

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

## of Community Associations

### Minutes for June 11, 2014

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## “Braddock District Council Elections and Best of Braddock Winners” Wednesday, June 11, 2014

### Chair:

- Called to Order at 7:30 PM
- BDC minutes were accepted and seconded from the May Meeting.
- Announced that Braddock District Council elections will be held today.
- Announced Best of Braddock (BOB) winners.
- Announced the June 18 meeting for the Aging in Place Committee will be held at the Kings Park Library meeting room at 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA. Topic: Ride Options for Those Needing Basic Transportation by Barry Wickersham, Shepherd Center of Fairfax/Burke & Jeff Dannick NV (No. Virginia) Rides (Recent Grant to Coordinate Rides)
- Next BDC Meeting – July 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
- Reminded Attendees of BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org>

### Treasurer’s Report (June 11, 2014)

The following is a summary of activities on the 3 funding programs of the Council

#### BDC Fund

Balance at beginning of year	[2013 - 2014]	\$3,604.27
	Dues from 39 members	\$1,931.00
	Total funds available	\$5,535.27
	Total expenses	\$534.95
Balance June 11, 2014		\$5,000.32

#### Braddock Road Beautification

Balance June 11, 2014		\$1,024.96
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#### Mary Read Memorial

Balance June 11, 2014		\$311.72
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<b>Total Checking Account Balance - June 11, 2014</b>		<b>\$6,337.00</b>
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Submitted by:  
Thomas B McDonald, Jr.  
Treasurer

June 11, 2014

## Supervisor

- Citizen of the Year – Norma Heck, North Springfield,- Norma is the immediate past president of the North Springfield Civic Association, which serves nearly 7,000 resident occupying 2,500 homes. She is one of the first five homeowners of the community founded in 1955. Norma has been an advocate for neighborhood enhancements at every step of the road. Whether it was leveraging her connections with elected officials to accelerate VDOT’s installation of traffic lights, turn lanes, and stop signs at key intersections, obtaining lighting under the I-495 underpass near North Springfield Elementary School when school administration and PTA officers could not, working with the Washington Post to permanently preserve a buffer zone between their industrial printing facility & the neighborhood, or pushing the County’s Office of Code Compliance to investigate and eliminate illegal boarding houses, Norma was the forefront of each key initiative.
- Club or Organization Making a Difference in Braddock District – The David R. Pinn Center with special recognition of Sarah Tinsley, This tiny building on Zion Drive has become a hub of activity in the Braddock District, and the Neighborhood and Community Services Staff have make it one of the favorite places to go for seniors during the day, students after school and other activities such as “SPARC After Dark” in the evenings. Sarah Tinsley has worked on an exciting program for teens called “Stand Up, Step Up, Speak Up” or “S3UP” which focuses on leadership training, citizenship and job-readiness by inviting teens to become Counselors in Training at the Pinn Center’s summer RecQuest day camp for school aged youth. This is the only community center in the county that currently has this program, and we applaud Sarah for her enthusiasm in getting teens more involved in the community.
- Most Can-Do Local Public Employee in Braddock District– Julie Tahan, Lake Accotink Park Supervisor, With accolades almost too many to mention, Julie helps ensure by her leadership and management that Lake Accotink Park is one of the most outstanding parks in all of Fairfax County. Whether it is leading the evaluation and response after hurricanes and tropical storms, or coordinating the famous Cardboard Boat Regatta, Julie is involved in aspects of life of Lake Accotink Park.
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification by a Homeowner in the Braddock District– Paula and David McKinley, Old Forge/Surrey Square, Since the early 1990’s their property has enhanced the neighborhood with its beautiful rose garden. The garden has contained over 75 different varieties of roses of all colors and types including medieval heirlooms no longer available. Sadly, just as this nomination was being written, the McKinley’s got word that their garden had been infected with Rosettes Disease, a mite born virus with no known cure that have required the destruction of all but about 18 rose bushes. They have replanted the area with dahlias, marigolds and other annuals, and if the remaining rose plants survive, they will be replanting rosebushes next year. This recognition is long overdue, and while the garden as many knew it does not exist this year, Paula and David are looking toward the future with the hope of more roses next year.
- Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification by a Community in the Braddock District – Greg Sykes, Kings Park West, As a site leader for the Non-native Invasive Species Management at Royal Lake, he supervises and teaches volunteers how to identify non-native invasive species and witness when detrimental impacts these plants have. Greg’ group replants areas with native vegetation and watches for plants that are invasive. Greg also gives nature walks around Royal Lake, writes articles for the Kings Park West Herald and other publications too numerous to mention. He has a website which includes all types of environmental information.

- Special Achievement or Recognition – Rohil Bhinge, Mosby Woods Elementary School, Two years ago, when Rohil was 8 years old, he visited Chessie’s Big Backyard at the Lee District Park. When he heard how the park foundation raised funds through private donations in order to complete the park, he was inspired to raise funds to help with the completion of the fully accessible playground. He has organized fund-raising fun runs in 2013 and 2013, and the 2014 fun run took place last week. He has received numerous accolades, including being named as Chairman Bulova’s Lord Fairfax this year.
- Braddock District Young Person of the Year –Elizabeth Banks, Robinson Secondary School, Elizabeth has had an active life as high school student, volunteering for many community events and activities, ranging from running the fossil station at the Oak View ES science fair to helping the young swimmers on her swim team to helping with Second Change Employment Services, a non-profit organization that provides job training and placement services for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. She learned about physical labor when helping with the renovation of an orphanage in the Dominican Republic. As a member of the Cross Country team she learned the meaning of hanging in there even when it hurt. Her involvement in student government led her to become involved in the Special Olympics, helping organize the Special Olympics basketball game at Robinson. Through her involvement and encouragement, the student participation in Partner’s Club increased significantly. She has also spent time volunteering in the medical neurology lab at Georgetown University, helping to creating a protein that could be used by others to test its role in Parkinson’s disease. She will be attending the University of Virginia next year.

The Best of Braddock Nominations Committee would like to note that Cheryl McDonald of Danbury Forest was also nominated as Citizen of the Year. Both she and Norma were both very deserving nominations, and it was difficult to choose one over the other. Cheryl does not go without recognition for her service, however, as she was Supervisor Cook’ selection as Community Champion of the year.

In addition, the Committee would like to note the awesome work being done by Bruce Wallachy and all of the members of the BDC Aging-in-Place Committee over the last several years.

#### Elections

The current Board was reelected for another year. They are Cliff Keenan, Chairman; George Klein, Vice Chairman; Thomas B. McDonald, Jr., Treasure; Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM  
Submitted by Barbara Varvaglione

Approved by  
Cliff Keenan, Chairman