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Membership Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2018

Approved February 21, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Membership of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations was called to order by President Bill Barfield at 07:35 p.m. at the Mason District Government Center 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

PROGRAM: Public Safety

Richard Schott and Anna Northcutt presented a combined Fairfax County Independent Police Auditor and Fairfax County Civilian Review Panel presentation

(http://www.fairfaxfederation.org/committees/PublicSafety/20181220_PublicSafetyPresentation-PoliceCivilianReviewPanel.pdf).

Anna Northcutt presented on the Civilian Review which reviews Police complaints. If citizens were not satisfied they can request review by the Review Panel. The Review Panel meets the 1st Thursday of each month in the Government Center. The meetings are open to the public. The Panel does not investigate but reviews the police department investigation and determines whether the Police Department properly followed their own procedures. Their jurisdiction encompasses questions raised about the department's own investigations of complaints regarding accusations of abuse of authority or serious misconduct. There was a question about whether people are told about the Civilian Review Panel during the complaint and review process. The next Civilian Review Panel meeting is January 3rd, 6:30 pm, Room 232 in the Government Center; there will be a case that will be reviewed at the meeting. Richard Schott discussed the role of the Independent Police Auditor. Mr. Schott pointed out that although most communities have no civilian or independent oversight, Fairfax County has two departments with civilian oversight. There are 18,000 different law enforcement agencies in the US, but only about 200 of them have any civilian oversight. The Auditor's mandate is to monitor and review FCPD internal investigations of officer-involved shootings, in-custody deaths and use of force cases in which an individual is seriously injured or killed or if there is a public complaint about the use of force. The auditor starts reviewing cases while the investigations are underway.

If either the Auditor or the Review Panel disagrees with the results of the Police investigation, they report the disagreement to the Chief of Police. If the Chief of Police disagrees with the Auditor then the Chief must report the disagreement to the Board of Supervisors. In the case of the Review panel the Chief of Police "Shall" address the issues identified. There was a question about what the coordination was with the Sheriff's department and Mr. Schott agreed that he should cc the Sheriff in the future. Mr. Schott indicated that there has been an issue with the turnover of the members of the Review Panel.

ADMINISTRATION:

Membership Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the October Membership meeting as presented by Bill Barfield were approved by voice vote. The November Membership meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Appointments: There are 57 Federation positions, 55 of which have been filled.

Matt Dunne was appointed to the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee.

Morgan Jameson was reappointed to the Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board.

Mark Tipton was reappointed to the Fairfax County Trails and Sidewalks Committee.

Shaista Keating was appointed to the School Board Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee.

Jessica Bradley was appointed to the School Board Advisory Committee on Students with Disabilities.

Scott Schlager (Chair), Marie Gerritz, John Birch was appointed to the Federation Audit Committee.

Mike Perel (Braddock District Rep) was appointed Co-Chair of the Federation's Human Services Committee.

Tim Thompson appointed to the Budget, Nominating, and the COY Committees

Flint Webb was appointed to the C-PACE Ordinance Stakeholder's Committee

AI – All Board members should provide a new clear head photograph to Jeff Parnes for updating on the web site.

New Business:

There was a question about quorum. There are about 50 member organizations and there were about 9 organizations represented. Per Federation rules, a quorum consists of 10 percent of the membership, and as such, it was determined that a quorum was present

Resolution on Ratifying the ERA: Introduction was made by Bill Barfield, Legislation Committee Co-Chairman stating that the Federation should urge the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to ratify and affirm the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Motion to approve was made and seconded.

Discussion: There was some discussion about why is this needed but the consensus was that there was a need. The motion passed 26/2/0.

AI – Bill will format and send the resolution to Jeff for posting on the website and Erika will send it to the elected officials and the Board of Supervisors.

Resolution on FCPS Strategic Plan: Introduction was made by Nancy Trainer, Education Committee Co-Chairman, stating that the FCPS "strategic plan" is not sufficiently strategic or a plan. One of the recommendations was that the County establish a Department of Strategic Planning. There was a question as to whether there are other school districts that have such a department. Nancy was not sure. There was a motion to accept the resolution that was seconded. The motion passed 25/2/1.

AI – Nancy will format and send the resolution to Jeff for posting on the website and Erika will send it to the elected officials and the Board of Supervisors.

Resolution on Lighting Ordinance: Introduction was made by Flint Webb, Environment Committee Co-Chairman, stating that the Federation should support Fairfax County streetlight conversions to LED, encourage lighting industry best practices, and request monitoring artificial blue light emissions on ocular health, circadian systems and animal species. The resolution passed unanimously.

AI – Flint will format and send the resolution to Jeff for posting on the website and Erika will send it to the elected officials and the Board of Supervisors.

Old Business:

Citizen of the Year: COY Co-Chairs. The COY application web site is open. The nomination period will end 31 January 2019.

Calendar: Bill Barfield posted the calendar. The point was made that the dates of the March Board and Membership meetings should be flipped because of the County Budget review timing issues.

District Council Reports:

Providence: The Providence District Council report is **attachment 1**.

Committee Reports:

Environment: The Environment Committee Report submitted to the Board on 11 October is **attachment**

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Citizen Association Services: Don Hinman presented a letter outlining our position on the Short Term Lodging (STL) legislative position requesting that Senator Ebbin not submit legislation to revise the current STL regulations. It was suggested that the letter to Senator Ebbin be cc'd to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Legislative Committee: Bill Barfield will be representing the Federation at the January 5th Fairfax County Legislative Delegation Public Hearing on the legislative issues.

Transportation: There are two meetings coming up next month:

A. Fairfax County Parkway Widening - Public Information Meeting

(http://www.virginiadot.org/VDOT/Projects/asset_upload_file224_136441.pdf)

When: Monday, January 7, 2019 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, presentation starts at 7 pm, inclement weather date, Monday, January 14, 2019

Where: Robinson Secondary School, 5035 Sideburn Road, Fairfax, VA 22032

What: Find out about plans to widen Fairfax County Parkway (Route 286) from four to six lanes between Route 29 (Lee Highway) and Route 123 (Ox Road). The proposed project design also includes an interchange at Popes Head Road and the future Shirley Gate Road extension, improvements to the existing trail in the Fairfax County Parkway right of way and construction of a new shared-use path to make the trail continuous within the project limits.

B. Thomas Avenue Cut-Through Analysis - Public Hearing

(http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northernvirginia/thomas_ave.asp)

When: Wednesday, Jan. 16 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, presentation will begin at 7 pm, inclement weather date, Tuesday, Jan. 22 2019

Where: Dranesville Elementary School, 1515 Powells Tavern Place, Herndon, VA 20170.

What: This study is evaluating potential solutions for cut-through traffic in residential areas along Thomas Avenue (Route 792) in Fairfax and Loudoun counties. The proposals include restricting right turns during weekday peak morning traffic hours from southbound Algonkian Parkway to westbound Thomas Avenue to reduce congestion and improve safety and operations.

President: Some folks in Loudon County would like some assistance setting up a Loudon County Federation of Citizens Associations. Bill Barfield will meet with the nascent group.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Next Meetings:

The next **Membership** meeting:

January 17, 7:30 pm, Mason District Government Center (Large Conference Room):
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale
Environment & Water Quality Projects at GMU: Jennifer F. Sklarew, Ph.D.

The next **Board** meeting will be

January 24th, 7:30 pm. Board meeting, Dunn Loring Center, 2334 Gallows Road.

Minutes prepared by (Flint Webb, Recording Secretary)

Attachments:

1. December Providence District Council Report
2. December Environment Committee Report

Attachment 1.

Providence District Council Report – Flint Webb, Providence District Council Representative

- **Linda Smyth** is not running for re-election. **Dalia Palchik**, School Board Representative, and our own **Erika Yalowitz** have both announced that they are running for the Providence District Supervisor position.
- **November 14th PDC meeting:** Billy Thompson from the Greater Merrifield Business Association spoke. We are looking to cooperate with the GMBA on several things including C-PACE.
- **December 12th Holiday Party:** Well attended with roughly 20 people in attendance. The three candidates for PDC Citizen of the Year were introduced (the award will be made at the January 9th PDC meeting). There was also a lively discussion about the Merrifield Suburban Center Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) process.
- **The Merrifield Suburban Center Site Specific Plan Amendment Task Force:** The December 11th Task Force meeting included testimony from the public. Some key issues that were brought up by the public which the Task Force had not previously been made aware of include:
 - If the trees along I-495 are removed a noise wall may be required
 - Portions of the Fairview Park property is in a flood plain and has flooded repeatedly.

Materials from the Task force can be found at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/merrifield-subctr-study.

Upcoming Events:

- **PDC Meeting:** January 9th, 7:30 pm Providence District Community Center. We are be announcing the Providence Citizen of the Year.
- **Merrifield Suburban Center SSPA Task Force:**
 - **Meeting #5:** 8 January, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Environment & Parks and Recreation Discussion
 - **Meeting #6:** 15 January, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Public Facilities & Schools Discussion.
 - **Meeting #7:** 5 February, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Review of Merrifield Area Plan Text Revisions.
 - **Meeting #8:** 26 February, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Continued Review of Draft Area-wide Plan Text/Land Use Analysis Discussion
 - **Meeting #9:** 5 March, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Transportation Impact Analysis Discussion
 - **Meeting #10:** 19 March, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Review of Draft Land Unit Recommendation Plan Text.
 - **Meeting #11:** 2 April, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Continued Discussion on Plan Text Recommendations
 - **Meeting #12:** 9 April or 30 April, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Final Recommendations & Vote.

Attachment 2.

Environmental Report – Environment Committee December 2018 – Flint Webb

Special Notes:

- **A&WMA:** I was elected Vice Chair of the Technical Council of the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA). The Technical Council is responsible for putting together the Annual Conference and Exhibition (ACE). I will be responsible for putting together the technical program for the 114th and 115th ACEs in 2021 and 2022.
- **Drinking Water Forum:** Monica is organizing a drinking water forum. We are targeting low income communities in Lee and Mount Vernon Districts.
- **Vulcan Materials Asphalt Plant:** Vulcan Materials has requested rezoning (RZ 2017-MA-013) and a Special Exception (SE 2017-MA-009) for part of their facility in Mason District from R-2, C-8 to I-6 to add an asphalt plant to the existing concrete batch plant facility. Flint commented provided the Planning Commissioners information about the emissions from asphalt plants on April 18th and has been in conversation with the Virginia DEQ about any air construction permit application. The Rezoning and Special Exception request was approved by the Planning Commission on 14 June (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/sites/planningcommission/files/asset/s/documents/pdf/2018%20verbatims/verbatim061418rznsevulcanmaterialsdo.pdf>) and approved by the Board of Supervisors on 10 July 2018. As of 13 September the applicant has not filed for an air construction permit.
- **Climate Fee and Dividend Bill:** A Fee and Dividend bill endorsed by the Citizens Climate Lobby has been introduced in both houses of Congress. It is not likely that either bill will be approved by their respective bodies much less likely that it will be signed by the President but it is likely that a bill will be submitted in the next Congress.

Meetings:

- **Citizens Climate Lobby, Virginia:** Flint attended the Virginia CCL meeting in Mineral VA on October 13th. CCL members from across the State attended the meeting. There was a robust discussion about the carbon fee and dividend bills. Much of the discussion centered around whether some of the funds from the carbon fee and dividend could be applied to develop new technologies or whether ALL the funds should be returned to the tax payers as a dividend.
- **Northern Virginia Regional Commission Sustainability Workgroup:** The NVRC Sustainability workgroup held a brownbag discussion about using blockchain technology to track renewable emission credits.
- **Military Preparedness in a Changing Climate:** Citizens Climate Education held a forum about climate change impacts on the military at Vinson Hall Retirement Community in McLean, on October 22nd. The event included a viewing of the documentary “Tidewater” and a panel discussion with retired officers. The event was very well attended.
- **Virginia Solar Congress:** A Solar Congress was held at GMU October 28th. The meeting included several concurrent sessions about issues involving installation of solar collectors in Virginia. Flint attended one session with a presentation by a group in Harrisonburg, VA that was using a public barn-raising model to install solar collectors for non-profit groups.
- **Virginia Rally for the Trial of the Century:** There was a rally of support for a lawsuit being brought by young people being heard in Washington State demanding action on

Climate Change (Juliana v. US). It was a very spirited event and included representation from indigenous communities.

- **Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions (FACS):** FACS representatives, including Flint Webb, met with Linda Smyth to discuss climate change issues on November 4th. The discussions got sidetracked somewhat by an issue involving a crazy “dog-bone” bridge proposal for the Nutley Road exit off I-66 as part of the I-66 outside the beltway HOT lane construction.
- **Interfaith Power and Light (IPL):** IPL held an energy efficiency workshop at the Messiah United Methodist Church in West Springfield. IPL has been doing free energy audits for low-income homeowners in Virginia.
- **Troubled Water: Voices from Bath County:** The Sierra Club put on a viewing of Troubled Water: Voices from Bath County at the Oakton Library on November 26th to discuss issues with the Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Mountain Valley Pipelines natural gas pipelines going through Virginia. Our own Karen Camblin, representing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), presented Environmental Justice issues of these natural gas pipelines.

Upcoming Events:

- **Audrey Moore Celebration of Life gathering:** December 22nd, 5-8 pm, Demaine Funeral Home, 5308 Backlick Road, Springfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her memory may be made to [Friends of Accotink Creek](#).
- **Environmental Quality Advisory Council (EQAC):** Public hearing will be held January 9, 7:30-9:00 pm in Conference Rooms 4 and 5 at the Fairfax County Government Center.
- **Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions Advocacy Kickoff Meeting:** January 11, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria, VA 22307.
- **Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District Green Breakfast:** January 12, 8:30 – 10:00 am, Brion’s Grill in Fairfax. Topic: TBD.
- **Friends of Accotink Creek meeting:** January 15, 7 pm, Audrey Moore RECenter, 8100 Braddock Rd, Annandale, VA 22003. See <http://www.accotink.org/cgi-bin/cal.pl?ACTION=VIEWDAY&Year=2018&Month=09&Date=18&config=calendar.cfg> for details.