

**CITIZENS FOR FAUQUIER COUNTY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Meeting Minutes

Piedmont Environmental Council Board Room

January 28, 2019

Present: Les Cheek, Hope Porter, Feroline Higginson, Rick Carr, Jim Stone, Sally Semple, Kevin Ramundo, Jonathon Nuckles, David Norden, Mary Page, Ken Alm, Amy Trotto, Chris Bonner, Ginna Wilson, Jessica Swan, Mary Root, Julie Broaddus and Planning Commissioner Bob Lee. Absent: Mimi Abel Smith, Harry Atherton, Doug Larson, Yak Lubowsky, Jim Rich, Sue Scheer, Dave Mailler and Julie Bolthouse.

LAND USE – Rick Carr

A Zoning Text Ordinance Amendment to Articles 3,5,7,and 15 (Sewer and Water Provisions): This amendment's purpose is to update and improve the clarity of the County's provisions for water and sewer. One area is problematic because it introduces significant potential development impact into our community. With the exception cases needing remediation, CFFC does not support the introduction of non-municipal central sanitary systems by SE for the Text Amendment's referenced Villages and their designated Village (V) and Commercial Village (CV) zoning. Also, CFFC believes the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment needs far more review for impacts, policy ramifications, and unintended consequences.

Walker Drive – Ms. Semple said both court decisions went against them, but they still have some standing. The question now is to whether or not appeal the decision. Mr. Norden thanked Ms. Semple and her husband for all their work on challenging the Town on the Town's proposal for development on Walker Drive.

Blackthorne Inn - Mr. Ramundo reported that nothing has been heard from the Easton Porter Group (EPG) with regard to its last application or a new application. He opined that he does not think they will back down on their quest because they now have so much money invested in the project. The main issue at hand is the large scale of the development. Until EPG comes forth with another application, we have to wait to decide what to do.

BOS – Mr. Cheek said 1.) The BOS is close to adopting a zoning ordinance dealing with telecommunications procedures for "target areas." Mr. Alm commented that the ordinance does not identify "target areas" and is not going to go through the Public Hearing process. PEC feels the "target areas" should be decided before the adoption of the ordinance to avoid the placement of towers in sensitive areas such as historic districts, scenic roads and battlefields. 2.) A plan is to be put in place at the request of the State as to how the County will deal with a water problem in the event of a drought. 3.) At the meeting, the BOS cut the number of non-profit fund-raising events in RA and RC areas. 4.) Water and sewer provisions were discussed in Mr. Carr's Land Use report.

REGULAR SESSION

Mr. Cheek opened the regular session of the CFFC Board meeting at 1:00 P.M. The December minutes were approved and the January finance report was accepted. Ms. Wilson, Mr. Bonner and Mr. Carr were re-elected to the Executive Committee.

Fund raising letter – Mr. Cheek thanked the Board for their input in producing the annual fund raising letter. It was suggested that word the "highly" should be removed from the text. The letter was approved. Ms. Russell will organize the mailing.

Mr. Alm said he thought we should keep track of the number of times or in what way our recommendations to Community Development, the BOS and the PC have an impact on the final outcome of proposals.

Creation of a Membership Campaign Task Force – Mr. Bonner appointed several members of the Board to be on this Task Force: Mr. Ramundo, Ms. Trotto, Ms. Page, Mr. Nuckles, Mr. Cheek, Mr. Larson, Mr. Norden, Ms. Semple, Mr. Alm and Ms. Russell. Mr. Bonner will chair this Task Force. He stressed that it was important to grow through public appearances and direct e-mails.

2019 Goals and Objectives – Mr. Cheek expressed his dismay at the lack of responses to his request to the Board to send him a list of their goals and objectives for 2019 and asked that they address this.

COMMUNICATIONS – Chris Bonner

Mr. Bonner said the web site is up and running and he would like to have a new lead article once a week to keep the site fresh. He asked Board members to consider sending him articles to put on the web site. He reported that 200 magazines have already been distributed.

FINANCE – Julie Broaddus

Ms. Broaddus handed out a pie chart to show the expenses the organization incurred during 2018. The chart is broken down into individual categories: annual expense, publications and mailing, 50th anniversary publication and web site, Discretionary giving, web site, other initiatives and charitable giving. The bulk of our expenditures, \$11,522.86, was on the 50th anniversary publication and web site. Ms. Broaddus stressed that in the future, we need to focus on initiatives. She asked Board members to e-mail her with thoughts as to how they would like to see CFFC's money spent and asked that each committee supply a budget for 2019.

HISTORIC RESOURCES – Susan Russell and Mary Root

Ms. Root announced that the County ARB and the African American Museum are working to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the date when slaves first came to this country. The focus of the celebration will be in honoring slaves who were craftsmen.

MEMBERSHIP – Susan Russell

Ms. Semple, who is in the process of revitalizing the membership data base, asked Board members to give her names of prospective new members. She handed out the active, inactive and complimentary list of members and asked that Board members go through the lists to rectify any errors and return them to her. She also asked the Board to supply e-mails where none is listed.

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Broaddus said she would like to see CFFC go back to mailing out four *Monitors* a year. She asked Mr. Cheek, Ms. Swan, Ms. Porter and Ms. Root if they would be willing to each write one article per year. They all agreed.

Ms. Swan said she would like to see the restoration of infrastructure that would provide a facility where local farmers can bring food for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Russell