

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes for June 8, 2010

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Chair:

- Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and introduced Supervisor Cook.

Supervisor Cook:

- **Celebrate Fairfax - Weekend of June 11 through 13th** This is closest event to a County Fair.
- **Introduced the 2010 Lord & Lady Fairfax from Braddock District - Sam and Shirley DiBartolo**
- **VDOT Maintenance:** *Braddock Beacon* article describes current status. The snow removal costs last winter are affecting grass cutting, paving and long term future road improvements. The intersection project at Fair Lakes & Fairfax County Parkway will continue because of existing stimulus funds; the HOT Lanes (a commercial project) will continue. John answered questions about traffic around HOT Lanes: the simple answer is that congestion will continue in order to speed the project's completion.

Chair:

- Members approved the May BDC Meeting Minutes. Minutes are distributed via emailed prior to the meeting and are later posted on the BDC Web Site. Attendees were encouraged to review for comment or correction prior to meeting to speed approval.

Treasurer's Report:

BB&T Account Balance a/o 8 Jun:	<u>\$5,342.33</u>
BDC account balance:	\$2,956.90
Braddock Beautification balance:	\$1,841.96
Mary Read Memorial Balance:	\$543.74
BDC dues received (April):	\$100.00 (3 Associations)

Chair - Old Business:

- **Grass Mowing:** The first Mowing Committee meeting held on May 19th was attended by five people. The agreed-upon Approach is to implement changes in Virginia Law to solve VDOT fiscal handicaps in grass mowing. This requires huge commitments from us. Our initial effort is to focus on getting an easily recognizable theme to grow political support from a large group of voters to rally around and influence our legislators in Richmond. The BDC decision to pursue the grass mowing issue is a long term effort and is not focused on the existing under-funded grass mowing situation. Sam DiBartolo is investigating who prepares the VDOT budget.
- **Web Page:** Updates are frequent so visit the BDC web site for a variety of information items involving BDC and our community. <http://bdcfx.org>
- **Neighborhood College:** All alumni of the two 2010 Neighborhood Colleges in Braddock District are invited to reunion on June 23rd to network with fellow graduates, discuss current community activities and to evaluate their community project results. Even though no more colleges are scheduled for this year, announcements for sessions in 2011 are expected.
- **Dog Park Establishment in Braddock District:** Fairfax County Park Authority has taken over the process of continuing establishment of a dog park in Braddock District. The BDC will continue to work with dog owners in encouraging a public organization establish and maintain the dog park.

- **Braddock Road Beautification and Mary Read Memorial Park:** Tom was not present to provide an update but BDC remains deeply committed to supporting beautification efforts in our District.
- **Guidelines for Best of Braddock Awards:** The purpose of BOB awards is to recognize individuals and organizations in Braddock District who are exceptionally contributing to our community. The contribution can be in many ways and the broad categories for the nominations allow flexibility in acknowledgement. Because there are no set guidelines for describing a nominee's achievements, the BoB Awards Committee uses the contents of the nominating text as the basis for judging and selection. Consequently, the BDC encourages nominators to request details from the nominees so that the written narration can be fully detailed. The Awards Committee, which rotates with new BDC volunteers every year, has latitude in categorizing the nominations and in creating special awards. Nominations not chosen in one year can be submitted for another year. By recognizing these contributors, the Awards are intended to acknowledge great achievement and to inspire other community residents. We know that every nomination is a fine tribute to that individual or organization. The BDC and Braddock Supervisor sincerely thank those nominators who took the time to recognize the contributions and achievements of fellow residents.
- **Membership Drive:** Three associations paid dues in May. Their dues will extend through 2010/2011. Letters for joining and membership renewal will be sent out in July.
- **Political Signs in Braddock Roads:** Since the Republican primary vote coincided with this BDC meeting, it was good opportunity to reaffirm BDC's commitment to beauty in Braddock District and encourage members to press for removal of political signs within the prescribed date deadlines. While State and County laws and rules vary, the sign removal is still required before June 15th. Elected and candidate officials have received this message from many of their meetings with associations and from individuals in Braddock District.
- **BDC Picnic and BOB Award Ceremony on Tuesday, July 13th:** The BDC Picnic Committee needs a volunteers to help in the early planning, foods pick-up, and setting up the room on picnic day. Picnic food serving starts at 6 PM. Help is always welcome so email the Chairman if you desire to help.

Chair - New Business:

- **BOB Awards Announcements:** Winners of the 2009/2010 awards have been notified by Supervisors Cook's office. Other nominees are being called to acknowledge and thank them for their contributions in our community.

The 2009/2010 Best of Braddock Award Winners are:

Braddock District Citizen of the Year

H. Duane Murphy

Braddock Young People of the Year

Kelsey Rose and Melissa Sbrocco

Neighborhood Enhancement or Beautification – Individual Homeowner

Fernando Restrepo

Most Can-Do Local Public Employees Working on Issues in Braddock District -

Norma Lopez, Janet Hubbell, Tilly Blanding, Paulette Whiteside and Sarah Allen

Most Can-Do Federal Public Employee Working on Issues in Braddock District

Mike McMahon

Most Outstanding Business People in Braddock District

Jules and Nicky Verster

Club or Organization Making a Difference in the Braddock District

Burke / West Springfield Senior Center Without Walls

Special Achievement Award

Tommy Salvi

- **BDC Elections:** Chairman extends his warm appreciation to Jan Hedetniemi for her support to him and to the BDC during her term as Vice-Chairman. All of Fairfax County benefits from Jan's commitment to community improvement and volunteerism. Thanks, Jan, for serving again!

With a BDC quorum voting, the BDC board elected for 2010/2011 is:

Chairman - **William Barfield**

Vice Chairman - **George Klein**

Treasurer - **Kevin Morse**

Secretary - **Bruce Wallachy**

Association News & Events

- **Annandale Neighborhood Food Site:** Ann Woodle announced that it is open and providing services to a many community members in the Heritage neighborhood. There is a large need for volunteers and non-perishable foods are always welcome.

Future Events

Celebrate Fairfax - Weekend of June 11 through 13

Braddock Picnic and BOB Awards Recognition - Tuesday July 13, 6 PM

No August BDC Meeting

BDC Meeting on September 14, 7:30 PM, in Kings Park Library Meeting Room - Panel discussion on impact of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) on Fairfax

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM (16 attendees)

Submitted by
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Secretary, BDC

Approved by
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Chairman, BDC
11 June 2010