

## Membership Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2014

**FINAL**

Approved December  
11, 2014

The November meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Tim Thompson at 7:37 p.m. at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale, VA 22003.

### **Present:**

Officers: Tim Thompson (President/Colvin's Glen-Colvin's Forest Citizens Association), Ed Wyse (First Vice President/Springfield/Membership/ Civic Association of West Springfield Village), Bill Barfield (Second Vice President/Legislation), Matthew Bell (Treasurer/Legislation), Curtis Anderson (Recording Secretary/Budget), and Fred Costello (Corresponding Secretary/Land Use/Fox Mill Estates Homes Association).

District Council Representatives: Art Wells (Braddock/Truro Homes Association), John Birch (Mason/Bel Air Homeowners Association), Flint Webb (Providence/Environment), and Jeff Parnes (Sully/Transportation/Website/Chantilly Highlands Homes Association).

Committee Chairs: Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association) and Gabriel Goldberg (Public Safety/ Walnut Hill Homeowners Association).

Members: Ellen Young (Belle View Condominium Unit Owners Association), Bill DeMaso (Collingwood on the Potomac), Janice Harris (Engleside Civic Association), Peggy Daley (Holmes Run Civic Association), Pete Conklin (Middle Run Estates Homeowners Association), John Simonetti (North Springfield Civic Association), John Cockayne (Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), Larry Clark (South County Federation), Charles Dane (Stone Haven Civic Association), and Laura MacDonald (Wellington Civic Association).

Others: Lynn Pooley, Glenda Booth, and Whitney Kazragis.

**Membership Programming:** Gabe Goldberg of the Public Safety Committee introduced the program - Ready and Resilient – Preparing our Community for the Unexpected was presented by Whitney Kazragis, Community Outreach Liaison, Office of Emergency Management, County of Fairfax, Virginia. She discussed how individuals, families, neighborhoods, cities and counties need to be prepared for major disasters. For information on what to have in emergency kits, what to put in a preparedness plan, what to do in the event of certain hazards and what to recover after

the emergency go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency), and how to sign up to be notified of alerts go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/alerts).

For a copy of the presentation please refer to the Public Safety page:

<http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/publicsafety1.htm#November2014Presentation>

or see it at:

[http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/PublicSafety/20141120\\_FCFA\\_PreparednessPresentation.pdf](http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/PublicSafety/20141120_FCFA_PreparednessPresentation.pdf)

**Administrative and Organizational Topics:** Tim Thompson – nothing to report.

**Bulletin/Newsletter:** Fred Costello noted that any articles are due this Friday.

**Meeting Minutes:** Bill Barfield moved, seconded by Matt Bell, to approve the October 16, 2014 Membership Meeting minutes as presented. Approved unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Matt Bell presented the Treasurer's report (attached) showing cash and equity of \$18,597.47. Net Income from July 1 through November 20, 2014 was \$974.55; from October 1 through November 20, \$360.14 in membership dues were collected.

**Membership Report:** Ed Wyse reported 58 Association members including 6 new members from Mount Vernon District. The 58 include 49 paid for 2015 and 9 in the grace period ending December 31, 2014.

**Citizen of the Year:** Tim Thompson noted that information about the Citizen of the Year Award and Banquet can be found at <http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/coy1.htm>. Nominations will be accepted starting December 1, 2014, closing on January 31, 2015. Dinner is expected to be held on April 19, 2015.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business presented.

**New Business:**

1. Resolution for General Assembly to fund (\$4M) Phase 2 of the Route 1 corridor multi-modal analysis: Transportation Committee moved adoption of the resolution which was included on page 5 of the November's *The Bulletin* (attachment 1). Approved unanimously.
2. Resolution for Board of Supervisors to terminate the Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program: Environment Committee moved adoption of the resolution which was included on page 6 of the November's *The Bulletin* (attachment 2). Larry Clark moved, seconded by John Simonetti, to postpone consideration of the resolution until the February 2015 Membership Meeting to consider the

results of other ongoing meetings; motion failed 6-24-4. The main motion was approved 24-5-3.

## **Board & Committee Reports**

1. Budget – Curtis Anderson & Paul Davis – No report.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – No report.
3. Education –Ed Saperstein & Nancy Trainer- Ed Saperstein noted that FCPS is working on a strategic plan which should be out in draft later this month. Virginia PTA will also be asking for an increase in the cigarette tax to fund education.
4. Environment - Flint Webb accepted an award from the Friends of Accotink Creek. The detailed report is included below:

Since the last Board meeting, some key activities of the Environment committee include:

- Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) spraying resolution: At the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting the Board approved a resolution calling for Fairfax County to stop the spraying for the Fall Cankerworm and use the funds be reallocated to citizen education and community outreach and to increase funding for the County's Tree Action Plan to increase native species diversity. The Fall Cankerworm is a native insect larvae. In recent years the County has conducted aerial spraying to control the populations in some pockets of high population in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts. The concern is that the insecticide being used, *Bacillus thurgiensis* var. *Kurstaki* (Btk) affects all butterfly and moth larvae, the County relies on timing to minimize the effects on other insect larvae. The environment committee feels that this is a very different situation from spraying for non-native invasive pests since the native bird populations can counter the effects of the high insect densities. We feel that human interventions are necessary to improve the health of our forests, but the interventions should be targeted at countering the manmade stressors on the forests not the natural stressors. The chief manmade stressors is the elimination of natural predators of deer population and air pollution.
- Alice Ferguson Foundation's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit, November 7<sup>th</sup>: Flint Webb attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Potomac Watershed Trash Summit. The Friends of Accotink Creek was recognized for their volunteer efforts to improve the health of the Potomac River. Flint attended a breakout session on Fostering Trash Free Communities that mostly focused on how to structure bag tax and Styrofoam container ban legislation. The key steps that lead to the success of the DC bag tax was that they met with large retailers to understand their perspective on the issue. They learned that: 1) the bag tax legislation needed to include paper bags as well as plastic bags because plastic bags cost from 2-3 ¢ while paper bags cost from 4-5 ¢ so unless the legislation included paper bags then they would have to fight it because it would increase their costs, 2) the retailers get to keep a portion of the 5¢ bag fee, in the case of the DC regulation the retailer keeps 1¢ or 2¢ if they also provide a credit for people who provide their own bags. Because of these features they effectively sidelined the large retailers and hence the Chamber of Commerce. The key for

the Styrofoam containers is to develop consortiums for buying containers so the costs per container are no higher than the costs of the current containers. Since it is hard to structure a bottle tax or fee that does not increase retail facility's costs bottle legislation is a tougher issue. Flint also attended a session on building public/private partnerships. The key message from this session was that it is important to pick your corporate allies so that the message doesn't get countermined by the alliance.

- November 8<sup>th</sup> Green Breakfast: The guest for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Green Breakfast was Keith Cline, the new Director of Urban Forestry for Fairfax County. The division was recently moved into the Stormwater control organization to better coordinate stream restoration projects. Mr. Cline pointed out that in 2007 the County set a tree canopy goal of 45% and according to recent satellite imagery the current tree canopy is 52% for the County. The issue of spraying for the Fall Cankerworm came up and it was pointed out that the real reason it is necessary to spray for the Fall Cankerworm is because the tree canopy is aging and not being replaced due to the over-population of deer. After the meeting Keith mentioned that they were working on having the deer declared a pest by the State so that funds allocated to pest elimination could be used for culling the deer population. The County is currently surveying for the Fall Cankerworm. The female Fall Cankerworm will be laying their eggs in the fall and the Fall Cankerworm will emerge in early spring.
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Friends of Accotink Creek (FAC) Town Hall Meeting:
  - **Whole Foods Funds:** The FAC participated in a community awareness meeting at a Whole Foods store in Springfield and as a result was given \$3500 to be split with the Friends of Lake Accotink. The FAC have previously authorized \$500 to support nature school field trips. The Friends of Lake Accotink is adding another \$500 from their portion of the Whole Foods funds. The FAC has decided to spend the remainder of the funds they received from Whole Foods to survey the muscle populations below the Lake Accotink dam. The FAC is now reaching out to find a consulting firm or freshwater bivalve expert to conduct the survey.
  - **Wakefield Run Stream Monitoring:** The FAC has resumed stream monitoring of Wakefield Run after the restoration project has been complete. Philip Latasa reports that the diversity of invertebrates have increased considerably from what it was before the restoration project, but that the score was still low. The score was 3 on the most recent monitoring and before the restoration the score ranged from 3 to 5 on a 12 point scale with anything less than 7 being unacceptable. The FAC has committed to continue the monitoring four times a year for the next five years.
  - **Daniels Run Restoration:** The State has given a grant to restore the portion of Daniels Run that runs adjacent to the Daniels Run Elementary School. Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. (WSSI) will be in charge of the restoration and the FAC will assist with native plant rescue and re-planting like they did for the Wakefield Run restoration.

- **Elections:** The FAcC will be holding Board Elections at the December 15<sup>th</sup> Town Hall meeting. The FAcC is looking for volunteers to be officers.
- **Fairfax County Parks Meeting in a Box:** The meeting closed by conducting a Fairfax County Parks Meeting in a Box. The Fairfax County Parks Authority is conducting a Parks Count! Needs Assessment Study. The Meeting in a Box is a way for organizations to participate in the survey. The dominant responses made by the FAcC is that the Park Authority needs to pay greater attention to the natural environment of the parks. For more information on the survey see:

[http://www.accotink.org/2014/Parks\\_Count\\_Suggestions\\_2014.pdf](http://www.accotink.org/2014/Parks_Count_Suggestions_2014.pdf).

Upcoming Events:

- December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 to 9:00 pm: **Friends of Accotink Creek Town Hall Meeting**, Audrey Moore RECenter. See <http://www.accotink.org/> for details.
- January 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 10:00 am: Green Breakfast. For more information see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/nvswcd/greenbreakfast.htm>.
- 5. Human Services – Cherie Tripp Lejeune & Morgan Jameson – No report.
- 6. Land Use - Fred Costello & Jack Dobbyn – No report.
- 7. Library - Kathy Kaplan – No report. Tim Thompson noted that Sam Clay has agreed to speak to the December board meeting about the proposed resolution.
- 8. Legislation - Bill Barfield & Matt Bell – Bill Barfield indicated a lot of favorable response to the legislative report, some of which is being acted upon.
- 9. Membership – Ed Wyse & Tania Hossain
- 10. Public Safety – Daniela Cockayne & Gabe Goldberg – John Cockayne noted that people are following delivery trucks and stealing packages.
- 11. Resolutions – Bill Hanks – No report.
- 12. Transportation – Jeff Parnes & Karen Campblin – Jeff Parnes reported that Arlington County decided to cancel its funding of the Columbia Pike trolley, which will result in the cancellation of Fairfax County’s portion of the trolley line.
- 13. Website – Jeff Parnes, Fred Costello & Brian Graham – Jeff Parnes reported that committee reports are on the website as are the archived reports.

### District Council Reports

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock - Art Wells reported:  
At its meeting on October 15, 2014, the Braddock District Council’s (BDC) special committee of “Aging in Place” received an informative presentation on Medicare 101.  
The featured subject at the BDC’s October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was a presentation by the Fairfax County Police on “Traffic Calming” a county-wide campaign to reduce speeding in neighborhoods. Special signs for emplacement within neighborhoods calling attention to reducing speed are available at District Supervisors’ offices. During the campaign, the police will be placing equipment throughout the county to capture traffic data for future use; these will not be used to issue citations.

At its November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting the BDC received a 2014 Legislative Update on “Common Interest Community” related legislation taken up in the recent session of the General Assembly, presented by Michelle Thompson from the Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Office. Also discussed were proposed bicycle trails to be funded from the recently approved \$100 million Transportation Bond referendum. Supervisor Cook provided the status of the proposed widening of Braddock Road west from the Beltway to Burke Road or further to Guinea Road. Many details remain to be addressed.

Looking ahead, the BDC and the Supervisor’s Office will jointly sponsor the annual “Taste of Braddock” Holiday festivity on December 10<sup>th</sup> beginning from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Kings Park library. All are invited which will feature food provided by many restaurants within Braddock District and is always well attended.

2. Lee – Chris Soule – No report.
3. Mason – John Birch - John Birch reported transportation resolutions put forward to the Supervisor.
4. Mt. Vernon – Katherine Ward/Karen Pohorylo – Thanked the Federation for adopting the transportation resolution.
5. Providence – Flint Webb reported:
  - On November 18<sup>st</sup>, the Providence District Council hosted Dean Sherick in a discussion about Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Sherick provided a number of handouts and planning tools for developing emergency kits for home, car and office. He discussed the County’s program for tracking and assisting special needs and gave a number of examples of how the emergency services have addressed recent emergencies in the County.
  - The PDC is still in the process of revising their bylaws and articles of incorporation.
6. Springfield – Ed Wyse - No report:
7. Sully – Jeff Parnes reported: Our November meeting topic was transportation in or near Sully with representatives from FDOT and VDOT attending. Two land use cases were considered. December’s meeting is our annual report from the planning commission by Sully Planning Commissioner John Litzenberger (my college fraternity brother and also born on my exact birthday). A representative of the SDC accompanied Sully Supervisor Frey on his trip to Chantilly, France, for the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the start of WWI and Armistice Day activities, part of a five-person Sully group.
8. Membership – Open Floor – No items announced.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

**Next Meetings:**

- Board Meeting, December 4, 6:30 p.m., Fortune Restaurant, 6249 Seven Corners Center, Falls Church, VA

- Membership Meeting: December 11, 7:30 p.m., Mason Governmental Center , 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Minutes prepared by Curtis M. Anderson, Recording Secretary

Attachment 1

**Draft Resolution as of 10-11-2014**  
**Rt. 1 Multi-modal Analysis Study Phase 2 Funding**

**BACKGROUND: Dedicated Phase 2 funding from the State Legislature in the amount of \$4 million dollars is required in order for the Federal Dollars to be applied for. Without the completion of Phase 2 the State and the County have wasted \$2M tax payer dollars that funded the phase 1 study. The phase 1 study has involved all stakeholders (citizens, elected officials, county and state staff).**

WHEREAS: VA Department of Rail and Public Transit (DRPT) is currently undertaking the Phase 1 Rt. 1 Multi-Modal Analysis Study. This study will result in the “preferred option” recommendation for mass transit along 15 miles of Rt. 1. This study is due to be completed by January 2015.

WHEREAS : The anticipated Phase 1 study preferred solution results would offer metro underground from Huntington Ave to Hybla Valley and BRT to PW County Woodbridge VRE station.

WHEREAS: Several previous studies regarding feasibility of mass transit have taken place over the past 25 years but none have been fully funded. This lack of funding has resulted in a waste of tax payers’ dollars and continued traffic jams on a major roadway.

WHEREAS: The Rt. 1 corridor, from the Prince William County VRE in Woodbridge, to the 495 beltway is a heavily traveled national roadway that acts as a local artery as well as a throughway for traffic heading from the south to areas north of the region.

WHEREAS: The Master Plan for Ft Belvoir is estimating a total of 56,000 employees by 2030, an increase of 24,000 from the current employee population.

WHEREAS: Multi-modal transportation to include mass transit, auto lanes, and pedestrian and bike lanes will provide several enhanced quality of life aspects to this corridor. These aspects are:

- Environmental: reduction in health harming emissions and the reduction in fossil fuel usage
- Transportation: reduce on road traffic during peak travel times and shopping weekend hours which will in turn reduce the frustrations for both locals and transitory visitors
- Public Safety: reduce the auto accidents and pedestrian accidents by offering sidewalks and bike lanes dedicated to non-motorized oriented vehicles.
- Economic Development: Studies and reality prove that Transit Oriented Developments (TOD) bring higher quality of life and more economic income to an area when there are mass transit stations available. Developers and businesses congregate around these areas bringing in more jobs, more income for businesses and more tax revenue for the State and the County.

- Quality of Life Improvements: TOD's bring better shops, restaurants, housing, urban parks etc. all resulting in places for citizens of all economic status to meet and enjoy life.

WHEREAS: Federal Funding is required to make mass transit along Rt 1 corridor, from Prince William (PW) County's Woodbridge VRE station to the 495 Beltway, a reality. This funding cannot be secured without the completion of the Rt 1 Multi-Modal Phase 2 Analysis Study (engineering and environmental considerations).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Fairfax Federation of Citizen Associations urges and recommends our State Legislators to immediately fully fund the required \$4 million dollars to conduct the Phase 2 Study for the Rt 1 Multi-Modal Analysis.**

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: That Governor McAuliffe encourage the State Legislative body to fund Rt. 1 Phase 2 Multi-Modal Analysis Study.**

**THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED: The Federation urges the Fairfax County BOS to work closely with the State Legislators to make the Phase 2 funding a reality.**

Attachment 2

**Resolution: Opposing Fall Cankerworm Spraying**  
**Board approval: October 23, 2014.**  
**Membership approval: November 20, 2014.**

WHEREAS, Fairfax County maintains an insecticide spraying program to reduce populations of a native insect, the Fall Cankerworm *Alsophila pometaria* (commonly referred to as “inchworm”);

WHEREAS, in 2014 and 2013, Fairfax County sprayed approximately 2,200 acres and 1,965 acres, respectively, in the County with a commercial application of the bacterial insecticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk);

WHEREAS, the County conducts spraying for the Fall Cankerworm in the early spring to minimize impacts on other species of moth and butterfly larvae,

WHEREAS, climate change is causing the emergence of moth and butterfly larvae to emerge earlier each year;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) is a native moth caterpillar that has irruptions (population increases) every few years as part of its natural population dynamics; there are natural forces that keep these irruptions in check, including predatory insects and birds;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm (inchworm) is an important food source for wildlife including migrating and breeding birds in Fairfax County; spraying occurs in spring, an especially critical period when many birds are migrating through Fairfax County or raising their young;

WHEREAS, this spraying program is lethal to all species of butterflies and moths present in their caterpillar stage in the sprayed areas (not just the Fall Cankerworm) and thus could be an important contributing factor to the declines in local butterfly and moth populations, along with the songbirds and other wildlife that depend on this caterpillar as an important food source;

WHEREAS, according to the American Bird Conservancy, National Audubon Society, North American Butterfly Association, and conservationists nationwide it is widely published that many migrating and resident songbirds, and many butterfly and moth species along the Eastern Seaboard are declining;

WHEREAS, Fairfax County does not monitor the impact of the Fall Cankerworm on tree health or mortality, thus failing to show any harm directly attributable to this native insect to the trees; the County also does not monitor the impact of the spraying on other native butterfly and moth species that are just as vulnerable to the Btk spraying as the Fall Cankerworm, nor does it monitor the indirect impacts on birds and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, continuous and repeated spraying typically results in an unnatural pesticide dependence (known as the “pesticide treadmill”) and negatively impacts the overall biodiversity needed to support tree health;

WHEREAS, trees in Fairfax County are under much greater threat from non-native invasive plants such as English Ivy, Kudzu, Honeysuckle, Wisteria, and others than from the Fall Cankerworm;

WHEREAS, the Fall Cankerworm does not bite or sting, and poses no threat to human health or safety;

WHEREAS, Ashley Kennedy, a trained entomologist, testified at the May 22, 2014 Board of Supervisors budget hearing against the continuation of this program, having consulted with more than one dozen similarly trained entomologists from institutions around the country, all of whom agree that the significantly negative impact of this program on songbirds, butterflies (including our state butterfly, the Eastern Tiger Swallowtail), and moths does not justify the focus of this program on the killing of one native species of caterpillar, just because the inchworms may be “bothersome” to a relatively few County residents;

WHEREAS, any “nuisance” caused by the appearance of the Fall Cankerworm does not justify the costs, damage to wildlife and risks of insecticide spraying program;

WHEREAS, alternative, less destructive approaches are available to manage nuisance-related concerns, including education and community outreach on the importance of the Fall Cankerworm to our urban ecosystem and the value of a diverse mix of native tree species in resisting damage from Fall Cankerworm outbreaks, along with increased promotion of tree banding as an option for citizens who wish to control the Fall Cankerworm; only a fraction of the annual spraying cost would be needed to develop and distribute these materials to County residents;

WHEREAS, at least six community groups have committed to assisting Fairfax County in developing more balanced communications materials, including alternatives to insecticide spraying that are available for controlling the Fall Cankerworm;

WHEREAS, the county staff says this program can be opted out of through their mailed postcard program, this process does not fully inform the citizens of the program and its impact. Furthermore, while the county staff may feel it is meeting its notification goal it is not. Citizens are inundated with bulk “trash” advertisements and it is most likely that these post cards are simply not recognized as an important notification from the County.

WHEREAS, the funds appropriated in the Fairfax County Budget for the Forest Pest Program are \$1,105,927 for FY 2015 and \$1,105,316 for FY 2014 (Revised);<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Forest Pest Program represents a portion of the Integrated Pest Management Program, Fund 40080, which has appropriated \$3,128,092 under the FY 2015 Adopted Budget Plan and \$3,115,655 under the FY 2015 Advertised Budget Plan.

Be it RESOLVED, the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Association recommends the immediate termination of the Fairfax County Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program;

Be It Further RESOLVED, the Federation recommends that a portion of the funds approved by the Board of Supervisors for the Fall Cankerworm insecticide spraying program be reallocated to citizen education and community outreach as described above, along with increased funding for the County's Tree Action Plan to increase native species diversity and otherwise improve forest health in Fairfax County.