Fairfax, north of the I-66/Route 50 (Lee Jackson Memorial Highway). For the most part the changes are simply going to update the Comprehensive plan vacating paper streets that will never be built and incorporating existing zoning. There will be a phase II plan to cover the portion of Providence District southeast of I-66 and west of the City of Fairfax.

The next meeting will be the annual picnic:

Date: Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>

Place: Dunn Loring Administrative Center, 2334 Gallows Road, Dunn Loring, VA, 22027

Subject: Affordable Housing

Speaker: Jim Edmondson, President of AHOME

Fairfax County is re-writing its economic development strategy, starting with gathering input from and weighing priorities of stakeholders. The strategy will be designed to assure the continuing economic vitality of the County. One of the top priorities was a bit surprising – affordable housing. That is the subject of the discussion at our August PDC meeting.

County demographics are changing. Retirements will increase, and replacements will earn less. Most of the new jobs in the recent past and for the next 20 years will be in hospitality, health care support, and others that are relatively low-paying. Median income in the County is in fact declining. Millennials do not want to drive an hour to work.

Recognizing this pattern, businesses want to be closer to where their workers live. So what should the County do to meet the needs of new residents and their employers? We'll hear from Jim Edmondson, a partner in E&G Group and



president of AHOME, an advocacy group that helped create the Affordable Dwelling Unit ordinance and the Penny Fund for Affordable Housing. Jim participated in the Tysons Task Force.

Check the Providence District Council web site  
(<http://providencedistrictcouncil.org/>) for details

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Subject: Affordable Housing  
Speaker: Jim Edmondson, President of AHOME
- Fairfax County is re-writing its economic development strategy, starting with gathering input from and weighing priorities of stakeholders. The strategy will be designed to ensure the continuing economic vitality of the County. One of the top priorities was a bit surprising – affordable housing. That is the subject of the discussion at our August PDC meeting.
- County demographics are changing. Retirement will increase, and replacement will earn less. Most of the new jobs in the recent past and for the next 20 years will be in hospitality, health care support, and others that are relatively low-paying. Median income in the County is in fact declining. Millennials do not want to drive an hour to work.
- Recognizing this pattern, businesses want to be closer to where their workers live. So what should the County do to meet the needs of new residents and their employers? We'll hear from Jim Edmondson, a partner in E&G Group and