

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL of Community Associations Minutes for February 13, 2013

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Information Forum – West Springfield Police District Wednesday, February 13, 2013

Chair:

- Called to Order at 7:35 PM
- **Bruce Wallachy**, Aging in Place Committee Chair, announced next public presentation is February 20, 2013 at Lake Braddock Secondary School regarding Scams against Older Adults and Legal and Financial documents. The committee meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The first Wednesday is a business meeting and the third Wednesday is a topic of interest. The March public presentation will be on Transportation.
- BDC minutes were accepted from the January 9th meeting.
- **Bill Barfield**, Chairman, announced:
 - The proposed amendment from last meeting concerning frequency of meetings held throughout the year.
 - Virginia House Bill H.B.1595 was passed in the House, granting authority to establish late fees for community association assessments. On February 11, the 15-member Committee on General Laws and Technology of the Virginia Senate voted to report H.B. 1595 to the full Senate.
 - H.B. 1467 concerning having schools open before Labor Day so students have more time to prepare for SOL exams, Princeton's SAT and advanced placement (AP). Please contact your State Senator.
- **Mike Perel**, BDC Webmaster, gave a brief summary of parking problems on Wakefield Chapel Road regarding NVCC students. Mr. Bob Hull (Former Delegate) is Community Relations for Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale Campus
- **Dottie Dane**, Membership Chair, expressed concern regarding active and renewal of membership
- Chairman introduced **Master Police Officer JT Frey** of West Springfield District
- Next BDC Meeting - March 13th – County Budget Program
- Chairman reminded attendees of BDC website: <http://www.bdcfx.org>

Treasurer's Report (Feb 13, 2013)

BB&T account balance a/o Jan 09:	\$4,472.94
BDC dues received (Jan):	\$1,350.00
BDC expenses paid (Jan):	(\$ 108.33)
BDC account balance a/o Feb 13:	\$4,362.93
Braddock Beautification balance a/o Feb 13:	\$1,024.96
Mary Read Memorial balance a/o Feb 13:	\$ 326.72
BB&T account balance a/o Feb 13:	\$5,714.61

2012 – 2013 Paid Members: 29 Dues Received: \$1,575

Supervisor John Cook

- There is a new fire chief for Fairfax County, Richie Bowers.
- February 25 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a quarterly meeting of the NVCC Wakefield Chapel Road Forum. Discussion will include parking issues and events taking place at NVCC. Any interested residents are welcome.
- Next Transportation Town Hall is scheduled for March 6 at Kings Park Library. The town hall will focus on pedestrian connectivity in the Braddock District. More information will be forthcoming.
- County to Hold Public Hearing on Removal of Banned Signs. The hearing will be on Tuesday, February 26 at 4:00 p.m. at Fairfax Government Board Auditorium.

West Springfield Police District - Master Police Officer JT Frey

- Master Police Officer JT Frey gave a very informative presentation. There are approximately 450 neighborhoods in the West Springfield District in which there is regular police contact and about a third are on a regular basis concerning outreach such as Neighborhood Watch and bike rodeos. He described several humorous and several serious incidents he has experienced over his long Police service. Some safety suggestions MPO JT Frey gave are:
 - The groper is still out in the public causing problems for women so be aware of your surroundings.
 - Draw attention to yourself if someone (without a weapon) is trying to rob or assault you, scream.
 - Be assertive and friendly in public, or walk with others, to discourage assailants or robbers;
 - Lock all doors and windows in your homes at night and anytime you are away even for a short time.
 - If your home has an attached garage, please close the door. If on vacation, deactivate the automatic garage door opener.
 - Keep your car locked (unlocked car = easy target); thieves are looking for easy targets, they have been hanging around South Run and Audrey Moore Centers and check for unlocked vehicles. Remember to always lock you vehicles even if you are running late for an appointment.
 - Most crime committed between 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.
 - Anyone soliciting in Fairfax County needs to have a county identification card.
 - Leave valuables out of sight if left in a parked vehicle—better yet, do not leave your laptop, GPS, or purse in your car.
 - Have one headphone in at a time while walking or jogging and listening to music.
 - Be aware and be safe.
- If you would like updates on the West Springfield District Station. Refer to the website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/stations/westspringfield/>
- If you see a police presence and are concerned about a possible crime, refer to Crime Mapping <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/crime/>, and within 24 hours there will be details of the incident. All details may not be released because of privacy or of an ongoing investigation.
- If you are interested in learning more about what our police officers do, enroll in the Citizens Police Academy (18 years of age or older). <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/police/services/citizens-police-academy.htm>

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM (36 attendees)

Submitted by
Barbara Varvaglione, Secretary, BDC

Approved by
William Barfield, Chairman
26 February 2013