

BRADDOCK DISTRICT COUNCIL of Community Associations Minutes for May 9, 2012

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Wednesday, May 9, 2012

Chair:

- Called to Order at 7:37 PM with Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Braddock Information Survey** – Summary of Top 6 Issues and the BDC Vision provided with Agenda. [Final Report](#) is in February 2012 Minutes at <http://www.bdcfx.org/home/meeting-minutes>
- **Best of Braddock Award Selection Committee** approved to continue with last year's members (Barbara Varvagolione and Jon Miskell) and with the exchange of Lindsay for Ann Sharp who was out of town last year. **Deadline for Nominations is May 28th**. [Nomination Form](#) on BDC website. Please recognize the many volunteers in our community by nominating them!
- **Nominating Committee Need Announced.** Dottie Dane volunteered. Chairman will solicit other members by "line of sight management" requests.

Treasurer's Report :

BB&T account balance a/o April 11, 2012:	\$ 5,514.35
BDC dues received (Apr):	\$ 75.00
BDC expense paid (Apr):	\$ 135.47 (Legislative Forum - April Meeting)
BDC account balance a/o May 9:	\$ 3,713.20
Braddock Beautification balance a/o May 9:	\$ 1,376.96
Mary Read Memorial balance a/o May 9:	\$ 363.72
BB&T account balance a/o May 9:	\$ 5,453.88

Supervisor:

- Arrived after attending **Fairfax County recognition of 92 High School Graduates entering the military.**
- **Citizen Governance Conference** on May 5 very successful, nearly 100 attendees.
 - Four committees expected to be formed to continue their action:
 - **Land Use, Transportation, Aging, Budget** - with specific focus topics rather than broad budget perspective
 - **Education Committee** - potential to continue; considering options

Future BDC Meeting Notices:

- **May 28 Monday - BEST OF BRADDOCK Nominations deadline;** [Nominations Form](#) is on BDC web site and will be sent electronically with meeting minutes
- **June 13 Wednesday - BDC Meeting 7:30 PM**
 - **Elections** for Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - **BEST OF BRADDOCK Awards** to be announced
- **July 11 - BEST OF BRADDOCK Awards and Braddock Picnic on Wednesday, Braddock Hall**

Meeting Adjourned at 9:10 PM (21 attendees)

Submitted by
Bruce Wallachy, Secretary, BDC

Approved by
William Barfield, Chairman, BDC
13 May 2012

Four Speakers for May 9th Meeting

Ryan Kelly – Speaking for VDOT Secretary Connaughton on Transportation

- VDOT was tracking 180 agenda items during session
 - Refined Board & Commissions
 - Eliminated duplicative boards
 - Fostered more pro-business approach for Ports of Virginia
 - **Each additional Port job said to create 8 more supporting jobs**
- Gas Tax increase talked about, but **Governor supported no Gas Tax Increase**
- **Other revenue generation ideas** being considered
 - Potential I-95 Toll Booth south of Massaponax to south of Richmond
 - More Public-Private Partnerships
- **Dulles Metro expected in 2013**
 - State supporting with \$150M
- Ryan's contact info: Ryan.Kelly@vdot.virginia.gov or 804-225-2849

Andy Galusha – Monticello Park Master Plan Update

- Plan to be **presented to FCPA on June 27th** for approval. Plan available at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/monticello.htm>.
- For questions contact Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Plan includes Large & Small Off-Leash Dog Park; Multi-Use area; Skate area; 30+ Car Parking; Playground; Trail around park; Sidewalks along Burke & Guinea Road plus Cross Walks (VDOT); Landscape Buffer to adjacent housing; Stormwater runoff solutions for current issues; and Public Water Access.
- **No funding yet** for building park, which likely to built in stages.
- Funding for Park expected to be part of **November 2012 Bond Referendum**.
- Dog Park funding and management to be addressed by **Braddock Dogs, a group being currently formed.**
 - Can get up to \$10,000 match from Park Foundation
 - Required to run park according to guidelines of current dog parks in County.

George Klein, BDC Voce Chairman – 2012 County Annual Fair Housing Forum

- Attended as invited guest representing Braddock District Council
- It was an Awards Ceremony recognizing a number of citizens for their activities.

Randall (Scotty) Scott & Dale Wilt – How to Get Best from Cable Company

- **Fairfax County Dept of Cable & Consumer Services (703-324-5902)**

- 13 CPRD staff including 9 Cable Inspectors respond to consumer problems and complaints with further assistance from several Professional Investigators in the Department's Consumer Affairs Branch (703-222-8435)
- **Problems they address include**
 - **Reception Quality and Service Outages**
 - **Safety issues** with open pedestals, loose and hanging wire, etc
 - **Construction-related damage** to property from cable burial
 - **Easement** discrepancies and conflicts
 - **Contract and billing issues, missed appointments, etc.**
 - **Consumer questions** about cable television services
- Negotiate the renewal of Cable Franchises in County
 - 3 Cable Providers have non-exclusive franchises
 - Cox up for renewal next year
- **Federal, State & County have different laws and regulations some of which are based on long-standing legal claims, which are not to change.** (Any future changes regarded consolidation of regulatory authority over media / telecommunications services most likely would have to occur at the Federal level.)
 - **Cox and Comcast are cable providers** that are placed in and uses the “VDOT right of way” (generally located between the sidewalk and street, or within one foot of the other side of the sidewalk.)
 - **Verizon FIOS is a provider**, that uses the “utility easement,” which is generally located in a home's front yard (Verizon lays claim to being an historical telephone “utility” not regulated by County, although FIOS cable service is regulated by the County)
 - **The County does not regulate telephone or internet service.** However, if consumers have **complaints with phone bills, the Consumer Affairs Branch** (703-222-8435) of the Department will seek to mediate a solution.
- **For more information:** www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cable
- **For issues with Billing and other Money Items, Call Fairfax County Consumer Affairs Branch (703-222-8435)**