

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL

of Community Associations

Minutes for April 9, 2014

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“Legislative Forum”

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Chair:

- Called Meeting to Order at 7:30 p.m.
- Announced April 16 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 Senior and Community Centers: Services/Activities (Wakefield and Little River Glen Senior Centers, Pinn and Mott Community Centers). It will be presented by Evan Braff of Fairfax County Government.
- Welcomed Representative Gerry Connelly, 11th Congressional District; Delegate David Bulova, 37th District; Senator Dave Marsden, 37th District; Delegate Vivian Watts, 39th District; Senator Chap Peterson, 34th District; Senator Dick Saslaw, 35th District; and Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, 41st District.
- Announced upcoming Fairfax Federation Awards Banquet will be on Sunday, April 27, at 6:30 pm, at the Crowne Plaza in Tysons Corner. Janyce Hedetnieme is Citizen of the Year, and Tena Bluhm and Kathy Kaplan will receive the Citation of Merit Award.
- A special thanks belongs to Ken Waldrop for picking up the sandwiches, and for his help in setting up and breaking down the meeting room.
- Next BDC Meeting – May 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.
- Reminded Attendees of BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org>

BDC Fund (As of April 9, 2014)

Balance at beginning of year [2013-2014]	\$3,604.27
Dues received from 31 Associations 9/1-11/12/13	\$1,556.00
Dues received from 4 Associations 11/13-12/31/13	\$175.00
Dues received from 3 Association 1/1- 2/28/14	<u>\$100.00</u>
Dues from 38 members	<u>\$1,831.00</u>
Total funds available	\$5,435.27
Expenses	
State Corporation Commission	
June “BDC Picnic”	
Snacks for other meeting	\$326.25
Website for two years – 2013, 2014	
Mailing cost	
Miscellaneous	\$21.22
Total expenses	<u>\$347.47</u>
Balance April 9, 2014	<u>\$5,087.80</u>

Braddock Road Beautification

Program started February 2008

Total funds collected	\$8,616.96
Expenses	<u>\$7,592.00</u>
Balance January 8, 2014	<u>\$1,024.96</u>

Mary Reed Memorial

Program started February 2008

Total funds collected	\$3,923.00
Total	<u>\$3,611.28</u>
Balance April 9, 2014	<u>\$311.72</u>

Total Checking Balance – April 9, 2014	<u>\$6,424.48</u>
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Submitted by:
Thomas B. McDonald, Jr.
April 9, 2014
Treasurer

2013-2104 Proposed Budget

		Budget
Income	Balance August 31, 2013	\$3,604.27
	Dues collections	\$2,000.00
Expenses	State Corporation Commission	\$25.00
	June BDC Picnic	\$1,100.00
	Meeting Snacks	\$500.00
	Administrative expenses	
	Mailing	\$75.00
	Web-site	\$75.00
	Miscellaneous	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total Expenses		\$1,875.00
	Projected balance August 31, 2014	\$3,729.27

Delegate David Bulova, 37th District

- Medicaid is one of the topics discussed this session. Medicaid premiums have gone up because people who do not have insurance still get sick. There is still a gap with those with no insurance and mandates of the Affordable Care Act to pay less to hospitals. The hospitals agreed to accept less reimbursement. Ethics Reform was handled in a bipartisan effort. Ethics reporting will be done twice a year instead of once. SOL reform is in HB930, the Standard of Learning assessments reform bill, which passed. This will benefit teachers and students alike. Stormwater management programs and other environment issues were passed. He introduced a wine education bill because ABC agents found that businesses had to cease and desist wine tastings. Working with the ABC to work out a deal to close the loophole in the law so businesses could sell wine. A bill concerning scanning or swiping driver’s licenses was passed. In years past if your license was scanned, the store could collect all of your information, but now only under certain circumstances can your information be used.

Senator Dave Madsen, 37th District

- His district is within the entire Fairfax County boundaries. He discussed Medicaid expansion. He contacted every constituent that had contacted him during session breaks. He listened to everyone and helped correct some misinformation that they had about Medicaid expansions. Businesses and hospitals would be adversely affected if the Medicaid expansion is not approved. SF 38 combined with SF 127 repeals the portion of last year's transportation package that created an additional tax on Hybrid vehicles. A liquor bill was passed that allows citizens to be craft brewers when making no more than 15,000 kegs.

Delegate Vivian Watts, 39th District

- Medicaid expansion has strong support from the business community. Hospitals will be strongly affected because with the Affordable Care Act they agreed to accept smaller payments. Without the Medicaid expansion, some hospitals will struggle with the strong possibility of closing. Mental health issues were strongly discussed during this session. There are many parts to mental health issues and treatments. There is a strong impact on mental health issues in local jails. Jail populations average 50% mental issues with 25 % having mental crises. In local jurisdictions there needs to be a safe place to live and get treatment. What is the best way to deal with these crises for mental health? She has a task force dealing with child support. Costs have gone up tremendously concerning child support. A bill passed to help in this issue. Still working on the NOVA parking problems even though the bill did not pass this session.

Representative Gerry Connolly, 11th Congressional District

- There is \$4.35 million stimulus award for bridge construction. Additionally, Dunn Loring received a \$1.9 billion award giving 30% of phase II for metro. He agrees with the others that Medicaid expansion is very important to pass in the Virginia Assembly. It will bring \$9.6 billion to Virginia which will cover \$1.6 billion in uncompensated care. Everyone pays for uncompensated care. He contacted all 140 members of the Virginia Assembly urging them to pass the Medicaid expansion.

Senator Chap Peterson, 34th District

- Bill SB 228 Baily Law – passed regarding the selling of diseased animals. Pet shops were selling sick animals with no compensation to the owners. This law requires a pet dealer to reimburse certain veterinary fees when a consumer returns or retains a diseased dog or cat that has been certified by a veterinarian as being unfit for purchase. Solar freedom bill involves HOAs restrictions on solar panels. A Solar Freedom Bill was passed that allows owners to get solar panels without HOAs giving blanket prohibitions. License plate readers have been used by police here and other jurisdictions but in VA the police have to have probable cause or a warrant to scan your car license plates. Virginia has strong controls on information collection.

Senator Richard “Dick” Saslaw, 35th District

- The tax on hybrid vehicles was repealed. You can now get reimbursed on the tax you paid this year. Bill SB 260 was passed concerning Mental Health issues. Bill passed on Ethics that requires twice yearly update on information. “You can legislate guidelines but you cannot legislate ethics.” DC has the strictest laws but look what happened there. MD has strict laws as well but problems occurred there also. “If you have to ask, then do not do it.” Football concussions were discussed. Medicaid subsidized two state hospitals for indigent care with \$137 million. He is in favor of expanding Medicaid. Starting July 1, 2014, Dominion Power will start burying lines underground. The first year your electric bill will increase by 70 cents. It will take 10-12 years to complete. Please contact him about Medicaid expansion--send letter now.

Delegate Eileen Filler-Corn, 41st District

- “This was a good session.” She worked on HB543, Credit Freezes, which came from constituents who had their wallets and identities stolen. This bill freezes credit scores so you are able to purchase items such as homes and cars. Additional Mental Health bills now allow mental health staff or universities to report improper behavior. Self-management of HOAs changes the reporting requirements from five to ten days. Created background checks for daycare in the home. Focusing on alternative private partnerships with VDOT and rail exemptions partnership with VRE.

Questions and Answers

- There were some questions and answers following the presentations.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 PM

Submitted by

Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by

Cliff Keenan, Chairman