

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2010

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### Chair:

- Opened meeting with Pledge of Allegiance and Welcomed program speaker Linda Masnik from Kings Park Library, and all meeting attendees.

**Linda Masnik:** Presented Website Library Services and answered attendee questions (see attachment).

### Chair:

- In response to a question from the Chair, attendees responded that they preferred short and frequent email announcements rather than longer, less frequent emails.

- **Lyme Disease Town Hall Meeting announced for May 15<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to Noon**, at Government Center. Information is available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2010/lyme-disease-town-hall-meeting-may15.htm>. Attendees acknowledge personal encounters or instances within their communities. It is an issue to be aware of; affecting joints and has other detrimental effects.

- **Best of Braddock Award Nominations due May 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please recognize those people in your community who are working for the good of everybody. Nomination forms are on BDC website at: <http://bdcfx.org/home/committees/citizenship-awards-committee>. Winners will be announced at next BDC meeting on June 8 and celebrated for their achievement at Braddock Picnic on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Please! Please! Take the time to recognize. Asking a nominee for information about their contributions is recognition - often you will be surprised by what they have done that you didn't know about.

- **GMU/ Fairfax City/Braddock District Forum:** Chair and several BDC members attended the May 5 meeting. Discussion centered on transportation issues (ingress & egress) to the campus. Next meeting is in September. List of GMU and High School Graduation events on Braddock District website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/>. Be aware of potential for traffic congestion on event days.

- **First BDC Grass Mowing Meeting** set for Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM in Braddock Hall. Since the BDC voted to pursue changing funding allocation in Virginia, this is the organizing kickoff effort. We have already discussed parts of this with our State Delegates and Senators. We have heard some good ideas. Now we need to collectively devise and work on an execution plan.

- The **BDC Website** is a very valuable source of information. Most of the attendees acknowledged visiting the site to get information. ([www.bdcfx.org](http://www.bdcfx.org))

- **Neighborhood College Graduates** (about 40 now) and 60 **Leadership Institute** attendees have stepped forward to become more able to lead our communities. BDC congratulates all and encourages continued involvement in activities. Volunteer! Participate! Contribute!

- **Braddock Road Beautification** activities are on hold waiting for grass mowing on Braddock Road.

- **Membership Committee** (Dottie and George) discussed efforts to contact organizations in Braddock District. Some of those contacted, who are new leaders, had not heard of the BDC. The attendees discussed how much electronic contact information is available to more broadly spread BDC awareness.
- **Mary Read Memorial** was cleaned and tidied up recently, as reported by Tom.
- **Best of Braddock Selection guidelines** were briefly discussed. The Chair provided some guidance to the committee, but the committee, as representatives for the whole district, act with their best judgment. They have to present and provide the basis for the selection at the June 8<sup>th</sup> BDC meeting.
- **VDOT has begun to cut the grass** for the first time, starting west of Ox Road. It was noted that over the last weekend the grass was cut AND the many, many political signs had been removed. Practically, everybody still knows the names of the candidates running in the June Primary. More signs don't increase that awareness.
- **BDC Picnic is set for July 13<sup>th</sup>**. The committee is still looking for additional volunteers. The process is well documented, but more volunteers do make it easier to accomplish. Please consider volunteering.
- **Nominations are open for all four officer positions**. The Vice Chairman's position now has an individual who agreed to run. Elections for BDC officer positions will be held at June 8<sup>th</sup> BDC meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

BDC account balance:	\$2,900.39
Braddock Beautification balance:	\$1,841.96
Mary Read Memorial Balance:	\$610.12
BDC dues received (April):	<u>    \$0.00</u>
BB&T Account Balance a/o 11May:	\$5,352.47

**Supervisor Cook:**

- Now that Neighborhood College and Leadership Institute training has been completed, Braddock District has about 100 graduates returning to their communities. Supervisor Cook thanked those who participated and challenged them to go forward and make this a year to share their new knowledge, strengthen connections between residents and to improve our quality of life.
- Supervisor Cook did not vote for 2011 Budget because it included car registration fees. The revenue shortfall for next year is projected to be around \$70M, so more cuts will be coming.
- Tysons Corner Development is the next big thing on the agenda. Its development will help generate more revenue for the county. An important need is to take tax burden off residential homes.
- Fairfax County is discussing the possibility of taking over maintenance of Secondary roads from VDOT. With the VDOT funds allocated to the county it is expected that there will be more response and more efficient addressing of county needs.

- VDOT will do no repaving this year or next.

- Resolution of parking problems on Roberts Road / Tapestry Drive continues. After a Restricted Parking District was created on Tapestry, parking has migrated to parts of Roberts Road where there are no guardrails (parking next to guard rails is a safety hazard).

### **Association News & Events**

- The following communities are having Community-Wide Yard Sale this Weekend, May 15/16:

Canterbury Woods  
Oak Hill  
Red Fox Forest  
George Mason Forest  
Dunleigh  
Stonehaven  
Kings Park West

- Kings Park West is having a Dumpster Day next weekend; users must be member of KPWCA.  
- St Mary's of Sorrows on Sideburn Road has its Annual White Elephant Sale, June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Future Events:**

**- Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Broadcast, Replays on Mondays, Topic: Association Insurance**

**- BDC Elections, Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at BDC Meeting**

**- BOB Awards Announcements, Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, at BDC Meeting**

**- Braddock Picnic and BOB Awards, Tuesday July 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM** (21 attendees)

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Submitted by  
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Approved by  
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Chairman, BDC  
12 May 2010

## Attachment to BDC Meeting Minutes of 11 May, 2010

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### **Website Library Services Presented by Kings Park Head Librarian, Linda Masnik**

- Website Home Page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/>
- **To Book Meeting Rooms:** Go to “**How to...**” Section toward bottom of page
  - o Hours for rooms at various libraries shown
  - o Click Rules, Read and Check Square before clicking “**I agree**”
  - o Click Library Location Desired
  - o Use Calendar to See What is Available or Previously Booked (Note Rooms Available on Left)
  - o Click Date to Pull up Reservation Options and Insert Request
  - o Library Staff will Approve after Reservation Requested
  - o Room Us is Open to Not For Profit Meetings, No Library Card Required, Often Available after Libraries Closed.
- For Catalog Access Page: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/catalogindex.htm>
  - o Log In
  - o Search
  - o Click Details (Book Locations, Summaries, etc will be shown)
  - o Place **Hold**, if Desired. Remember to **Select Where to Pick Up Book**)
  - o Check “**My Account**” to Renew, Check Waiting List, Cancel
  - o If Planning Trip, **Holds can be Suspended Without Losing Place** in Line (Go to Bottom of Your Holds List and Insert Dates)
  - o Call Library if Notification Sent but you desire to pick it up later than Hold Expiration date.
- **eBooks, eAudiobooks & eVideos** Available
  - o Catalog Search will identify type of media
  - o Follow Options on Downloading
  - o eBooks, eAudiobooks & eVideos generally have **21day availability** – After 21 days, the license for use expires and the emedia will no longer play. eBooks, eAudiobooks & eVideos can be renewed, if available for renewal – no one waiting, etc.
  - o OverDrive eBooks need free software downloads to read. See help at <http://fairfax.lib.overdrive.com>
- **Best Seller and Recommended Reading Lists**
  - o Available in Catalog
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