

Membership Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2016

Approved January 19,
2017

The November Membership meeting of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations (FCFCA) was called to order on November 17, 2016, by President Tim Thompson at 7:35 p.m. at the Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003.

Present:

BOARD:

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), and George Becerra (Recording Secretary).

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

Committee Chairs: Vicki Hall (Land Use), Ed Saperstein (Education/Glen Haven Farms Homeowners Association), and Patrick Smaldore (Public Safety).

MEMBERSHIP:

Members: Mike Cook (Holmes Run Valley Citizens Association), Sue Kovach Shuman (Mantua Citizens Association), Mike Rioux (Mason Hill Citizens Association), John Cockayne (Sleepy Hollow Citizens Association), Suzie Wells (Sleepy Hollow Manor Civic Association), and Gabriel Goldberg (Walnut Hill Homeowners Association).

Others: None

Invited Guests: State Delegate Marcus Simon

Presentation: The Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission. Public Safety Committee Chair, Patrick Smaldore, introduced State Delegate Simon, who was the Chair of the Mental Health and Crisis Intervention Team subcommittee. Delegate Simon briefed us on the history and layout of the whole Ad Hoc Commission, but then gave us specifically the outcomes and current status of the recommendations from the subcommittee he chaired. The recommendations from his subcommittee and the whole Ad Hoc Commission were given to the Board of Supervisors. Delegate Simon answered questions from the members until 8:50pm.

Administrative: President Thompson swore-in George Becerra as the Recording Secretary. President Thompson also announced that there was an opening for the Correspondence Secretary position.

Meeting Minutes: October's Membership meeting minutes was passed, as amended, unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: No report.

Membership Report: First Vice President, Ed Wyse, presented the current membership numbers, as of the end of June 2016: There are 57 members, in which, 16 have not renewed, and 41 have renewed.

Citizen of the Year Update: Jeff Parnes, COY Coordinator, mentioned that the applications will start to go out on December 1, 2016 and that completed applications need to be turned in by January 31, 2017.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

President Thompson talked about the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and the progress made toward their implementation.

President Thompson outlined a series of future Federation presentations that he will be making to include areas of Public Safety provided by Public Safety Chair, Patrick Smaldore, in early 2017 to the Reston Citizens Association, Great Falls Citizens Association, Mclean Citizens Association, Braddock District Council, Providence District Council and Future District Councils TBD.

The Ad Hoc Commission in their final report stated: The Board of Supervisors should publicly set dates for community forums to revisit the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission and the progress made toward their implementation.

Board & Committee Reports

1. Budget – Ed Saperstein – Provided updates on the outlook of the State and County Schools Budgets for this year.
2. Citizens Association Services – Don Hinman – Provided an update on the Short Term Rental issue at the General Assembly level. The Federation sent the Virginia Housing Commission a copy of the Federation's STR resolution, which was passed at the October membership meeting. The Virginia Housing Commission's next meeting will be on December 14th.
3. Education – Ed Saperstein – See Budget Committee report.
4. Environment – Flint Webb - Submitted report. (Attachment 1)
5. Human Services – No report.
6. Land Use – Vicki Hall – Recruiting people for the Land Use Committee
7. Legislation – Bill Barfield – Mentioned that he provided Delegate Simon the Federation's Legislative Package for this year and for him to have to read before

Session in January. President Thompson mentioned he also gave the Federation's package to Chairman Bulova. Ed Wyse is tracking how many members of our Fairfax County General Assembly Delegation have read our Legislative Package.

8. Library – No report.
9. Membership – Ed Wyse – Provided membership sign-in sheets and vote cards for the meeting. Also, see Membership Report.
10. Public Safety – Patrick Smaldore - See Presentation and New Business.
11. Resolutions – No report.
12. Revenue – Tim Thompson – Update on the State Budget and City-County Equalization.
13. Transportation – Jeff Parnes – a) There had been 2 Public Hearings concerning the Fairfax County Parkway. Next one is in Alexandria b) Update on Virginia Public Railroad c) President Thompson commented on the Widening of Route 7 where VDOT had received \$48 Million concerning this project d) Update on I-66 West Corridor to Haymarket.
14. Website – Jeff Parnes – Recruiting for an Assistant Webmaster.

District Council Reports & Membership – Open Floor

(Dranesville & Hunter Mill - N/A)

1. Braddock – Submitted report. (Attachment 2)
2. Lee – No report.
3. Mason – County Trash Dumpsites are closing and that Mason District would not be affected.
4. Mt. Vernon – No report.
5. Providence – a) Next meeting is December 14th, which will be a Holiday Party and presentation of the Volunteer of the Year award b) Had a presentation by Officer Pat Lucas on the Community needs of sufficient police coverage in the Tysons Corner area.
6. Springfield – No report.
7. Sully – No report.
8. Membership – Open Floor – None.

Announcements: None

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

Next Meetings:

Membership Meeting – January 19, 2017 at 7:30pm – Mason Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale 22003.

Board Meeting – December 8, 2016 – Red Galanga Restaurant, 144 Church St NW, Vienna, 22180.

Minutes prepared by George Becerra, Recording Secretary

FW: Federation November Environmental Report for

Webb, C. Flint

Thu 11/17/2016 5:04 PM

To: FedBoard2017@fairfaxfederation.org <FedBoard2017@fairfaxfederation.org>;

Cc: Catherine Ledec (ledecinvirginia@yahoo.com) <ledecinvirginia@yahoo.com>;

Please revise my comments to clarify that the Friends of Huntley Meadows did not have to resort to a law suit to get the State Corporation Commission to require the changes they were asking for.

Flint Webb, P.E.

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From: Catherine Ledec [mailto:ledecinvirginia@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:59 PM

To: Webb, C. Flint

Subject: Re: Federation November Environmental Report for

Hi Flint,

Thanks for the praise in remarks about Friends of Huntley meadows.

No suing happened though,

We challenged them through the State Corporation Commission's regulatory process.

If a correction is possible, that would be helpful.

Thanks so much - I'm glad you attended this Friends group meeting.

There are 2 per year organized by the Fairfax County Park Foundation. 2 others are organized one by Friends of Green Spring Gardens, and a second by Friends of Huntley Meadows Park. We are a stronger voice together so we are working to collaborate more and share experiences with each other where we can be helpful to each other.

Thanks

Cathy Ledec

President, Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

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Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2016 4:52 PM

Subject: Federation November Environmental Report for

Here is the Environmental report I just sent to the Federation Board:

I've been busy since the last Membership meeting and so has Monica.

On 29 October I attended the Friends Groups Informal Meeting. The idea was to get all the "Friends" groups such as the Friends of Accotink Creek, the Friends of Huntley Meadows, Friends of Fairfax County Archology ... The meeting was organized by Susan Voss from the Friends of Green Springs (FROGS). The group has in common that they all have relationships with the County Park Authority

- There was a presentation by Sandy Stallman from FCPA about the Park Bond Referendum and how it was developed based on the Parks Needs Assessment process. One item I had not heard about was that it included investigating building a building to house the County's 3 million archeological artifacts. It might be interesting to have a meeting about archeology in the County.

- After the Parks Authority representative left the group discussed the County's plans to revise the agreements with the groups (including the Friends of Accotink Creek) to include such provisions into the new agreement to require that the funds coming to the Friends groups should all be donated to the County Parks Foundation. Needless to say the group was outraged.

- There was an excellent presentation by the Friends of Huntley Meadows representative about their successful efforts suing Dominion about a new power transmission line along the southern edge of Huntley Meadows. This could be a good Federation, Lee District Council or any District Council that has a concern about Dominion Power lines.

- I also learned about the upcoming 275th anniversary of the founding of the County to be celebrated on June 17, 2017. We should have a presentation about this too, perhaps in connection with the discussion about Fairfax Archeology.

- The organization was originally founded as the Federation of Friends Groups but has been dormant for many years.

With the Federation's legislative position on renewable power, I've been working on finding out more on the subject and developing relationships with possible supporters.

- On November 7th, just before the election, I attended a Solarize NOVA Loudon presentation by the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) about a program that is set up in Loudon County to help homeowners get solar collectors. The same group also has a program in Vienna (and near-by neighborhoods). LEAP does energy audits (mostly funded by Dominion) and will act as the general contractor for home solar collector installations, reviewing the siting, issuing RFQs to approved contractors and helping with the selection of an installation contractor. This could be a program that we could recommend that Fairfax County support. For more information see www.leap-va.org.

- On November 10th, just after the election, I attended a Solar School Initiative meeting set up by the Sierra Club, again in Loudon County, to try to get the County to install solar collectors on Loudon County Schools. Albemarle County has a Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) contract with Secure Futures to install solar collectors on County Government Buildings (including schools). There is no capital costs to the County and the power costs are lower than if you were to buy the power from Dominion. Also they can install the collectors on flat roofs without any roof penetrations. Susan Stillman from the Sierra Club said that Fairfax County is looking at setting up their own PPA contract. This should be something we can support. For more information you should contact Susan Stillman (stillman.susan@gmail.com).

- Finally in this series, I attended a panel discussion at George Mason University on November 15th "Climate & Politics, What's Next for Virginia". Dr. Edward Maibach, the Director of George Mason's

Center for Climate Change Communication keynoted the session with an excellent presentation about how the perception of climate change has changed in the 10 or so years that they have been conducting National polls on the issue. They have collaborated with a Yale University polling group that have downscaled the polling data so that you can get an idea of the perception of the issue to in communities down to the County or congressional district level (see <http://www.climatechangecommunication.org/climate-change-opinion-map/>). The panelists included a reporter (Natasha Geiling from Think Progress), a Capitol Hill lobbyist (Joshua Sak from the National Wildlife Federation), a pastor (Laura Martin from Rock Springs Congregational United Church of Christ representing Interfaith Power & Light), a Richmond lobbyist (Walton Shepherd from the Natural Resources Defense Council), a former foreign service officer (Ray Martin from Christian Connections for International Health) and a Real Estate broker from the Hampton Roads area (Rich Sterling). We should definitely reach out to the Interfaith Power & Light folks and the Hampton Roads real estate community for support, they can get in doors that we may have difficulty getting a proper hearing with.

Green Breakfast, November 12. This month's Green Breakfast featured Eric Hollinger from the National Museum of Natural History. Eric's presentation was "Greening the Smithsonian" and would be an excellent presentation at any Federation, homeowner or district council meeting. Eric is a resident of Fairfax County and has done extensive research on the impediments to recycling and what happens to the waste after it is collected. If you have Eric for a presentation I suggest you also invite someone from the Public Works like Pam Gratton, because while Eric knows a lot about recycling from a company perspective, I'm not sure that he understands how it is done in Fairfax County.

Friends of Accotink Creek meeting, November 15. The key topics that may be of general interest:

- The FAcC is planning a day of action (protest) in front of the International Bottled Water Association in Alexandria, April 10. They are currently working on getting the proper permitting.
- The FAcC will be having their elections at the December 20th meeting at the Audrey Moore RECenter, 7-9 pm.

Monica, could you add something about what you have been up to? I meant to include that in the e-mail I sent the Board but forgot.

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Braddock District Activities

The Supervisor's office and the Braddock District Council (BDC) jointly sponsored a HOA/Civic Association Symposium on November 9th. The purpose was to have informal discussions on issues of concern to the Associations. A good turnout resulted in lively discussions on various issues; two of the more prominent were (a) the impact of the non-passage of the meals tax on the operations of the schools, and (b) the effects of (1) closure of the recycle drop off sites at Wakefield Park and In Mason District, and (2) the banning of using plastic bags for yard waste effective in 2017.

The BDC's special committee on Aging in Place held its monthly meeting on November 16th. The featured presentation by Marcy Bartlett was "Building Together" on repairs or modifications to lower income homeowners.

The DC and Supervisor's Office will jointly sponsor the annual "Taste of Braddock" on Wednesday, December 14th at Braddock Hall. Food from various establishments within Braddock District will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. All are invited to attend.