

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

of Community Associations

Minutes for March 13, 2013

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“Legislative Forum”

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Chair:

- Called to Order at 7:30 PM
- BDC minutes were forwarded from the March 13th meeting until May
- Announced April 17 meeting for the Aging in Place Committee will be held at the Braddock Supervisor’s Office, 9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA. The topic will be Adult Health Day Car program and PACE (Program for All-Exclusive Care for the Elderly) presented by Fairfax Count and INOVA.
- Introduced Senator Chap Peterson, Senator Dave Marsden, Delegate David Bulova, Delegate Vivian Watts, and Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn.
- Announced the Best of Braddock Picnic and Awards Presentations is Wednesday, July 2013.
- Announced a nominations committee is forming to help select candidates for Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer. One more person is needed to complete the committee.
- Announced Mark O’Meara, University Mall owner of the theater, stated that construction has started and parking is limited.
- Dan Chambers
- Announced Anthony Vellucci, BDC representative to the Park Authority will be representing BWC concerning the Monticello Dog Park. Final review for the land use will be done soon.
- Request to table until May the discussion and vote on proposed amendment to BDC By-Laws.
- Tonya Hussein, President of Fairfax Federation, is attending as an observer and participant.
- Thanks to Whole Foods Springfield for their large donation of cookies. Their very popular Jumble cookie was presented to each of the members from the General Assembly in attendance at the end of the meeting.
- Also thanks was given to thank Ken Waldrop, BDC Program Chairman, for picking up the sandwiches and for his help in setting up and breaking down the meeting.
- Next BDC Meeting – May 8 – Progress Report from the Committee on Aging in Place.
- Reminded attendees of BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org>

Treasurer’s Report (Apr 10, 2013)

BB&T account balance a/o Mar 13:	\$ 5,711.90
BDC dues received (Mar):	\$ 0.00
BDC expenses paid (Mar):	\$ 0.00
BDC account balance a/o Apr 10:	\$ 4,360.22
Braddock Beautification balance a/o Apr 10:	\$ 1,024.96
Mary Read Memorial balance a/o Apr 10:	\$ 326.72
BB&T account balance a/o Apr 10:	\$ 5,711.90

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Paid Members: 35

Dues Received: \$1,850

Supervisor John Cook, Braddock District

- Final application has been filed for the Monticello Dog Park.
- Storm water ordinances zone since 1976 has changed 430 times in Fairfax County. Fairfax Water Commission wants to do a new publication but is still waiting for procedures to treat storm runoff. No date for the revised procedures yet. This ordinance is a big deal in Fairfax County because it will affect many people. The restriction will deal with anything being built. The water will have to be captured even if it is an addition to your home. Public lands will also need to build drains for the water run-off.

Legislators:

Senator Dave Madsen, 37th District

- Discussed the Transportation Bill. Mentioned that in his district the roads and bridges are in ok shape by taking money from other parts of Virginia and used it for maintenance. Keeping taxes low worked well for his district of Virginia. It did not sound good to pay a gasoline tax. We must be responsible for ourselves and expand business. Virginia has dropped to 33rd on the list being business friendly.

Delegate Dave Bulova, 37th District

- Two major accomplishments during this past session, Transportation and Medicaid. The Governor opened up a large log jam concerning transportation. It had been 27 years since a resolution regarding transportation has been resolved. Next a solution was found with Medicaid, A process was set up with benchmarks and once met and certified could go forward for approval.
- Another topic that did come up during this session was concerning school safety. The question was raised should we have armed school resource officers. Fairfax County currently does have armed resource officers for middle and high schools but not elementary schools. EPA wants Virginia to clean up the Chesapeake Bay in 15 years. Be sure to read session highlights.

Senator Chap Peterson, 34th District

- Against Transportation Bill because he did not feel it would help Virginia. He feels that users of gasoline that drive through Virginia should be responsible to pay a gas tax for use. He is opposed to the new formula for sales tax. Under this plan 6% of Northern Virginians will have a different sales tax rate. And taxing hybrids is not the only solution.

Delegate Vivian Watts, 41st District

- Has been a strong transportation proponent and has great tenacity for her constituents. There is no money for local roads and effective July 1 there will no longer be a gas tax. The budget needs to define the need of each region. See attached link for her briefing.
<http://www.vivianwatts.com/documents/TransportationinVirginiaApr2013.pdf>

Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, 39th District

- Some bills concerning education especially SOL retakes. Also concerned about dedicated fees for VRE. A budget amendment concern track access fees and will keep fighting for this item. He mentioned breast density and to have better communication between doctors regarding mammograms. Also a champion for high education.

Delegate David Albo, 42nd District

- Delegate Albo arrived during speaker talks and sat in the audience. He participated in several discussions, including contributing additional info on the new transportation bill and Medicaid.

Questions and Answers

- There was some lively discussion regarding concerns of residents of the Braddock District. One highlight concerned the NOVA Annandale Community College parking problem. The college thought it had to charge certain fees, suggestion to put parking fee in tuition; a second garage will not be built. Residents need to keep communicating to the college and their representatives concerning this subject. Fees concerning HoAs for overdue accounts was discussed. The Delegates have passed this bill and it has gone onto the Senate.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 PM (43 attendance)

Submitted by
Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by
William Barfield, Chairman
17 April 2013