

Membership Meeting Minutes

October 25, 2018

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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 Providence District Center, 3001 Vaden Dr., Fairfax.

ADMINISTRATION:

Membership Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of the September Membership meeting were approved by voice vote.

Bill announced that tonight's voting will be done by hand with fingers up indicating their community vote strength.

Committees, Boards and Commissions:

Bill raised the issue of lack of volunteers for these appointments. This appears to be problems with all kinds of volunteer organizations. One member stated that the middle aged and younger people are more likely to be involved in youth-like groups.

Appointments:

Shaista Keating appointed to the FCPS Advanced Academic Programs Advisory Committee

Jessica Bradley appointed to the FCPS Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities.

John Jennison re-appointed as the Federation representative to the State Corporation Commission.

Shirley Ginwright appointed to the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board.

Morgan Jameson appointed to the Fairfax County Community Action Advisory Board.

Matt Dunne appointment to the Fairfax County Airports Advisory Committee is pending its Chairman's review.

Gabe Goldberg was appointed to the drone policy committee.

There was a question about vacant positions. It was suggested that a list of vacant positions should be sent to the membership. Bill will discuss the Executive Board.

New Business:

Tax Exempt Organization Status: John Millican from the Hayfield Citizens Association introduced the issue. His CA cannot identify the letter authorizing the EIN for tax exempt organization. To get recognized as a 501c3 they need to fill out a form \$600 to apply. Don Hinman is the Associations Committee Chair. There is also a County office that is supposed to help Citizens Association. The consensus of the group though was that as long as the organization does not take charitable contributions then you don't need the 501c3.

Foster Parent Training Center: Charlette Gallant, representing For Children's Sake of Virginia, spoke about this foster parent training center. They are looking for volunteers that might be willing to be foster parents, opportunities to talk at HOA meetings and are looking for toys. The web site for the organization is www.fcsva.org.

A motion was presented to take up the 12 legislative issues before the two resolutions. The motion passed by voice vote.

Legislative Issues Package

- 19A01 Local Authority to Regulate Short Term Rentals:** The position is that the regulation of short-term rentals should be up to the local jurisdictions. The position passed by voice vote. There was one voice opposed so there was a physical count. The issue was adopted 30/2/0.
- 19E01 City-County Revenue Equalization:** This would give Counties the same taxing authorities as cities and towns. There are 4 tax areas that Counties cannot tax, one of which, the meals tax, can be approved by referendum. The issue submitter pointed out that the limitations were based on a time when counties were largely agrarian and had less need to collect revenues for policing, etc. One Republican Senator has indicated he might be willing to support this position. The position was adopted by 23/6/2.
- 19E02 Free and Reduced Price Meals:** This is similar to an issue that has been submitted in prior years. The education budget is distributed based on the local composite index (LCI). Fairfax does not do well by the LCI because the LCI does not take into consideration the cost of living, which is higher in Fairfax than the state average. This position requests that there be a per person allocation for students that are eligible for free or reduced price meals. The position was accepted 28/2/0.
- 19E03 School Opening Date:** This position requests that local jurisdictions be given flexibility to set their own school calendar. The position was adopted by voice vote.
- 19C01 Property Assessed Clean Energy:** The position as is was adopted 20/7/2.
- 19C02 Roadway Salt and Lawn Fertilizer:** Flint requested some minor changes. It was also proposed that the parentheses around "(ROAD SALT)" and "(LAWN FERTILIZER)" be removed. The position was adopted 29/0/2.
- 19C03 Plastic Bags:** It was requested that we cite previous years. There was also a minor edit to change "plastic bags" in the "Preferred Position" to "Single-use plastic bags". The position was adopted 30/0/0.
- 19L01 Proffer and Impact Fees:** It was pointed out that we need to include "residential development" at the end of the Issues section. Karen will do some minor edits to this positions. The position was adopted 31/0/0.
- 19G01 Redistricting Commission:** Need to add prior year issue numbers. Removed "State" in Preferred Position" since this issue would not affect County redistricting. The position was adopted by 29/0/0.
- 19G02 3rd Party Evidence Sharing:** The Commonwealth does not allow the use of red light cameras because third party evidence cannot be accepted. Similarly, if someone else sees someone passing a school bus the evidence could not be accepted. The Federation Issue position would allow the use of 3rd party evidence. The discussion was that this should only include passing school busses. A motion to defer 19G03 passed by voice vote.
- 19P01 Reduce Hand-Held Devices Usage While Driving:** The position is adopted 20/6/2.

19T01 Smart Transportation: The position requested studies to look for 5 transportation options. There was an objection to studying extension of the Orange Line and the use of Granters tax. Another representative objected to the use of the Granters tax. The wording phrase “like Grantor’s Tax...” was removed. There was a motion to defer failed 8/19/2. The position was adopted 22/6/1.

Bill will clean up the position statements and send them to Jeff to post on the website and to Erika for distribution to elected officials and the membership.

Resolutions:

Resolution on FCPS’ Strategic Plan (not presented)

Resolution on Supporting the Flood Plain and Chesapeake Bay Ordinances (not presented)

Old Business:

District Council Reports:

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

Lee: Lee district held a September meeting with Sharon Bulova. There were only 11 people in attendance.

None other were presented due to the meeting facility closing.

Committee Reports: None presented

Environment: The Environment Committee Report submitted to the Board on 11 October is **Attachment 2**

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Next Meetings:

The next **Membership** meeting:

November 15, Mason District Government Center (Large Conference Room):
6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale

Public Safety Program: Police Independent Auditor & Civilian Review Panel

The next **Board** meeting will be

December 6th, Board Dinner meeting.

Minutes prepared by (Flint Webb, Recording Secretary)

Attachments:

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

Attachment 1.

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

- **Providence District Council Meeting Climate Reality Check:** Flint attended the 10 October PDC program on climate change. Paula Clements, Climate Reality Project Presenter, presented her up-date on climate change and Flint Webb gave a summary of what various Fairfax County groups are doing in the County, the State and Nationally.
- **Merrifield Suburban Center Study:** The first Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Task Force meeting was held on 23 October. At the meeting County Staff presented an overview of the two plan amendments still under consideration and the initial cut on the existing conditions (except the transportation existing conditions). Materials from the Task force can be found at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/merrifield-subctr-study.

Upcoming Events:

- **PDC Meeting:** 14 November, 7:30 pm Providence District Community Center. We are planning to have a program on School Safety.
- **Merrifield Suburban Center SSPA Task Force:**
 - **Meeting #2:** 13 November, 7:00 pm, Inova Conference Center, 3225 Gallows Road. The subject of this meeting will be the Transportation Existing Conditions.
 - **Meeting #3:** 27 November, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Nomination Review & Land Use Discussion
 - **Meeting #4:** 11 December, 7 pm Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The subject of this meeting will be Land Use Discussion Follow-up.
 - **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 October 2018 – Flint Webb

Projects:

- **Drinking Water Forum:** Monica is organizing a drinking water forum. We are targeting low income communities in Lee and Mount Vernon Districts.
- **Energy Town Hall:** Flint (as Chair of the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Air & Waste Management Association) moderated an Energy Town Hall meeting with Delegate Jenifer Boysko on September 24th. In the end the meeting was open to the public and broadcast on Herndon Public Access Television (<http://videoplayer.telvue.com/player/vzE1oMYxyAJsr5CE2LxEdfBlceV604BC/media/383265?autostart=true&showtabssearch=true>). The consensus of the panel was that there are no technical impediments to the Commonwealth attaining 100% renewable power by 2050 but it will require a re-making of the electrical grid and the addition of batteries of various types to maintain grid stability.
- **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/assets/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.

Meetings:

- **Fairfax County Well Water Clinic:** Virginia Cooperative Extension had a series of meetings to talk about well water quality. Flint attended the meeting to learn about well water quality issues in Fairfax County. One surprise was that there are a number of people in the McLean area that are on well water and are concerned about petroleum and dry cleaning underground tank spills in the area and the well water clinic will not measure for petroleum hydrocarbons or dry cleaning chemicals. Flint provided the following guidance:
 - With regard to the gas station spills: “Gas station spills normally involve hydrocarbons most of which are not soluble and therefore stay at the top of the water table but there are a couple of exceptions. Methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE) is an oxygenate additive that was used for many years that is very soluble and does not degrade in groundwater. They stopped using MTBE about 10 years ago and now use ethanol because of the issues with MTBE in groundwater. The other components of gasoline that could be soluble and could be an issue are benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX). It looks like testing for MTBE is difficult See the article (<https://archive.epa.gov/oust/mtbe-a/web/pdf/1136methods.pdf>). But it looks like Method 8260 (gas chromatograph with mass spectrometer (GC/MS) is your best bet for MTBE. 8260 is also the preferred method for BTEX. You should be sure to note that you are looking for MTBE so the lab calibrates the MS to measure MTBE accurately.”

- With regards to dry cleaning chemicals: Flint provided a link to an article about the degradation of chloroethenes in groundwater (<https://toxics.usgs.gov/sites/solvents/chloroethene.html>) and provide the guidance “The article talks about the degradation of tetrachloroethylene (PCE). One thing I've learned about organic chemistry is that the same chemical can go by several names. Tetrachloroethylene is also known as perchloroethylene (PCE, or Perc). These chemicals are heavier than water so they will tend to sink and take a long time to degrade in the environment so they are more likely to get drawn into drinking water wells than most hydrocarbons which tend to stay in the upper levels of the water table and degrade aerobically quickly. The EPA screening test method for volatile organic halides in water is Method 8535.”
- There will be a meeting to discuss the results of the well water testing October 24th, 7 – 9 pm, Room 206, Virginia Cooperative Extension. Unfortunately, Flint will not be able to attend this meeting.
- For more information see <https://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/clinics.php>.
- **Virginia Climate Crisis Forum:** On 18 September the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions held a Climate Crisis forum at James Madison High School. The Featured speakers are the 2018 candidates for U.S. Senator from Virginia: U.S. Senator Tim Kaine; and Corey Stewart Chairman At-Large, Prince William County Board of Supervisors. The two candidates were questioned separately by a panel that consisted of. Panelists included: Samantha Ahdoot, MD, FAAP, Chair and Co-founder, Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action; Major General Rick Devereaux, USAF (Ret.), Former Director of Operational Planning, Policy, & Strategy, U.S. Air Force and Advisory Board, Center for Climate and National Security; and Fairfax County Supervisor Dan Storck. Moderated by Rev. Dr. Jean Wright. Tim Kaine did a reasonably good job handling questions but Corey Stewart kept saying that it was important to protect coal jobs and said that sea level rise in the Hampton Roads area is due to drawdown of the coastal aquifer. With regards to coal jobs – there are many more jobs created by the solar power industry than in the coal industry. With regards to sea level rise while drawing down from fresh water aquifers can cause ground subsidence (and the appearance of sea level rise) satellite measurements prove that the sea level is rising. In the Hampton Roads area there is also an issue with subsidence due to the geologic forces. As a result of the combination of geologic subsidence and sea level rise the sea inundation is a critical issue in the Hampton Virginia.
- **Plastic Free Forum:** Flint attended the Plastic Free Forum on 22 September. There were many concrete ways that people can reduce the use of plastics in their everyday life. Chap Peterson was there to talk about his plastic bag bill and Dan Sklarew discussed studies of micro-plastics and how they are getting into the food we eat.
- **The Beck Environmental Lecture:** Flint attended some of the Beck Environmental Lecture with Paul Hawken who talked about his book: ***Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming***. Drawdown offers 100 concrete solutions to help abate climate change. Meticulously researched by leading scientists and policy-makers around the globe, *Drawdown* pushes through widespread fear and apathy to give readers a step-by-step guide for making a difference in creating a just and livable world. The meeting was very well attended with on the order of 200 in attendance. The measures outlined in the book were well researched.
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- **International Coastal Cleanup and Virginia Waterways Cleanups:** There is a stream cleanup just about every weekend in September and October. For the Virginia Cleanup Locations see <http://www.longwood.edu/cleanva/CleanupEvents2018.html>.
- **Lake Accotink Park Fall Watershed Cleanup Day:** 13 October, 9 am to 12 noon . See <http://www.accotink.org/2018/InternationalCoastalCleanuppre-event2018.htm> for details.
- **Alexandria City C-PACE Public Hearing:** 13 October (Saturday) 9 am – 5 pm City of Alexandria Council Chamber – 301 King St. See <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=19511> for details.
- **Citizens' Climate Lobby Virginia Meeting:** 13 October 9:30 am – 4 pm, Louisa County Public Library, 881 Davis Highway, Mineral, VA.
- **Friends of Accotink Creek meeting:** 16 October, 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.
- **Waste & Recycling Symposium:** 17 October 9 am – 3:30 pm, Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus, Ernst Center, Theater & Forum 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA. Event will feature films (Wasted! The Story of Food Waste; Styrofoam Mom; and The Clean Bin Project), as well as Exhibitors, a Networking and Expo Forum, and Panel Discussion: Recycling in Northern Virginia. [More information](#). Presented by the Northern Virginia Community College in partnership with Fairfax County Solid Waste Management Program.
- **Military Preparedness in a Changing Climate:** 22 October, 7:30-9:30 pm, Vision Hall Retirement Community, Kathy Martin Community Building, 1735 Kirby Road, McLean, VA. The event will begin with the award-winning, 40-minute film Tidewater, which tells of the challenges faced by the 13 military bases and 17 municipalities in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia, where water is rising and land is sinking. After the film, a panel of retired senior military experts from the Center for Climate and Security will outline challenges our military must meet to protect our nation in a changing climate, with an opportunity for audience questions. Then we'll discuss how concerned citizens can encourage Congress to take action to mitigate climate change in order to protect our national security and economy. For more information and to RSVP, visit <https://tidewater-mclean.eventbrite.com>. Sponsored but the Citizens' Climate Lobby and the Center for Climate and Security.
- **Environmental Justice and Northern Virginia:** 23 October 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton, VA. How does environmental justice relate to our community/group? Join Sierra Club Virginia's Environmental Justice Chair Alexis Szepesy and Program Coordinator Gustavo Angeles to facilitate a discussion to talk about environmental justice in Virginia. This is an introduction to environmental justice and includes GIS maps of our region including: Ethnicity, health (asthma, COPD, cancer cluster, per cent of population with health care), power plants, pipelines, coal ash sites, prison locations, coal mine, etc. [RSVP](#). Sponsored by the Sierra Club/Great Falls Group.
- **Fairfax County Well Water Clinic:** October 24th, 7 – 9 pm, Room 206, Virginia Cooperative Extension offices. Well water Results/Interpretation: For more information see <https://www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/clinics.php>.
- **Planning Commission Public Hearing 8800 Richmond Highway:** 24 October, 7:30 pm. The testimony from the July 19 meeting has been transcribed and can be found on the Plan amendment webpage at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-zoning/plan-amendments/8800-richmond-hwy and the Planning Commission calendar at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planningcommission/sites/planningcommission/files/assets/calendar/2017/october2017.pdf. Any speakers who wish to have their July testimony considered by the Planning Commission should email Plancom@fairfaxcounty.gov or call the Planning

Commission office at 703-324-2865 and identify the portion of the transcript to be submitted in lieu of or to supplement testimony at the October 24 public hearing.

- **Virginia Rally for the Trial of the Century:** 28 October, 2 – 6 pm, Federal Courthouse, 401 Courthouse Sq., Alexandria, VA 20121. Stand with the 21 youth plaintiffs in the landmark environmental Case: Juliana v. U.S., which seeks to address the impact of climate change on the well-being of future generations! Their demand – a science-based National Climate Recovery Plan. Hosted by Our Children’s Trust and Climate Reality: Northern VA Chapter. For more information see <https://www.youthvgov.org/october29>.
- **Trash Day of Action, Battle of the Bottle:** 30 October, 4 – 6 pm, 1812 North Moore Street, Arlington, VA 22209. A protest against plastic water bottle litter sponsored by Friends of Little Hunting Creek and Friends of Accotink Creek at the Arlington headquarters of Nestle USA. See <http://www.accotink.org/2018/BattleoftheBottle2018.htm> for details. Sponsored by the Trash Action Work Force (TAWF).
- **Environment Expo, Theme: Saving the Earth One Person at a Time:** 10 November, 8 am – Noon, Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA. Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck will host this event, which will explore how everyone can help save our planet. The morning will feature an Exhibit Hall with a variety of County agencies, services provider and educators, informational and hands-on workshops, and screenings of the film *Hometown Habitat*. [More information](#).
- **Green Breakfast:** 10 November, 8:30-10:00 am, Brion’s Grille in Fairfax. Subject TBD.
- **Biodiversity of GW Memorial Parkway, Friends of Dyke Marsh - Quarterly Meeting Program:** 14 November, 7:30 pm, Norma Hoffman Visitor Center of Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria, VA. National Park Service (NPS) biologist Brent Steury will summarize the George Washington Memorial Parkway’s eleven-year biodiversity inventory of its 4,580 acres. NPS experts have documented 5,563 species: 101 species new to the flora or fauna of Virginia, seven species new to the District of Columbia, three species new to North America, at least 71 species new to science, 106 species state listed for rarity, three federally-threatened species, and 58 peer-reviewed journal articles published in the last 11 years. Free program. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh.
- **Board of Supervisor 8800 Richmond Highway Public Hearing:** 20 November, 4:30 pm.
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