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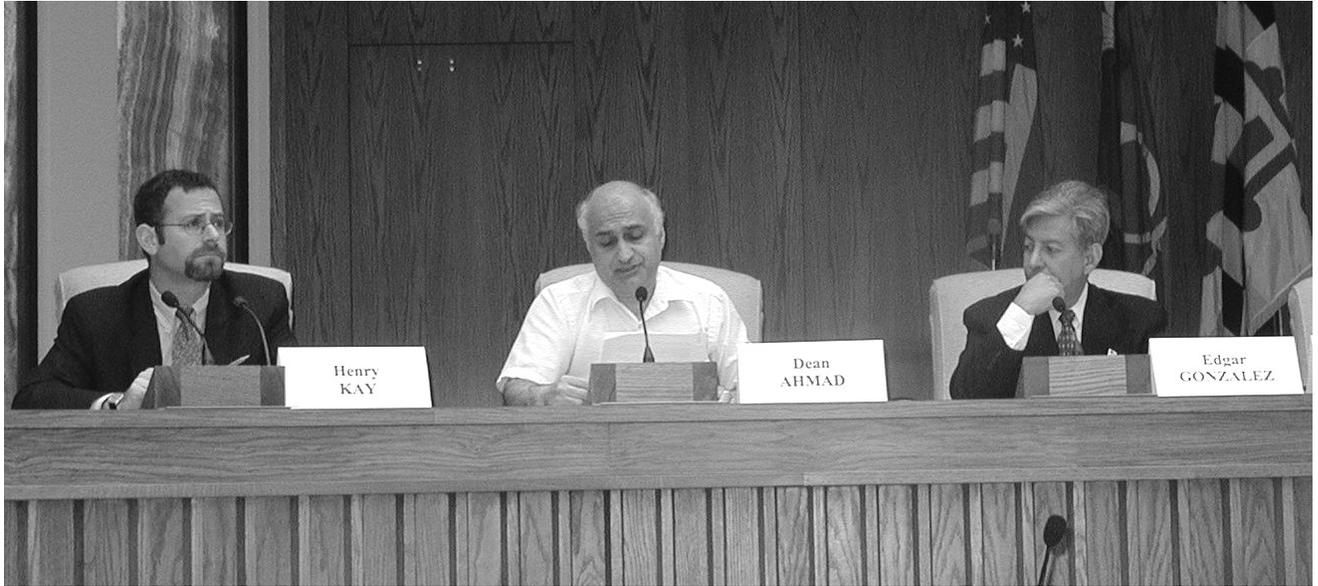
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Director of Planning and Statewide Transit, Maryland Mass Transit Administration Henry Kay, MCCF Immediate Past President I. Dean Ahmad, and Asst. Director of County Dept. of Transportation Edgar Gonzalez take part in a panel at the June Transportation Policy Review Workshop—Photo by Winifred Klein

## September Program:

### Importance of Forests to Humans and Wildlife

-by Bob DeGroot, MAGIC

**F**orests provide people with essential services. Forests clean the air we breathe and the water we drink, and keep streams running cool and pure. Forests also provide food and homes for many species of wildlife and plants. Most parks and forests were created without consideration of these essential services they provide to the environment. Parks and forests are often isolated by human habitation from nearby protected lands. Isolating forests creates problems for many species that need connections to other species in order to survive. Solutions will be discussed for protecting and reconnecting forests to allow the seeds and genes of all

species to disseminate freely. The value of old growth forests in protecting wildlife and plants will also be discussed.

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## Delegate Meeting Minutes June 10, 2002

—by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

Meeting is opened by MCCF President, Dean Ahmad at 7:45 PM

Agenda modified: Barbara Seigel moved to add 10 minutes on mansionization. No objection.

Delegates meeting minutes from May 11 approved without objection.

Annual Awards. Cary Lamari. Councilmember Ike Leggitt assists Cary in awarding the Star Cup to MCCF president Dean Ahmad. Ike reads a statement supporting Dean's accomplishments: his many years and positions held in the MCCF; his newsletter editorship; his speaking before the County Council and MNCPPC; his support and volunteer efforts in religious activities. Dean accepts graciously, acknowledging several MCCF delegates who have helped him through his years of service. William Schlossenberg and Chris Van Hollen, Jr., assist Cary in awarding the Gazette Award to Delores Milmo. Delores thanks William for returning her calls. Lynn Kapiloff, publisher of The Sentinel newspaper, and past MCCF president Jorge Ribas assist Cary in awarding the Sentinel Award to Jim Johnson for his public advocacy in the Longbranch Neighborhood and Silver Spring areas, starting and sitting on several committees. Jim thanks the MCCF and Councilmember Derrick Berlage.

9:02 Dean resumes presiding after a 35 minute social break.

Voting on TPR motions. Charles Wolfe moves acceptance of the following procedures: **After we have made amendments to the ad-hoc committee's list of projects and decided which projects we support and which we oppose, we shall then prioritize those we support and those on which we have taken no position. To do this, a ballot will be distributed with the names of the projects. Those which we oppose will be dropped from the ballot and all delegates present will be asked to "grade" the projects remaining with a grade from 0 to 4 (4 being the highest priority) and 0 the lowest. There will be no fractional grades. After the meeting has been adjourned, the ratings will be entered into a computer spreadsheet and a priority list consisting of the projects we support in order of average grade**

**followed by the projects we take no position on in order of average grade will be produced. The ad-hoc committee that arranged the morning workshop will then review that list, and they will annotate the list in the light of available state and local funding. The annotations will be presented to the Executive Committee for final approval and propagation. It will be the basis of our discussion with the County Council and the public until the delegates meet again in September.** Seconded. Motion passes without objection.

9:09 ExComm moves **expressing MCCF's strong opposition to any state constitutional amendment that would make it more difficult for citizens to propose charter amendments.** Stan Schiff: we should hear from those who proposed the idea. They, such as the CRC, should not be dismissed without hearing from someone in that office. Dick Strombotne: June 25 County Council will hear public comments about the CRC's recommendations. Proponents fear that too many referendums will be submitted, however, 10,000 signatures are already very difficult to collect. Motion (to oppose the CRC's recommendations) passes with no objections, 1 abstention.

9:21 Oppose CRC's plan against open government. Dean Ahmad. (June newsletter, pages 5,6, & 10). CRC reasoning was to change County law to be "in compliance with State law." However, County law already exceeds the openness of State law. Thus, County law is already in "compliance" with State law – it is simply stronger. Lee Shipman moves that **MCCF reiterate its opposition to any dilution of County "sunshine" laws.** Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

9:29 County Campaign Finance by Wage Legislation? (Bill to unionize part-time County employees passes.) Chuck Lapinski: opposes. There is discussion by George Sauer and Bill Skinner.

9:39 Montgomery College lawsuit. Mark Adelman moves that **the MCCF excoriate Montgomery College for its audacious suit against a citizen for "participating extensively in the M-NCPPC's and the HPC's review of the Campus Expansion, providing both written and oral testimony."** Naming Wayne Goldstein in its lawsuit is clearly intended to silence Wayne's participation. Jim Johnson: lawsuit enjoins Wayne from participation, and to remove any doubt of the legality of MC plans to expand. It is not a SLAPP suit (Strategic Lawsuit

Against Public Participation). Wayne feels the suit is clearly a SLAPP suit. Cary Lamari: lawyer's letters seem to say "speak now or forever hold your peace." Dick Strombotne: This is a gag order. Max: How would it be enforced? Bill Skinner: by ordering a bond. Jim Johnson: MCCF should seek legal advice before passing a motion. Charles Wolff: There is no reason to name Wayne in the lawsuit; all MC needs is a ruling from a judge to justify MC's development efforts. Chuck Lapinski: read the English. 10:00 PM. Motion to extend discussion 5 minutes passes. Jim Johnson moves an amendment that before this letter is written, the MCCF seek legal advice before sending a letter. Seconded. Motion to extend discussion fails 8-14. Vote on amendment fails 6 – 18 – 3. Vote on main motion passes 25-4-1.

10:08 Election of MCCF officers for 2002-03. Entire slate (see p. 15) passes unanimously.

10:10 Newly elected MCCF president Cary Lamari presides. Barbara Siegel, architect. Distributes a proposed letter appealing a June 19 Board of Appeals ruling approving a zoning exemption. Charles Wolff: Moves that **MCCF endorse Ms. Siegel's letter**. 5 seconds. Motion passes with one abstention.

10:25 meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

## Delegate Meeting Minutes June 15, 2002

—by Winifred Klein, Acting Secretary

Meeting was convened at 2:05 pm, Cary Lamari presiding, in the County Council 3rd floor hearing room.

President Lamari set forth that the purpose of the meeting was to establish Federation positions on transportation projects in the county now under construction or in various planning, engineering, and funding stages, as published in the June Civic Federation News.

Ballots were distributed. A detailed 3-page list was also available. Mr. Lamari gave the floor to Transportation Committee Chair Dan Wilhelm. He explained the procedure for arriving at a prioritized list

of projects to be sent to the County Council: 1) to vote to support, oppose, or take no position on the listed projects; 2) to prioritize those remaining on the list after the voting by balloting. The Council sends their recommended list to the state without prioritizing.

Mr. Wilhelm MOVED that the Federation support all projects listed on the ballot sheet that were marked with + on the newsletter list. Karen Kuker-Kihl moved to divide the question and vote separately on the Cedar Lane and Nicholson Lane interchange improvements. Motion to divide the question passed.

Bonnie Bell MOVED to **defer consideration of 17 Gaithersburg, Germantown, Clarksburg widening and extension projects until the next meeting**. Motion approved.

Mr. Kauffunger's MOTION to drop the four interchanges along US 29 failed.

Ms. Kuker-Kihl's MOTION to delete the five MD355 interchanges was superseded by a SUBSTITUTE MOTION by Ms. Kuker-Kihl to divide the question and vote separately on the 355 at Cedar La. and 355 at Nicholson interchanges and the interchanges at MD 355 and Gude, 355 at Montgomery Village, and 355 at Ridge. Motion passed.

The first part of the divided motion, **that MCCF supports Muncaster Mill Safety Improvements, expansion of Local Bus service, Additional Metro Capacity (rail cars), Two Interchanges along Georgia in Engineering, Four Interchanges along US29 in Engineering, Projects under construction or due to start shortly, New Red Line Station, 3 MD 355 Interchanges (Gude, Montgomery Village, Ridge), 3 Randolph Road Interchanges, Georgia Ave (3 intersection improvements and one widening), 3 Interchanges on MD 355 in Rockville finished Planning, Brookeville Bypass, I-270 Interchange finished Planning, the Corridor Cities Transitway, Georgia Ave. Busway, Norbeck Road & MD 198, Woodfield Road, Engineering starts FY03, River Road (Beltway to DC line), 5 interchanges in Gaithersburg/Germantown, Rockville, Eastern Montgomery, Ridge Rd., Darnestown Rd., Clopper Rd., Great Seneca Hwy., Muddy Branch, Widen I-270**, passed 24-0-4.

The motion that MCCF supports the Cedar Lane interchange improvement was defeated 4-14-15.

| Item   | Cost (\$M) | Support? | Grade |
|--|------------|----------|-------|
| Muncaster Mill Safety Improvements   | 10         | Yes      | 3     |
| Enhance Local Bus Service  | 230        | Yes      | 3     |
| Additional Metro Capacity  | 1540       | Yes      | 3     |
| 2 Interchanges along Georgia in Engineering  | 92         | Yes      | 3     |
| 4 Interchanges along US29 in Engineering   | 170        | Yes      | 3     |
| Projects under construction or due to start shortly  | 354        | Yes      | 3     |
| New Red Line Station   | 40         | Yes      | 3     |
| 3 MD 355 Interchanges (Gude, Montgomery Village, Ridge)  | 198        | Yes      | 3     |
| 3 Randolph Road Interchanges   | 78         | Yes      | 3     |
| Georgia Ave (3 intersection improvements and one widening)   | 39         | Yes      | 3     |
| 3 Interchanges on MD 355 in Rockville finished Planning  | 200        | Yes      | 3     |
| Brookeville Bypass   | 33         | Yes      | 3     |
| I-270 Interchange finished Planning  | 100        | Yes      | 3     |
| Corridor Cities Transitway   | 700        | Yes      | 3     |
| Georgia Ave Busway   | 69         | Yes      | 3     |
| Inner Purple Line (Silver Spring to New Carrollton) with stations at Piney Branch/Flower and Piney Branch/University | ?          | Yes      | 2     |
| Norbeck Road & MD 198  | 113        | Yes      | 2     |
| Inner Purple Line (Georgetown Branch: Bethesda-Silver Spring) Underground with NO CCC station                        | ?          | Yes      | 2     |
| Woodfield Road, Engineering starts FY03  | 170        | Yes      | 2     |
| River Road (Beltway to DC line)  | 81         | Yes      | 2     |
| 5 interchanges in Gaithersburg/Germantown  | 268        | Yes      | 2     |
| Rockville Interchanges   | 78         | Yes      | 2     |
| Inner Purple Line (Langley Park to White Oak spur)   | ?          | Yes      | 2     |
| Eastern Montgomery   | 69         | Yes      | 2     |
| Ridge Rd   | 106        | Yes      | 2     |
| Darnestown Rd  | 40         | Yes      | 2     |
| Clopper Rd   | 145        | Yes      | 2     |
| Great Seneca Hwy.  | 18         | Yes      | 2     |
| Muddy Branch   | 60         | Yes      | 2     |
| Widen I-270  | 1223       | Yes      | 2     |
| Red Line extension   | 942        |          | 3     |
| Nicholson Lane Interchange   | 66         |          | 2     |
| Midcounty Highway  | 207        |          | 2     |
| 17 Interchanges in Gaithersburg, Germantown, Clarksburg  | 411        |          | 2     |
| Cedar Lane Interchange   | 66         |          | 2     |
| Extend Inner Purple  | ?          |          | 2     |
| Eastern Connector  | 116        |          | 2     |
| Midcounty & Muncaster Mill (Western Connector)   | 77         |          | 2     |
| River Rd (Beltway to Falls)  | 42         |          | 2     |
| Clopper Road   | 190        |          | 1     |
| Outer Purple Line  | 4200       |          | 1     |
| Georgia Ave (widening MD 28 to Howard Co+B21)  | 304        |          | 1     |

**Priorities for Transportation Projects As Approved at MCCF Special Session**

The motion that MCCF supports the Nicholson Lane interchange improvement was defeated 12-4-15.

**Dr. Ahmad MOVED that the Federation will support the Inner Purple Line only if the following conditions are met, and will oppose it if any are not met: (a) The Georgetown Branch segment must be**

**underground and have no station at Chevy Chase Lake.; (b) The east segment must include stations at Piney Branch & Flower Ave. and Piney Branch & University Blvd. ; (c) the dollar amounts printed on the ballots be replaced by \$1.8 billion for the eastern segment and \$700 million for the Georgetown Branch Dr. Ahmad noted that as phrased the motion leaves open the question as to whether the Inner Purple Line would be light, heavy, or mono-rail. Mr. Wilhelm MOVED to amend the motion to delete dollar cost amounts from the Inner Purple Line items on the ballot.** The amendment was approved 13-11. The main motion was approved as amended, 21-5-5.

Mr. Kauffunger MOVED to **approve construction of the spur of the Inner Purple Line (Langley Park to White Oak).** Motion approved 17-3-7.

Edward Weisel MOVED to table the item for the Outer Purple Line. Motion passed. Dean Ahmad MOVED to suspend the rules to nullify the motion to table. Motion to suspend the rules passed and the motion to table was nullified.

Mr. Wilhelm MOVED to **oppose widening the Beltway.** Motion passed 16–6-6.

Mr. Wilhelm MOVED to approve widening Muncaster Mill Rd. (Western Connector) according to option 4. A proposed amendment by James Lynch to oppose all four options failed 8-13-5. Main motion defeated 6-11-9.

Mrs. Dennis MOVED to approved option 3 of the Western Connector, conditional on providing service roads along Muncaster Mill for community and home access. Motion failed 7-8-11.

George Sauer MOVED to approve Option 1 of the Western Connector, but not at-grade at Georgia Ave. Motion failed 5-6.

Emily Mintz MOVED to **oppose Montrose Parkway.** Mr. Wilhelm offered an amendment to support Montrose Parkway if built all the way to the western end, but to oppose if it stops at Randolph Rd. Amendment failed 6-14-5. Main motion passed 16-3-2.

Mr. Wilhelm's MOTION to extend time by 5 minutes was approved and he MOVED to support the Eastern Connector along the ICC right-of-way, US 29 to US 1. Mr. Lapinsky's MOTION to table failed 9-15. Main motion failed 8-10-6.

Mr. Wilhelm instructed delegates to mark ballots, for both approved projects and projects for which no positions were taken, and turn them in to the President. Ratings were set for a scale from 0 to 4, with 4 highest. Dr. Ahmad proposed that 4 should signify top priority, 3 high priority, 2 approval if money is available, 1 “take it or leave it” and 0 severe opposition. The priority list will be calculated after the meeting and appended to the minutes (see p. 4).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Winifred Klein, Acting Secretary

## ExComm Meeting Minutes

### June 20, 2002

–by Peggy Dennis, Acting Secretary  
and Richard Zierdt, Recording secretary

MCCF president Cary Lamari Ahmad calls meeting to order; Peggy Dennis takes minutes.

Stan Schiff reviewed meetings on transportation coming up before County Council on July 9, 16, and voting session on the 23rd.

Agenda adopted unanimously as amended.

Minutes of last ExComm meeting are approved as printed in Newsletter.

Treasurer's report. Luella Mast not in attendance. Question discussed as to who has signatory power for account. Luella and Cary Lamari should be the signatories. Who has the charge card(s) for Kinko's? Unanimously agreed that we should close the account. Audit committee needed for 2001-2002 account year. Agreed unanimously that **we will advertise in next Newsletter for volunteers to serve on Audit Committee.**

8:05 Richard Zierdt arrived to take over minutes from Peggy Dennis.

TPR Workshop update. Stan Schiff. Critical importance of funding—a shared concern. Stan Schiff talks about the TPR symposium. Funding is a problem. Jobs are attracting traffic. Dean discusses the ballot results of

MCCF's transportation forum along with each project's "controversy index."

Bill 22-02 to Ban Paved Trails in Environmentally Sensitive Areas, proposed by Councilmember Blair Ewing. Cary reports that Charles Pritchard (not present) would like MCCF support of this bill. Peggy Dennis seconds. Dean believes the MCCF took a position against paved trails in a particular area. Dean points out that the ExComm can only speak for itself, not the general MCCF membership. Dean proposes a substitute motion that **the ExComm authorize Charles Pritchard to express our concerns about the issue, but withhold final judgment until the actual bill is read and considered.** Passes with one nay.

President's report. Cari Lamari spoke before the Council stating the MCCF's support of ZTA 02-04 that would rescind increased building heights. On the issue of Belt and Montgomery Hills Schools, a rather "convoluted" proposal (Emergency Bill 20-02) has been offered that would empower the Executive to negotiate terms. It appears that Belt will be re-acquired and MH leased. Cary believes the Council (Marilyn Praisner) would entertain proposed legislation from the MCCF articulating a way that the Council may propose "expedited" legislation. Stan moves that **the MCCF legislative committee draft language that establishes procedures for "expedited" legislation.** George seconds. Concern is expressed that the Council already has ways (or not) of proposing "emergency" legislation, and that "expedited" legislation would become another loophole. Motion passes 5 – 3.

Cary has received requests for a more central meeting location for ExComm meetings. Wheaton Services Center has been proposed.

Annual Strategy Meeting. Peggy Dennis has offered her home for Thursday, July 25, 7 PM.

County Council legislation rating. Richard Zierdt will investigate and ask his mother if she would help here.

Membership Directory. Dean Ahmad receives membership updates from Steve Howie. It is suggested that the president and secretary receive copies.

Candidates Fora (Board of Education and County Council). Education candidates. Mark Adelman. MCCF, in conjunction with the League of Women Voters, is sponsoring a Board of Education Candidate's Forum for Thursday, September 5 from 7 pm to 9:30

pm at Crossway Community on 3015 Upton Street in Wheaton. Cary expresses concern that an interview committee for Planning Board candidates has not met. Jean Goldstein will chair the committee. Peggy Dennis, Charles Wolff, Chuck Lapinski, and Jim Johnson, are members.

Western Parkway (Connector). Lamari. WP to be put on Delegates September meeting agenda.

Community Hero. Cary Lamari proposes Jim Fary (pronounced "far-ee"), conservation chair of the Sierra Club, receive the award for September. Charles Wolf moves, and is seconded. Passes with one abstention.

NIH Community Liaison. Jean Goldstein represents the MCCF before the NIH. A group of residents opposes the building of a proposed security fence; among other reasons, it inhibits walking to the Metro. Jean moves that the MCCF defer to the federal government any security measures deemed necessary. Dean offers a friendly amendment that the **MCCF understands the security needs of the NIH.** Passes with one nay.

NIH Community Liaison. Jean Goldstein represents the MCCF before the NIH. A group of residents opposes the building of a proposed security fence; among other reasons, it inhibits walking to the Metro. Dean moves that **the MCCF recognizes the right of the federal government to establish appropriate security measures at NIH.** Seconded. Passes with one nay.

Programs. September: Paved trails and parks – Charles Pritchard. October: Board of Elections – Fifa Northrup.

Wayne Goldstein reports that Montgomery College Takoma Park is moving its proposed expansion from Jessup Park to Georgia Avenue. Also, Wayne was served papers in a lawsuit by the College.

Legislative Committee. George Sauer. Police Review Committee has issued a report. Fifa: police helicopters may not be obtained due to 9/11 atrocities.

Public Utilities Committee. Chuck Lapinski. WSCC is being asked to downsize. Future water use projections are not being addressed. Electric rates are currently capped, but these caps will be removed in a couple of years when full deregulation kicks in.

Wayne Goldstein. Developers for the Canada Dry building will preserve the first two floors of the building.

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Meeting adjourned 10:25 PM.

Post meeting: the next ExCom meeting will be held Thursday, August 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary and  
Peggy Dennis, Acting Secretary

## ExComm Meeting Minutes July 25, 2002

–by Richard Zierdt, Recording secretary

**M**CCF president Cary Lamari calls meeting to order at

Cary Lamari wants the ExComm of the MCCF to oppose the rezoning of the Good Council High School site from R90 to RT15. Richard Zierdt so moves. Dean: this is a local issue that the MCCF ought not be involved. Seconded by Bob Abrams. Chuck Lapinski: Is good planning being performed here? Has the citizenry been appropriately consulted? Has APFO been adequately consulted? Chuck moves a substitute motion: the MCCF ExComm is concerned that the Executive misused his office to operate outside the master plan process. Seconded. A letter would be written to the Hearing Examiner discussing the legal aspects of APFO. Substitution motion is passed. Motion then passes 8 – 1.

Bob Abrams moves that the MCCF ExComm invite the Wheaton Redevelopment Office to brief the delegates on their progress and how they are involving the citizenry. Seconded. Passes 5-1-1.

Bill Skinner moves that the MCCF ExComm co-sponsor the County Employee Compensation Forum. Seconded. Bill specifies that no expenditure is implied by his motion, and that the intent is to educate the public. Passes 8-1.

Chuck Lapinski would like to represent the MCCF at the Taxpayers League Forum. Seconded. Bill Skinner moves an amendment that Chuck will write his points for the September newsletter.

Bob DeGroot, Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement and Conservation (MAGIC). How much is the MCCF interested in these issues: Greenprint Program tries to protect what's left in the State of

environmentally sensitive areas. Wildlands protect the public. 4000 acres of wildlands were added last year. Forest Protection bill proposed for next year. Dan Wilhelm recommends that this be brought before the ExComm.

Bylaws may need to be revisited in regard to Delegates authorizing the ExComm to take action, positions on timely issues when the Delegates will not meet in time.

10:35 Meeting is adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

## ExComm Meeting Minutes August 8, 2002

–by I. Dean Ahmad, Acting Secretary

**M**CCF President Cary Lamari called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m.

An agenda was distributed, amended and approved.

Lamari announced that Office of the People's Council is about to expire. He stated that his group had lost its appeal before the courts regarding the Board of Appeals. He expressed the view that the People's Council did not act on behalf of the people during the BoA process.

Approval of minutes was waived until next meeting.

A Treasurer's report was distributed. Technical amendments were incorporated from the floor to bring the 2001-2002 figures into line with those previously adopted and printed in the newsletter. (See table on p. 9). By unanimous consent the following changes were made to the proposed 2002-2003 budget: the Web page allotment was changed from \$500 to 150, Community Information Forums changed from \$200 to zero, and membership drive item of \$200. For Executive Committee reimbursements, the words "tools and expenses" were dropped. Dues income was changed from \$3200 to 4000. Reserves were moved below the line and changed to \$-1390.

**Budget adopted as amended** by unanimous consent (see p. 8).

## Budget for July, 2002- June 2003

(as approved by Executive Committee August 8, 2002 with technical corrections)

|                                      | 2003<br>Proposed  | 2002<br>Actual      | 2002<br>Proposed | Notes                       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                        |                   |                     |                  |                             |
| Dues                                 | 4000              | 3386.00             | 5300             | [1]                         |
| December Elected Officials Reception | 1100              | 1116.00             | N/A              | [2]                         |
| Interest (Savings Account)           | 40                | 47.65               | 0                |                             |
| Miscellaneous                        | 50                | 0                   | 0                | [3]                         |
| In-Kind Contributions                | 50                | N/A                 | N/A              | Board members               |
| <b>Total Income:</b>                 | <b>5240</b>       | <b>4559.65</b>      | <b>5300</b>      |                             |
| <br><b>Expenses</b>                  |                   |                     |                  |                             |
| <b>Member Communications</b>         |                   |                     |                  |                             |
| Newsletter                           |                   |                     |                  | 10 issues                   |
| Layout                               | 500               | 406.00              | 500              |                             |
| Printing                             | 1800              | 1605.10             | 1800             | “                           |
| Mailing                              | 1500              | 1081.58             | 1325             | “                           |
| Web Page                             | 150               | 10                  | 150              |                             |
| <b>Civic and Social Betterment</b>   |                   |                     |                  |                             |
| Dec. Elected Officials Reception     | 1600              | 1602.83             | N/A              | [2]                         |
| June Awards Ceremony                 | 300               | 132.51              | 400              | [4]                         |
| Community Information Forums         | 0                 | 110.00              | 0                | [5]                         |
| Membership Dues                      | 50                | 50.00               | 0                | Committee for Montgomery    |
| Delegate meetings                    | 180               | 80.00               | 475              | ICB rental fee, 9 mtg. /yr. |
| <b>Organizational Support</b>        |                   |                     |                  |                             |
| ExComm Expenses                      | 200               | 12.83               | 0                | Postage and insurance       |
| President's Expenses                 | 100               | 0                   | 0                | Mileage and supplies        |
| Membership Drive                     | 200               | 0                   | 0                |                             |
| Miscellaneous                        | 50                | 0.00                | 0                |                             |
| <b>Total Expenses:</b>               | <b>6630</b>       | <b>5090.85</b>      | <b>4650</b>      |                             |
| <br><b>Changes to reserves</b>       | <br><b>(1390)</b> | <br><b>(541.20)</b> | <br><b>650</b>   |                             |

**Notes:**

- [1] Assumes 80 organizations @ \$50 average. in 2003, ignores associate memberships.
- [2] 2002 budget assumed annual reception would be a wash, but expenses exceeded income by \$500.
- [3] Kinkos refund in 2002 treated as income.
- [4] \$142.66 of \$275.17 total 2002 food expenses included in 2003 budget.
- [5] 2002 Transportation forum ran a deficit.

Luella Mast, Treasurer

Wilhelm: TPR committee wants to postpone the TPR forum. Lamari wants the forum pushed into October and have the committee work out the details. Items left over from last forum can be dealt with at the Sept. meeting. Wilhelm moved **the TPR committee present leftovers for consideration at the next meeting with Wilhelm writing a detailed proposal for newsletter.** Motion passed without objection.

Dean Ahmad reported his concerns over the handling of the endorsements for the Planning Board appointment. He said what's past is moot, but in the future committee reports must be represented as committee reports unless the general membership authorizes they be presented as MCCF positions, and in any case committee reports must accurately reflect what actually happened in the committee unless the Executive Committee and/or the delegates can override their determination. Lamari stated that it is his understanding that the delegates at the June meeting authorized the Executive Committee to speak for the MCCF and that the Executive Committee delegated that authority to the committee that interviewed the candidates. He further stated that he polled the committee for approval of his letter and received the approval of a large majority of the committee members.

Regarding a question that had been raised by someone not on the ExComm as to whether the MCCF had authority to engage in such endorsements at all, Bill Skinner noted that Article 1, section 4 of the Bylaws, which specifies prohibited activity, prohibits endorsement of elected, not appointed officials.

Lamari would prefer holding ExComm meetings at the Rockville Red Brick Courthouse, which has historic consideration and is more central. Abrams moved that **we meet at Red Brick Courthouse provided there is no fee.** Passed on a voice vote. Wayne Goldstein offered to determine if there is a fee. In response to a query by Dick Kauffinger, Lamari said the Council auditorium is reserved for ten months.

George Sauer withdrew a report on Council and state delegates ratings. Skinner noted Taxpayers League would have a forum on Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>

Bob DeGroot, president of Maryland Alliance for Greenway Improvement and Conservation. (MAGIC). Much of Montgomery County's streams are turning into stormwater drainage. Greenprint program is a state program with similar objectives to Legacy Open Space. Asks if Federation would help with their letters either

by signing on to their letters or by sending our own letters on their issues. Strombotne and Charles Wolff suggested DeGroot give a presentation in the fall or early winter.

Montgomery College Expansion. Wayne Goldstein reported that the courts have acted on his inclusion in the Montgomery College lawsuit, letting him out of the suit. The courts have ruled that only trees in the park in 1933 were protected as historic. Lamari has asked Goldstein to rewrite the previous draft letter.

Adelman for Education Committee circulated an announcement of the candidates' forum. BoE continues to be below or non-responsive to various requests for information.

Bob Abrams on Wheaton Revitalization "Steering" Committee. Moves that **we ask the director of the Wheaton Redevelopment Office and the Steering Committee Co-Chairs address the Federation on their function, their charter, procedures, and status to date.** Passed on 10-2.

Charles Pritchard reported that the school for Chinese Traditional Medicine seeks a new location. Anyone who knows of one should tell Charles.

Programs: Bill 2202 opposing paved trails in environmentally sensitive areas presented by Blair Ewing. Strombotne expressed concern that we have not heard the opposing side and Ahmad expressed concern that the definition of sensitive areas in the bill is too sweeping. Pritchard moved **to change the September program to the forests and redirection of Dept. of Natural Resources.** Passes on a voice vote.

Lapinski moved **to postpone the program on elections.** Passed on a voice vote.

Abrams moved to **place the Wheaton revitalization on the October program.** Passes 6-1-3.

Wilhelm moved November program be the Pew report. Skinner is willing to arrange the program. Dennis moved **to place the Pew report in October and Wheaton revitalization in November.** Amendment passes on a voice vote. Amended motion passed without objection.

Fifa Northrop: Membership committee will send out invoices. Consensus was **to have memberships mailed to Fifa Northrop who will send checks to go to Luella Mast and forms to Steve Howie.**

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Transportation Committee: Wilhelm asked minutes to show he is suggesting that next month we deal with placing TPR policy related issues in several future programs rather than a workshop.

Public Finance. Lapinski moved to **write to Council to reopen the OLO investigation of WSSC; direct the Inspector General and the state’s attorney and the state prosecutor to lead detailed investigation into WSSC’s procurement policies and practices and other issues as appropriate; and direct the use of subpoena powers and use of oaths in testimony (or grant OLO this authority as required)**. Lapinski will draft a letter for MCCF. Motion passed on a voice vote.

There was unanimous consent that **Lapinski can state any position or restate any previous testimony when he speaks at the Taxpayer League Conference on Compensation Study**.

Peggy Dennis reviewed the newsletter assignments.

Dennis moved to adjourn. Passed on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
I. Dean Ahmad

## Additional Transportation Projects

*–by Dan Wilhelm, Transportation Co-Chair*

Election-year promises and pandering notwithstanding, there are no easy solutions for Montgomery County’s transportation challenge. Decades of searching for an ICC “fix” has delayed the pursuit and implementation of more achievable alternatives. Those who push for the ICC, techway, widening the beltway or any other single project fail to understand that there is no panacea or magic bullet, since:

- Vehicle travel is increasing faster than roads have been or can be built
- Adding freeway lanes results in people using them largely to drive farther
- Even if there were unlimited funds, road improvements would slow, not reverse the increase in congestion.

- Attempting to force people into transit will have limited results until transit is improved to better accommodate people’s travel needs.
- Funding is a difficult problem, since transportation funding must be balanced with competing priorities such as schools, public safety and protecting the environment.
- Responsibility must be shared with other jurisdictions that feed the 1/3 of the total county traffic that passes through the county.

Given these inherent reality checks, few of which County Executive Duncan has sufficiently recognized in his *Go Montgomery* proposal, the MCCF alternative (which closely matches that of the Council) is attacking the need from multiple directions. In essence, real alternatives to driving are proposed. Since these take time and funding to implement, road improvements are proposed to address congestion bottlenecks so that the existing infrastructure can be better used. The overall approach consists of three major thrusts:

1. Change and expand transit:

- Change the local bus system by creating a grid network of major bus routes along major roads, transfer nodes where the routes cross, and feeder buses to take people to and from work, home, and activity centers.
- Increase the bus frequency and expand the hours of service
- Make many changes to make the service more user friendly
- Provide transitways to move people fast over longer distances with fewer stops than the local bus allows.

2. Land Use

- Adjust zoning for future development to better balance jobs and housing throughout the county and to reduce the amount of new development in the wedges. These changes would allow people to live closer to work and to use existing road capacity by equalizing directional travel during the peak commuting periods.
- Adjust land use to make it more transit oriented and more desirable to live and work there.

3. Add road capacity

- Improve intersections or make them grade separated, thereby reducing driving stop time without increasing actual driving speeds. The

interchanges allow the existing roads to carry many more vehicles

- Widen and add select major and arterial roads to address congestion points and accommodate planned development

The road changes would keep traffic spread out rather than concentrating it on freeways and would facilitate both east-west and north-south travel. The major east-west corridors in the lower part of the county are River Road, the East-West Highway, the Beltway, University Blvd, Randolph/Montrose, MD 28-MD198 with spurs into Howard County (to access MD 32 and MD 216) and Prince George’s County along the eastern connector. The major north-south lower county roads are Falls Road-I-270, MD 355, Viers Mill, Connecticut, Georgia, New Hampshire and US 29. North of MD 28. The up-county east-west package includes Gude, Shady Grove, Muddy Branch, MD 124 MD 118 and MD 121. The up-county north-south package includes MD 28, Great Seneca, Clopper, I-270, MD 355, Mid County, MD 27, Woodfield, and Muncaster Mill/Snouffer School.

At our June 15 delegates meeting, many of the projects that contribute to the above corridors were approved. However, we ran out of time to address every item, some items were postponed due to lack of information, and some were acted upon but were incorrectly represented. At the September delegates meeting we will vote on projects that a number of us feel the delegates will support. The remaining projects we ask you to support are:

| Item                      | Description   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Balanced land use concept | Specifics to be determined with each master plan revision |
| Red Line extension        | Shady Grove to Metropolitan Grove                         |
| MD 355 & Nicholson        | Build interchange   |
| Gude Dr                   | Extend Shady Grove to Key West                            |
| Hyattstown Bypass         | 2 lanes   |
| Longdraft Rd              | Widen to 4 lanes MD 124 to MD 355                         |
| MD 118                    | Widen to 6 lanes & extend I-270 to Watkins Mill           |
| MD 118                    | Widen to 6 lanes Clopper to Seneca Creek                  |
| MD 121                    | Widen Stringtown to Newcut Rd Ext                         |
| MD 355                    | Widen to 4 lanes Brink Rd to Midcounty                    |
| MD108                     | Widen to 4 lanes Laytonsville Town Line to Olney Mill Rd  |
| Midcounty Hwy             | New Road Stringtown to MD 355                             |
| Middlebrook               | Widen to 6 lanes MD 118 to Midcounty                      |

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|---------------------|---|
| Newcut Rd           | Widen extend MD 121 to MD 27            |
| Shady Grove         | Widen to 6 lanes Briardale to MD 115    |
| Snouffer School Rd  | Widen to 4 lanes Goshen to Woodfield    |
| Stringtown Rd       | Widen to 4 lanes I-270 to Midcounty Hwy |
| Watkins Mills Rd    | Extend MD 355 to Clopper                |
| Eastern Connection  | US 29 to US 1 along ICC ROW             |
| MD 355 @ Nicholson  | Build Interchange                       |
| MD 355 @ Cedar Lane | Build interchange                       |

## ***Go Montgomery vs. the Council’s Transportation Plan***

*–By Dan Wilhelm, Transportation Co-Chair*

The Council approved transportation projects would cost \$5.7 billion to build. The County Executive’s proposal is largely the same except that it requires three major projects that would require over \$5 billion more. The major additional projects in Duncan’s plan are the ICC, Beltway widening from the west spur to I-95 and a different purple line route that is outside the beltway west of New Hampshire Ave.

The Planning Department modeled both programs. The *Go Montgomery* plan performed better as one would expect since it includes more projects. But, does the *Go Montgomery* plan relieve congestion as the public hype implies? NO! The average road speed drops from a county average of 28 mph in 1998 to 25.6 mph in 2015, or an 8.8% reduction. The speed is slightly worse with the Council plan at 24 mph. In terms of the percentage of lane-miles that are very congested, it increases from 11.7% in 1998 to 17.5% in 2015 under *Go Montgomery* and 20.7% in 2015 under the Council plan.

In looking at either plan, one needs to ask how realistic they are. The biggest obstacle (except for the ICC) is one of funding. Where are the funds going to come from? Based upon a request from MCCF, the Planning Department and Executive branch developed an estimate by extrapolating the historical funding rate. They developed three estimates: low, medium and high. Under the medium estimate, the total county and state/federal funding between 2003 and 2015 would be \$2.2 billion. To obtain the funds required for the Council plan, funding would need to be increased by

2.6 times. Under the Duncan plan, funding would need to be increased 5 fold.

How realistic is such an increase in the level of funding? What should our transportation priorities be if a 5-fold increase doesn't come about? Let's say that a 2.6 fold increase is possible, and that the funds would be used for the *Go Montgomery* priorities. Based upon what one hears in the press, Duncan's priorities are the ICC, beltway widening and outer purple line. These three projects would consume almost all the existing funding and the increased funding for the next 12 years. What would be the congestion benefit of these three projects? As an approximation, the benefit would be the difference between the *Go Montgomery* plan and Council plan. This then becomes a 1.6 mph road speed improvement compared to the increase under the Council plan of 1.9 mph. Therefore congestion is worse under Duncan's plan than under the Council plan at this level of funding.

The Council plan relies upon grade-separated interchanges more than does Duncan's plan. In the computer modeling, there is no difference between a grade-separated interchange and an at-grade intersection. Everyone who drives knows that a grade-separated interchange will handle a higher traffic volume (about 85% more) and will increase average travel speed since it eliminates a lot of stopped time. Thus, the congestion would be lower under the Council plan than the model predicts.

Since an increase in funding of 5 fold or even 2.6 fold is highly questionable over the next 12 years, what should the funding priorities be? Based upon the MCCF voting in June, the priorities in order should be:

- Provide safety improvements on Muncaster Mill and Brookeville Bypass
- Improve local bus service
- Fund additional rail cars needed by Metro (not on either Duncan's or Council list)
- Provide transportation for elderly and handicapped
- Build interchanges and intersection improvements
- Widen roads for projects under construction or ready to start construction (funds not included in above totals)
- Build new transitways: CCT, red line extension from Shady Grove and Georgia Avenue Busway; the Inner purple line (with conditions)

including extension to White Oak and Tysons Corner

- Widen I-270 and non-interstate roads

## MCCF Co-Hosts County Compensation Forum

–by Bill Skinner & Chuck Lapinski,  
*Delegates-at-Large*

MCCF is co-sponsoring this forum on September 30, 2002, at 7:30 P.M. in the 3rd Floor Hearing Room of the County Council Office Building. Salary and other forms of compensation represent 66% of the overall County budget. The personnel increase for FY03 is 9.3%. Retiree costs are projected to increase 34.1% in FY03. The firefighters contract increased the salary over one-third over the next 3 years.

The Forum will present three data presentations, then have responses from representatives of the County Executive, County Council, Board of Education, County Government Employees Organization, Montgomery County Education Association, and Council of Supporting Services Employees. Following these responses, questions will be answered from the audience. The three speakers are Chuck Lapinski from the MCCF, Marvin Weinman from the MCTL, and Dave Curry from MTEF.

The three-year agreements with county employee unions will significantly impact the level of taxation in the County for each three-year contract. For more information, please contact Marvin Weinman, president MC Taxpayers League, 301-946-3799.

## Community Hero: James M. Fary

–by Cary Lamari, *President*

It was proposed by the *Executive Committee* of the *Civic Federation of Montgomery County* in June 2002 that James M. Fary, a resident of Wheaton, Maryland, be named *Federation Hero of the Month* for September 2002. He was nominated by Lois Sherman, a delegate of a Federation member organization, the *Stonegate*

*Citizens Association*, based on his extraordinary accomplishments in environmental protection of our County.

Mr. Fary has been employed for the past 14 years as a specialist in environmental training and information in the *US Environmental Protection Agency*. Previously he was a federal civil servant in the *Surface Mining and Reclamation Division* of the *U.S. Department of the Interior*. He has a law degree from *Catholic University* and is well versed in both environmental law and governmental environmental policy.

He is a long time member of the *Sierra Club, Montgomery Group*. During the past four years, he has served as the Chair of the *Conservation Committee* of this local Sierra Club chapter. In this capacity, he has brought his deep knowledge of environmental law and policy in direction of the committee in investigation, research and subsequent actions relating to several major environmental County issues and problems. Under his supervision, the *Conservation Committee* has monitored private and governmental land use and development plans that have actual or potential negative or beneficial impacts on our County environment. This watchdog activity has alerted the *Civic Federation* and the general public to problems and issues that would otherwise have gone unnoticed. His committee also functions as a *pro bono* information center for many local civic associations and individuals by providing expert and specialized advice in dealing with local environmental problems.

Mr. Fary and his committee have performed invaluable public services, for example, implementing changes in the construction of parking facilities at the *University of Maryland* campus that originally would have had negative impacts on storm water runoff. Similarly, they recommended beneficial changes in the expansion of the Takoma Park campus of Montgomery College and pointed out the impact of major sewer modifications in the upper Rock Creek Park area. His committee was a major supporter of the County *Legacy Open Space* Master Plan in 2001, which established a Countywide land acquisition program that will protect environmentally unique undeveloped open space, acquire needed park land, improve water and air quality, preserve historical buildings and provide for healthy outdoor recreation. Even more significantly, the committee helped save this program during the financial crisis that occurred during adoption of the County 2003-2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and Operating Budget in 2002. When funding for

LOS was threatened with crippling cuts, Mr. Fary and his committee conducted an educational campaign that contributed to restoration of funds, without which the program would have foundered. During 2001 and again in 2002, the *Conservation Committee of the Sierra Club* responded to a countywide health crisis precipitated by the threat of the West Nile virus disease in the County by joining with the *County Health and Human Services Department* in organizing meetings to train volunteers in virus countermeasures. In many of these initiatives, alerts by the *Sierra Club* have contributed to discussion and actions by our own *Civic Federation*.

Mr. Fary has personally spent many hours in the field, conducting environmental surveys and studies. He has organized field trips to acquire data. He has written extensively on conservation issues and has testified countless times before the *County Council*, the *Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission* and the *Maryland General Assembly* at Annapolis on clean air and clean water issues, as well as associated County and private land use and development. Working without any financial compensation as the Chair of the *Environmental Committee, Sierra Club, Montgomery Group*, Mr. Fary has spent much of his free time working to support and improve the environment of our County. He is a recognized and respected leader in the local environmental movement and has encouraged a cooperative approach in many confrontational public-private issues. Modest and self-effacing, he pursues these goals out of a deep regard for our present and future quality of life. We are pleased to be able to recognize his outstanding public service.

## Announcements

- The MCCF is seeking members for its AUDIT COMMITTEE. If you wish to serve, contact Cary Lamari at 301-924-2746 or at [carylamari@yahoo.com](mailto:carylamari@yahoo.com).
- Board of Education Candidates Forum co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters, Thursday, September 5, 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. at the Crossway Community Center at 3015 Upton Drive, Kensington. Come and meet the 13 candidates vying for four "open" seats on the Board of Education. There will be a moderated series of brief opening and closing remarks by

each candidate plus ample time for questions from the audience. Campaign literature and printed copies of each candidate's response to a set of questions given them in advance by MCCF/LWV will be available. Directions: from Rockville take Viers Mill to University Blvd. Turn right on University, then right at first light just after MacDonaldis, then almost immediately turn left onto Upton Drive. Proceed to large parking lot at end of street.

- Forum on County Employee Compensation co-sponsored with the Montgomery County Taxpayers League, Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 p.m., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Hearing Room, Council Office Building, Rockville.
- On October 15, 2002 (note the Tuesday date) the Civic Federation will have a program on the February 2002 Governing magazine article concerning the management of Montgomery and 39 other counties in the U.S. The special projects reporter, Michelle Marani, will be with us to explain the reason Montgomery County government achieved only a B minus grade, while some other Maryland counties did better. Also, Scott Reilly has agreed to come: he is the head of the Montgomery County task force that was established last winter to address the grade. This important program will have one more speaker to be announced in the next newsletter. Bill Skinner is putting the program together. Read his article in the April newsletter about the grade MC received.
- The MCCF annual holiday reception for elected officials is scheduled for Sunday, December the 8th. Please, mark this on your calendars now and plan to attend.

## From the President

Well, it's September. Summer is over, and we're back to the never-ending life of civic advocacy. This summer has been a busy one for the Federation. We participated in several land use issues that effect communities in Montgomery County. We have been and will continue to work to promote the transportation program of the Federation. We also interviewed candidates for the Chairman of the Planning Board, unfortunately, not without controversy. The interview

committee, however, felt two applicants satisfied the Federation's rigorous criteria for this position. Those candidates were Dr. Abdul Naz and Derick Berlage. Both candidates had many positive attributes. We are grateful that there are people of such high caliber who apply for these appointed positions. The Council chose Mr. Berlage and we wish him well on the many difficult decisions he will be required to make in the coming years. Mr. Berlage has pledged to me to be fair to all the residents in the County on planning decisions and to be available and responsive to all citizens. He has also promised to work tirelessly to preserve and enhance our cherished park system.

Montgomery County is generally considered prosperous. Even though we are experiencing a severe shortage in our public safety work force, Montgomery County is as secure as it can be considering world tensions. This should be a time of hope for citizens of this county. In recent decades Montgomery County has been a focal point for growth in jobs and employment opportunities. During the past several years there have been low levels of unemployment. And we enjoy a 3 billion dollar budget, about double that of our budget just 8 years ago.

But when we assess our county's quality of life and civic affairs, we are deeply troubled. While our neighborhoods and communities are more inclusive and tolerant than was true a generation ago, racial, ethnic, and class divisions persist; as described in the recent Brookings Institute report (*A Region Divided*). Inequities within our communities persist in areas of schools, jobs, housing, and access to health care, especially mental health services.

During the past several years, our neighborhoods have come under intense pressures. Many have been adversely affected by poor land use decisions causing a regional imbalance between jobs and housing, a badly congested transportation infrastructure, and overcrowding and inequities in many neighborhood schools. We need to sensitize our elected officials to the problems and pains of our communities and hold them accountable to insure that these problems are solved, not merely allowed to stagnate as constant new growth demands more and more scarce public resources.

Our Executive apparently knows what is best for us. A bigger jail far removed from the county seat, a convention center in the heart of the most congested stretch of Rockville Pike, and not that long ago a theme

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park/shopping center as the anchor for Silver Spring. Boy did we get lucky there!

The County Executive asks us to accept new and additional taxes in the hope of convincing State agencies that we are committed to improving our traffic situation. But how does the Executive justify these proposed increases when the transportation portion of the budget dedicated to Capital Improvement Projects during his administration has been reduced from 37% to 17% in the year 2002. The transportation solutions that the TRP Task Force and the MCCF worked to develop and which we feel could and would improve our congestion problems are being ignored. What we hear is a constant theme: build the ICC, build the tech-way, and build the Outer Purple line. What we don't hear about from our County Executive is a transportation policy that will give us the most traffic congestion relief for the tax dollars spent. What we don't hear is a dialogue on how to prevent the repeated cyclical effects of unsustainable growth.

Important social movements have helped protect individual rights and have brought long-suppressed voices into our public dialogue. Our residents should remain committed to the long-standing democratic ideals that have made Montgomery County the envy of

other counties in Maryland. But, too many of us have become passive and disengaged. Never have we had so many opportunities for participation yet, as numerous people have told me, rarely have we felt so powerless. Many of us, the citizens, have lost confidence in the judgment of our local Government and our ability to be heard. Too many have given up on civic participation.

My goal as president will be to foster people's interest in civic participation: to join with our neighbors in working to improve our communities; to bring equity to our schools; to require our elected officials to develop a comprehensive mental health system; to promote the transportation plan this organization worked hard to develop; in short, to make a difference. I need your help. We need to work together to accomplish these goals and more. Together we are a powerful voice and we can do anything.

Being new to the Presidency of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Dean Ahmad for his steady hand at the helm of our organization during the past two years and I hope to do as well in the time that I am your president. Time will tell.

–Cary Lamari

## *Delegates Meetings*

### ***Monday, Sept. 9–7:45 p.m.***

**1<sup>st</sup> fl. Audit., County Co. Office Bldg., Rockville, MD**

#### **AGENDA:**

- 7:45 Call to order, Cary Lamari presiding  
7:50 Adoption of Agenda  
7:55 Announcements and Introductions  
8:00 Approvals of minutes, officers report  
8:05 Community Hero Award: Mr. Jim Fary  
8:10 **Program:**
- Bob DeGroot:  
Environmental Importance of Forest Protection
- 9:00 Old Business  
9:05 New Business
- Dan Wilhelm: Important vote on the remaining TPR transportation projects (p. 11)
  - Chuck Lapinski: Resolution on WSSC (p. 10)
  - Budget approval (p. 8)
  - Ratification of Committee Chairs/Appt. Officers (p. 15)
  - Discussion of NIH Annual Health Forum, Sat. October 26th
- 9:55 Adjournment

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### **Next Executive Committee Meeting**

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2002, 7:45 p.m.

#### **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center**

4805 Edgemoor Lane in downtown Bethesda

(Note: there are two entrances to the parking garage—one on Edgemoor Lane and another on Woodmont Avenue.)

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