

# BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL of Community Associations Minutes for Wednesday, January 9, 2013

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## Neighboring District Councils of Community Associations

### Chair:

- Called to Order at 7:35 PM
- **Bruce Wallachy** gave update on **Aging in Place Committee** - Next meeting January 16, 2013, at Braddock Hall featuring Senior Navigator and Senior Adult Services Website (*see below*)
- BDC minutes were accepted for the November 14th meeting; to be archived on BDC website
- **Bill Barfield** gave information on the **Braddock Land Use Committee** (*see below*)
- **George Kline** reported **Fairfax County Waste Water Committee** activity is pending next meeting
- **Mike Perel** summarized the parking problems by NVCC students on Wakefield Chapel Road
- **Dottie Dane** reported issues concerning membership and dues letter going out
- Five District Council Chairs in attendance: **Lee – Jane Hilder, Springfield – Jim Kilpatrick, Providence – Charlie Hall, Mason – Roger Hoskin (Past Chair), Braddock – Bill Barfield**
- Next BDC Meeting, February 13th
- Reminded attendees to see the BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org> and its Calendar of Meetings

### Treasurer's Report (Jan 09, 2013)

BB&T account balance a/o Dec 12:	<u>\$4,472.94</u>
BDC dues received (Jan 09):	\$ 0.00
BDC account balance a/o Jan 09:	\$3,121.26
Braddock Beautification balance a/o Jan 09:	\$1,024.96
Mary Read Memorial balance a/o Jan 09:	<u>\$ 326.72</u>
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2012 – 2013 Paid Members: 5 Total dues received as of Jan 9: \$225

## **Aging in Place Committee Update**

- Bruce Wallachy, Chairperson of the committee presented a summary of what the committee is working on to best assist Braddock District citizens in the transition process to age-in-place right here in Fairfax County. The committee started as a result of a survey given to Braddock District Council members asking what is most important to them. The committee has gotten information from different villages around the area. It also invites speakers to give presentations such as the Senior Navigator and Senior Adult Service Website and other practical information for seniors.
- The committee now has several subcommittees to further assist in getting the message out to the Braddock District. The subcommittees are Outreach, Survey, Web Site Development, Neighbor Watch/Neighbor to Neighbor, and Information & Communication, A survey is being created that will help to provide useful information. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 16 at Kings Park Library Meeting Room featuring Senior Navigator and Senior Adult Services Web Site. The committee meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month with the first Wednesday being a business meeting and the third Wednesday meeting a program meeting with guest speakers.

## **Land Use Committee Information**

- Bill Barfield gave information concerning the Braddock District Land Use Committee. The next meeting will be on January 18, 2013. The Committee evaluates information from developers, builders, residents and other land use projects relevant to Braddock District. One example was a developer's proposal to build four homes on a vacant lot off Shirley Gate Road. The Committee review, in coordination with the County, resulted in only two homes could be built because of property, environmental, and citizen review constraints.

## **Supervisor John Cook**

- Jan 10, Fairfax County will Launch Express Bus Service from Burke Centre VRE to Tysons with a Ribbon Cutting Event and Inaugural Ride at Burke Centre VRE station. Regular service will begin operating on Monday, January 14 on weekdays from 6:30 to 9:00 a.m. in the mornings and 4:15 to 7:00 p.m. in the evenings. Bus routes will use the 495 Express Lanes to provide limited-stop services between the Burke Centre VRE stations and Tysons.
- Soon there will be presentations regarding the Fairfax County FY 2014-FY2015 budget. The next few years will be challenging especially schools, police, fire department and other services. The first in Braddock District will be held at the Braddock District Council meeting March 13. See the Supervisor's website for more details at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/braddock/>.

## **Open Forum by Five District Councils of Community Associations**

- District Councils neighboring to Braddock District gave summaries of their organizations, memberships and missions as well as engaged in open Q&A with BDC membership present:
  - **Lee District Council – Jane Hilder** mentioned their mission is to promote communications between the Supervisor and the residents. Their district like the others has land use issues. At first, all the associations would vote on a land use issue but now there is a separate land use meeting. The council works independently from the Supervisor's office. They struggle with membership. Recently the council had to rewrite the by-laws which are now on their web site.
  - **Providence District Council – Charlie Hall** shared his district included properties from Annandale to parts of Tysons and some down to 66. There are mainly single family homes that are inside the beltway with several multi-homes (townhomes or condos) also located there.. their main concerns have been gangs, zoning and land use. They run an informal style with regard for their meetings and number of meeting a year. They too are having difficulty obtaining new members.

- **Springfield District Council - Jim Kirkpatrick** says their meetings are informal with no yearly dues. Different meetings ideas have been having a police commander speak, budget meeting, school house meeting, feature candidates and VDOT presentations. Right now there are no hot button issues.
- **Mason District Council – Roger Hoskin** mentioned their district is very ethnically diversified just like Fairfax County. It has some of the oldest homes next to large newer homes. In their bylaws the chairman is limited to 5 terms. The fiscal years begins in July with officer elected in May. The books are audited yearly. Their main issues are water shed problems, and the aging infrastructure. Mason has established neighborhoods with long established roads and other services. Mainly civic associations are located here with the older neighborhoods.
- **Braddock District Council - Bill Barfield** shared that this district has 120 communities. It has monthly meeting with the exception in August. A common thread with the other districts is getting members. A suggestion was made for the all of the district councils to meet occasionally for support and to appreciate each other’s service to their communities.
- **Summary –** All district councils are serving as strong committed groups for the residents of their communities which they represent. The common thread is that each person involved on their respective Boards care deeply for their community and are willing to go the extra step to get things done. Some district councils are less formal than other but by no mean diminishes their commitment to the community. Some districts struggle with water shed issues, aging infrastructure problems, land use issues and zoning. Some older neighborhoods have civic associations with voluntary dues. At this time all district councils are having challenges with membership but everyone keeps pressing on because they see the bigger picture. The importance should be to express to membership that they do make a difference to the community even if at the moment there is no reward. But everyone should be encouraged on what is accomplished by individuals (for example, the Awards given to community individuals) or district councils as they continue their mission.

### **Other Announcements**

- **Amendment to the Braddock District Council Bylaw Article VIII, Section 1 – Meetings of the Council**

Tena Bluhm of the George Mason Forest HOA proposed a motion to amend the Bylaws regarding frequency of BDC meetings. Motion accepted and will be reviewed by the BDC Board and presented at a future BDC meeting for vote by the membership.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 PM** (39 attendees)

Submitted by  
Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by  
William Barfield, Chairman  
31 January 2013