

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL of Community Associations Minutes for Wednesday, November 14, 2012

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“Fairfax County Cemeteries”

Chair:

- Called to Order at 7:33 PM
- Announced **Mary Lipsey, President, “Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association”**
- Announced **Bruce Wallachy** - gave a brief summary about the BDC Committee “**Aging in Place**”
Next Committee meeting December 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Braddock Hall
- **Braddock Land Use Committee** (approval of the Eleven Oaks development) and **Fairfax County Storm Water Management Committee** information given by Bill Barfield
- BDC minutes were accepted from the October 10th meeting, archived [here](#) on the BDC website.
- Noted that the BDC dues letter is being sent to all Braddock community associations this week.
- Provided a handout about the Fairfax Federation of Citizen Associations membership drive.
- Announced that the Fairfax County Parks Authority, in coordination with the Braddock Representative Tony Vellucci, is releasing a district-wide Lake Accotink survey to get community perspectives and ideas in identifying and prioritizing future projects.
- Provided a handout about Congressman Gerry Connolly’s annual Open Season Workshop on November 17 to assist federal employees and retirees in their 2013 health benefits planning.
- Called for drivers to help BDC pick-up the holiday foods donated by Braddock restaurants for the **Taste of Braddock Open House** to be held on December 5, 2012. Hosted by the Braddock Supervisor and assisted by Braddock District Council, all Braddock residents are welcome to the camaraderie of this annual festive tasting from our area businesses. Click [here](#) for the Invitation.
- **Next BDC Meeting - January 9** Topic Pending.
- **495 Express Lanes** to open on November 17.
- Reminded attendees to refer to the BDC web site and calendar at <http://www.bdcfx.org> .

Treasurer’s Report: (November 14)

BB&T account balance a/o Oct 10:	<u>\$4,297.94</u>
BDC dues received (Oct):	\$ 75.00
BDC account balance a/o Nov 14:	\$3,021.26
Braddock Beautification balance a/o Nov 14:	\$1,024.96
Mary Read Memorial balance a/o Nov 14:	<u>\$ 326.72</u>
BB&T account balance a/o Nov 14:	\$4,372.94

Supervisor John Cook

- There have been over 1200 respondents to the Fairfax County Transpiration Survey. 85% said they would like additional transportation services to be available.
- Concern about commercial rental space due to only 8% growth last year and a flat growth currently.
- Fairfax County will have to make difficult choices in the future regarding the budget: Schools, Police, Fire Department and other services.

- The State needs to contribute 10% monies in order for the Federal Government to contribute 90% for roads. The State may not be able to meet this ratio in the future.
- Concern was raised again about the Northern Virginia Training Center closing in 2015. State has responsibility to care for citizens at this facility by moving them into community homes. Possible land use for training center would be to have a facility for autistic children and/or housing for chronically homeless individuals.
- Students attending NVCC are creating parking issues along Wakefield Chapel Road. There are too many vehicles and not many free parking spaces.
- Fairfax County's FY 2014-FY2015 budget is beginning. See the Supervisor's website for more details at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/>.

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association, Mary Lipsey,
President, and Fairfax County History Commissioner

- FCCPA is a non-profit organization that advocates for over 300 small family cemeteries in Fairfax County, many abandoned or neglected. (Fairfax County has over 400 registered or identified cemeteries.) Some of these cemeteries date back to the 1700s when family members buried loved ones close to their family home. Mary's descriptions along with her presentation told interesting stories loaded with history about these family plots, their individual markers, and the importance of their preservation. An Annandale Blog [article](#), a FairfaxTimes [article](#), and a Fairfax Connection [article](#) have featured Mary and the FCCPA.
- She noted that Boy Scouts and other volunteers assist in cemetery upkeep by removing trees, bushes and overgrowth plants that for years have covered the properties and markers. The volunteers also assist with other services as needed or allowed in accordance with State laws.
- The FCCPA is seeking neighbors and community groups to "Adopt a Cemetery" by contacting Mary at christopherlipsey@verizon.net. The BDC web site has the slides presented by Mary available [here](#) and her list of colonial thru contemporary cemeteries in Braddock District is [here](#).
- The Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association main purposes are to identify, document, preserve, protect, maintain and advocate for these small family cemeteries in Fairfax County.

Other Announcements

- There was continued discussion about the NVCC student traffic, parking, and other safety issues that is increasing on Wakefield Chapel Road. Mike Perel, Oak Hill Community Resident, handed out material from which to contact local representatives and NVCC officials. There is a [petition online](#) that you can sign. Go to browse petitions and search for NVCC. Listed below are the local representatives and NVCC officials that can be contacted concerning this issue:

Dr. Robert G. Templin, Jr., President NVCC, rtemplin@nvcc.edu
 Barbara Saperstone, Provost, NVCC, bsaperstone@nvcc.edu
 David Miller, Chair, NVCC Board of Directors, dmiller@skylinkaviation.com
 David Marsden, Virginia Senator, District 37, district37@senate.virginia.gov
 Chap Peterson, Virginia Senator, District 34, info@fairfaxsenator.com
 Vivian Watts, Virginia Delegate, District 39, vwatts@erois.com
 Supervisor John Cook, Braddock@fairfaxcounty.gov

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM (29 attendees)

Submitted by
Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by
William Barfield, Chairman
24 November 2012