

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL of Community Associations *Meeting Minutes for January 12, 2011*

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“Watershed & Trees; Dog Park”

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM

Chair:

- Recognized and acknowledged some new and some familiar faces
- Called for vote to approve November BDC meeting minutes. Approved unanimously. Minutes to be posted on BDC website at www.bdcfx.org.
- Recognized the Program Speakers:
 - o **Duane Murphy:** Chairman, Environmental Committee of Southport HOA; Braddock District Tree Commissioner; Coordinator, Friends of Accotink Creek; 2010 Braddock District Citizen of Year
 - o **Jim McGlone:** Urban Forest Conservationist, Fairfax County Restoration Project; Information Officer, Virginia Department of Forestry
 - o **Andy Galusha:** Planner, Fairfax County Park Authority, Planning & Development Division

Treasurer’s Report:

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| - BB&T Account Balance a/o Jan 12, 2011 | <u>\$5,727.53</u> |
| - BDC Account Balance a/o Jan 12 | \$3,592.10 |
| - Braddock Beautification Balance | \$1,591.96 |
| - Mary Read Memorial Balance | \$ 543.47 |
| - BDC Dues Received (Dec) | \$ 300.00 |

Old Business:

- **Information Forum** - Bill Barfield
 - o Replaces **February 9th** BDC meeting
 - o BDC Executive Committee to meet and discuss
 - o Date Set for February 9, 2011
- **Braddock Road Beautification & Mary Read Memorial Park** – Tom Reinkober
 - o Two trees damaged by autos
 - o Debris to be removed and disposed
- **Program Chair** – Randy Crabtree
 - o Volunteered to become Program Chair for BDC
 - o Will Chair the Information Forum with assistance from Tina and George

New Business:

- **Monthly BDC Meetings – 2nd Wednesday of Month** – Bill Barfield
 - o Chair mentioned BDC vote to move meeting nights to 2nd Wednesday of the Month
- **Martin Luther King Observance Day, January 17th** – Bill Barfield
 - o National theme is “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On ...Not A Day Off”
 - o American people to engage in public service and promote nonviolent social change

BDC Information Forum – February 9

BDC Legislative Forum – March 9

Michael Keller – Fund raising ideas - raffle local artists artwork (TBD)

Tony Vellucci – Appointed Braddock District Rep. to FCPA

Supervisor John Cook:

- **Community University Forum with George Mason University** –
 - o Wednesday, January 26th Kings Park Library Room from 7:30 to 9 P.M.
- **Monticello Park Master Plan Meeting** –
 - o Thursday, January 27th Bonnie Brae Elementary Cafeteria from 7 to 9 P.M.
- **2nd Annual Annandale Dialogue on Diversity** –
 - o Wednesday, February 2nd Annandale H.S. Cafeteria from 6:30 to 9 P.M.
- **Burke Centre Parkway Community Meeting** –
 - o Monday, February 7th Terra Centre Elementary from 7 to 9 P.M.
- **2nd Annual Leadership Meeting** –
 - o Saturday, February 26th
 - o ½ Day on “How To Run An Organization”
 - o Follows a very successful program in 2010
- **BDC Meeting “2012 County Budget Presentation”-**
 - o Wednesday, March 9th Kings Park Library Room 7:30 PM
- **Additional 2012 County Budget Presentations**
 - o Monday, March 14th at Robinson Secondary School
 - o Wednesday, March 23rd at West Springfield High School
 - o Self – Help Program Available from County Web site
 - o Comments to Supervisors is encouraged
- **George Mason Advisory Council**
 - o Wednesday January 26th, Braddock Hall 7:30
 - o Mark O’Meara appointed as Braddock District Representative to Council
 - o Delegate David Bulova Spearheaded Creation of Council
 - o Intent is for Community to be aware of GMU changes early and provide input
- **Environmental Town Hall Meeting** –
 - o Saturday, April 30th (May Be Rescheduled)
 - o Focus is on Residential Energy Conservation, Storm Water Issues and Community Actions
- **Park Authority Community Day – TBD**
- **Lorton Incinerator Buy/Lease Question**

- Issue is not ready for public release
- Supervisor restricted from commenting
- **HOT Lanes Construction Safety and Progress Issues**
 - Little River Exit Safety Issue Raised – Specially at Night with Rain
 - Supervisor encouraged residents pass on information to Braddock Office
 - Supervisor encouraged avoidance of I-495 this year, if possible
 - Lots of Major Construction to be completed
 - Next Year will have major changes completed and construction will focus on center HOT Lanes
 - Supervisor encouraged extra alertness when driving I-495
- **Arbor Day – Saturday, May 7th**
 - Delayed from usual April date as a result of a late 2011 Easter
- **Winnie Shapiro Recognized at Board of Supervisors Meeting for 14 Years of Service with FCPA**
 - Presentation at January 11, 2011 meeting
 - She was honored with Amphitheater named for her
- **Tony Vellucci named to replace Winnie as Braddock Representative to FCPA**

Guest Speakers:

DUANE MURPHY, Chairman, Environmental Committee of Southport HOA;
Braddock District Tree Commissioner; Coordinator, Friends of Accotink Creek

- County Watershed has 13 planning units (2 are in Braddock District)
- 10 & 25 Year Plans have been developed
- \$.015/\$100 real estate tax provides \$5M to \$6M for projects (~1700)
- Big need and push for Volunteers
- Arranged BDC program (delayed from November BDC Meeting)
- Further Information at: www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/watersheds/;
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/nvswds/ ; www.nvatu.org & www.accotink.org

DANIELLE WYNNE, Ecologist, Dept. of Public Works and Environmental Services
Impact of communities on the Accotink & Chesapeake watershed (*could not attend*)

JIM McGLONE, Urban Forest Conservationist, Fairfax County Restoration Project,
Information Officer/ Virginia Department of Forestry

Environmental value and care of our trees

- **Storm Water Runoff Problems**
 - TMDL = Total Max Daily Load is the measure of control
 - Goal: Reduce Runoff and Detrimental Effects to Bay and Creeks
 - Rapid Runoff Creates Water Quality Issues
 - Concern is 137 Toxin Pollutants, Sediment and Nutrient in to Bay and Sediment and Bacteria in local streams

- Caused primarily by Impervious Surfaces in our Communities
- Degraded Water Shed system has resulted in Federal EPA legislation
- Interesting Fact: Sewage Treatment Plants use same technology as natural streams to clean sewage (Healthy Streams **DO** work.)
- **Natural Streams**
 - Have leaves to provide carbon and add support to aquatic ecosystem
 - Healthy, natural aquatic ecosystem can process nitrogen & phosphorus from water
- **Residents Can Help**
 - **Key Remedy is to SLOW storm water runoff** to allow more soil and plant absorption and to filter pollutants out the first part of the runoff where major of pollutants enter water
- **Resident Actions**
 - Rain Barrels (Run off can often exceed capacity, so plan ahead)
 - Water used later
 - Sponge Gardens or Rain Gardens
 - Flushes out most undesirable elements by Slowing water runoff
 - Planting Trees
 - Trees in Fairfax County Estimated to Save \$2.5B in water processing costs
 - 300M ft³ of water intercepted every year
 - Use Compost for Fertilization vs Commercial Chemicals
 - Natural Mulch (compost) has carbon & improves soil structure naturally
 - Professionals use compost rather than chemicals
 - Vertical Planting Structure
 - Plant shrubs and ground cover Under Trees to Increase water retention
 - Avoid Monocultures – Plant Varieties to aid birds, small animals & soil
 - Pervious Concrete – Porous to Water (Use is beginning)

ANDY GALUSHA, Planner, Fairfax County Park Authority, Planning and Development Division

Update on the Monticello Park Master Plan initiative

- **FCPA (Fairfax County Park Authority)**
 - 419 Parks with 22,700 acres overseen by 12 Member Appointed Board
- **Park Master Plan**
 - Documents Site with Conceptual (Not Engineering) Design for Uses & Facilities
 - Incorporates Public Input, then requires Board Approval
 - Funding approach to implement change is also included
- **Plan Components**
 - Written Report: Purpose & Classification; Conditions & Constraints; Visitor Experience; Park Features; Design Concerns
 - Conceptual Development Plan: Conceptual Site Layout; General Facilities' Locations; General Use Area Locations; Not an Engineered Site Plan
- **Specialists Create Plan**

- Archaeologists; Architects; Planners; plus Specialists on Natural Resources, Operations, Recreation and Park Development
- **Monticello Park Details**
 - Borders Guinea Road & Burke Road
 - Previously Use by VDOT as Construction Staging Area
 - Park is 5 to 6 acres and Visitors usually spend 2 hours at site
 - Classified as **Local Park**
 - **Potential Facilities** for Local Park: Open Play Areas; Courts; Trails; Playgrounds; Picnic Area; Parking
 - **Specialty Uses** May be Appropriate: Off Leash Dog Area (1/2 acre); Skate Spot; Garden Plots
- **Monticello Park Plan Initiated**
 - To Engage Public
 - Consider Dog Park Proposal
 - Determine Future Uses
 - **Steps in Review of Monticello Park Master Plan – Public Information Meeting (Jan 27th)** → Listen & Review Comments → Draft Master Plan → Present to Public → 30 Day Comment Period → Revise Plan and Present to Board
- **FCPA Contacts and Comment Inputs:**
 - Andy Galusha: 703-324-8702
 - Email: parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov **Preferred**
 - HTTP://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/monticello.htm

Association News & Events: (none presented)

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM (27 attendees)

Submitted by
Bruce Wallachy
Secretary, BDC

Approved by
Bill Barfield
Chairman, BDC
30 January 2011