

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL
of Community Associations
DRAFT Minutes for November 13, 2013 DRAFT

Braddock District Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2013

BDC Business:

- Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM
- BDC minutes from the September 2013 Meeting were accepted and seconded.
- The Chairman reported on the Residential Studio Unit Proposal Updates. The District Council will funnel information to the Federation Planning Commission who will meet in March. Many questions have been raised by the North Springfield Association. They have received many signatures opposing this change in zoning laws. Fairfax County Federation is restyling a new resolution.
- Tom McDonald gave the Treasurer's Report.
- Dottie Dane announced that there were 31 new paid members. The Chairman recommended that any Association that has paid after January 2013 be counted as being paid for the BDC's fiscal year. The Chairman will ask the Board to contact Associations that have not responded. There are now 143 associations in the Braddock District Council.
- Bruce Wallachy presented information concerning goals of the AIP. They are to update on County 50+ Plan Changes, zoning options and adapting homes to Age in Place, Positive Aging Fair Topics, and summary of RSU Impact. He would also like to organize meetings with Associations throughout the Braddock District, He would also like to have information and light email posting concerning the BOB awards to recognize residents who make a difference in this area. The AIP Committee will be hosting Aging in Place Presentation on Wednesday, November 20 at 7:30 PM, at the Braddock Supervisor's Office (attached to Kings Park Library), 9002 Burke Lake Road, the topic is Independent Living, Fairfax County and will be given by Jennifer Edge.
- Tom McDonald gave information about the Braddock Land Use Committee. He said that the development on Ox Road was approved. Fairfax Center is the first to be evaluated with more residential areas to the South to be evaluated later. Bill Barfield said that the Land Use Committee was formed to give the BDC citizens a voice. The stormwater ordinance will be passed next month by the Board. Rate increases need to comply with the EPA standards.
- Michael Perel gave information about the "Neighbor Helping Neighbor" brochure. This brochure is to assist neighbors to be aware of the elderly neighbors. Especially those at risk, living alone with few or no family in the area. He would like to send electronic copies and ask for feedback. There is a gatekeeper program in Oregon that enlists professionals. Mike also presented information on NOVA Annandale Campus regarding parking issues.
- Attendees were reminded of BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org>

BDC Fund (As of November 13, 2013)

Balance at beginning of year	\$3,604.27
Dues received from 31 new Associations	\$1,556.00
Total funds available	\$5,160.27

Expenses

State Corporation Commission	
June "BDC Picnic"	
Snacks for other meeting	
Website for two years – 2013, 2014	
Mailing cost	
Total expenses	\$ 0.00
Balance November 13, 2013	\$5,160.27

Braddock Road Beautification

Program started February 2008	
Total funds collected	\$8,616.96
Expenses	\$7,592.00
Balance November 13, 2013	1,024.96

Mary Read Memorial

Program started February 2008	
Total funds collected	\$3,923.00
Expenses – prior years	\$3,611.28
Balance November 13, 2013	\$311.72

Total Checking Account Balance (Nov. 13, 2013) \$6,496.95

Submitted by:

Thomas B. McDonald, Jr.

Treasurer

November 13, 2013

Supervisor's Report:

- Supervisor Cook wants us to consider what the focus of BDC should be in the future. "How can we interest younger people to get involved?"
- This fall, the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors will consider whether to amend the County Zoning Ordinance to permit the construction, by private builders, of small studio, or efficient, apartments called RSU's (Residential Studio Units). These units, common in urban areas, would be rental units of 500 square feet or less, geared toward individuals making less than \$45,000. The Board has asked the Planning Commission to conduct additional outreach and offer public engagement opportunities to evaluate the proposed amendment.
- Stormwater regulations are to be passed in December by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- The budget for Fairfax County is stagnant. In the first update a week from November 12, the assessments are going up because commercial real estate is much lower than anticipated. The commercial rate is a flat tax rate of 3% to 5%. The commercial rates/sales tax is down 9% this year. There is a concern about the libraries and the cut back in services but everything will be evaluated. It will be a tough budget year. This will be a tough year for the schools in Fairfax County. There will be cuts in the county and ten the schools will have to cut their budget. Teachers' salaries have been cut.

The teacher's pay in Fairfax County is below the market in this area. The structural funding setup is 75% local, 25% state.

- There was difficulty in county the votes for the election held on November 5, 2013. But the Board of Supervisors cannot get involved in elections. Provisional ballots are counted later. Recount always needed after each election.
- Fairfax County has one of the best police forces in the country. Occasionally mistakes are made so the county would like to increase training and resources. A peer review may be needed to investigate the police when needed. The committee could consist of retired FBI agents and other retired officers to evaluate and process this difficult subject. People make mistakes and need to improve with training and other resources.
- "Taste of Braddock" will be held on December 4, 2013 at the Braddock Supervisor's Office (attached to Kings Park Library), 9002 Burke Lake Road. Volunteers are needed to bring the food in from various locations.
- Supervisor Cook's office can be contacted at braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Michael Perel, NVCC Parking Issues:

- The Northern Virginia Community College has initiated a Parking Task Force to identify and evaluate options that would encourage students to park on campus instead of residential roads as well as to use alternative transportation options, such as carpooling and buses. Members of the task force include community college staff as well as Ann Sharp from Supervisor Cook's office, Deb Sherman, Legislative Aid to Delegate Vivian Watts, and Mike Perel of the Oak Hill Citizens Association. The goal is to develop recommendations that can be presented to the College President and the Community College Board that meets in January, 2014.

By-Law Discussion Regarding Changes to the By-Laws:

- A motion was made and seconded that there would no listing in the appendix of times and dates.
- A motion was made and seconded that business meetings should always be the same. The members voted to accept the changes.

There were 11 member associations present with 26 attendees.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM

Submitted by
Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by
Cliff Keenan, Chairman