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May Program - A Report on the 2005 State Legislative Session

by Dan Wilhelm, President

YES, we are having a membership meeting on May 9. We will have a report from a state delegate and a senator about what happened this last session in Annapolis. MCCF was interested in a number of issues:

- MCCF opposed the effort to raise the signature requirement for charter amendments from the current 10,000 and these bills were withdrawn.
- MCCF has been working to reduce the influence of large campaign contributions. A survey sponsored by the Stenberg Commission found that 94% of the respondents thought that campaign contributions influence the policies supported by state elected officials. The study also found that 75% believe that fundraising is a major source of political corruption. To address these issues, MCCF (continued p 2)

It's not too late to come celebrate at the Montgomery County Civic Federation's

2005 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, May 6, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.

New Fortune Restaurant

16515 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

\$20 per person / \$35 per couple

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 5

to Luella Mast: 301-384-4178

The following awards for 2005 were recommended by the Awards Committee (chaired by Charles Wolff and including Cary Lamari, Arnold Gordon and Jim Snee) and approved by the Executive Committee.

The historic "Star Cup" was presented to the Montgomery County Civic Federation in 1927 by the Washington Star newspaper. It is awarded by the Federation to the committee or delegate performing the most outstanding public service on behalf of Montgomery County. This year we honor Peggy Dennis for her dedicated support of the Civic Federation's many efforts, sustained tirelessly and ever-reliably for almost ten years. Councilmember Phil Andrews will present the Star Cup.

The Gazette Award, sponsored by the Gazette Newspapers, recognizes outstanding public service contributions by an individual or group in Montgomery County. This year's Gazette Award will be presented

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to The Olney Boys and Girls Community Sports Association (OBGC) by State Delegate Ane Kaiser. The OBGC which now serves some 5,800 children in Olney and neighboring communities epitomizes the best kind of volunteerism. OBGC's volunteer spirit is driven by parents, relatives, neighbors and other interested community leaders who give freely of their time to provide wholesome, family-oriented activities for the community's children. They understand that today's children will soon be our next generation of local citizens and club volunteers.

The Sentinel Award is sponsored by the Montgomery County Sentinel Newspaper and was established in 1989. It is awarded annually by the Civic Federation to an individual or group, typically outside of government, for a significant contribution to "Good Government" at the local level. This year we honor Dale Tibbitts, Vice President for District 5 and Chair of the Election Reforms Committee, for his expertise and exhaustive work on behalf of better government and elections at both the county and state levels.

President's Message

By Dan Wilhelm

In March we voted to approve a significant change in our bylaws. For years, our nine vice presidents had mirrored the structure of the County Council with five District Vice Presidents covering the same geographic areas as the five councilmanic districts and 4 Second Vice Presidents with rather vaguely suggested responsibilities outlined in the bylaws - not unlike the four at-large council positions the county still has. Taking a cue from ballot Question C, we voted to change to eight district vice presidents, each of whom will serve on the Membership Committee, represent the needs and concerns of member organizations within their district to the Federation, and insure that the Federation's concerns and work is being articulated to our member organizations. We believe these changes will help the MCCF to both better understand the issues affecting our member organizations, and to grow

May program (continued) ...

once again supported bills to close the contribution loophole that allows corporations to contribute above the legal limit to candidates through multiple wholly-owned subsidiaries, or common ownership companies. This passed the house but died in senate committee. We also supported bills that would allow voluntary public financing of election campaigns for state office.

- MCCF supported a ban on soliciting in the public highways as a serious public safety concern. Selling articles or soliciting donations in the medians of or on the sidewalks adjacent to our streets or in shopping center driveways creates a real hazard, both to solicitors as well as to drivers and passengers. This danger is independent of the nature of the transaction, whether it is commercial, recognized charities, or individuals begging.
- MCCF opposed the increased use of GARVEE bonds to build the ICC. These bonds would be repaid by using funds from expected future federal payments. The proposal was to increase the limit to \$1B, which would consume over 20% of the federal payments for the entire state for a 15 year period. We stated that funds could be better used to build many other transportation projects in Montgomery County.

Now is the time for MCCF to start thinking about bills for the next session. Our state delegation will start drafting bills for this session over the summer and early in the fall.

bigger and become a more dynamic and effective group in dealing with county and state officials.

Unlike prior years, we will no longer be asking our Vice Presidents to do multiple tasks and chair committees. We have found that they do not have sufficient time to

effectively handle several jobs. As you can see from the Nominating Committee report (below), we have been unable to find people to serve on all of these positions. We feel it is better to have vacant positions so everyone knows where we need help and those willing to do so can volunteer without appearing to compete with someone else. If you are interested in any open position, elected or appointed, or just want to serve on a committee, please contact me, Dan Wilhelm, 301-384-2698, djwilhelm@erols.com

And please remember that our Awards Banquet is coming up on May 6. We have combined the awards event with the reception for elected officials which used to take place in December. This event will therefore be a good opportunity to meet and chat informally with those members of the County Council, MCPS Board of Education, Planning Board and State delegates and senators who will be attending. The banquet is open to everyone so bring your spouse, friends and neighbors. If you have not already mailed in your registration form (see page 11), please do so now, or call Luella Mast at 301-384-4178 to let her know that you plan to attend.

Officers Slate 2005-2006

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate of candidates for elective positions for the 2005-2006 year:

President - Dan Wilhelm

1st Vice President - Wayne Goldstein

2nd Vice President - Arnie Gordon

District 14 V.P. -

District 15 V.P. - Sandy Vogelgesang

District 16 V.P. - Lee Shipman

District 17 V.P. -

District 18 V.P. - Donna R. Savage

District 19 V.P. -

District 20 V.P. - Eileen Finnigan

District 39 V.P. -

Treasurer - Luella Mast

Recording Secretary - Richard Zierdt

A Framework for Planning in a Maturing County

Extracts from Park and Planning Report

The Park and Planning Commission submitted its Biannual Report to the County Council in April. The first attachment to that report presented a framework for planning in a maturing County. The paragraphs that follow copy some key sentences or paragraphs from this 17 page attachment to provide an overview of their thinking and planned activities. The full report can be found at: www.mc-mncppc.org.

There are many signals that Montgomery County is maturing. The County is approaching build-out, its rate of growth is slowing, and its population is aging along with its infrastructure and buildings. A maturing County means that a greater proportion of future growth and change will occur as *redevelopment*, the reconstruction or replacement of buildings on developed parcels with new buildings; or *infill*, the construction of new buildings among existing buildings, either on vacant parcels or on the un-built portion of already-developed parcels.

In the past, the focus has been on managing the transition from rural to suburban. In the future the emphasis will be on making a careful transition from auto-oriented suburban to pedestrian-oriented, transit friendly urban. The Planning Department proposes to pursue a strategy that seeks to focus opportunities for continued economic growth within existing centers and along major transportation routes, while protecting and supporting the County's Agricultural Reserve by committing resources to meeting the needs of the rural areas of the county. These efforts will help to reduce pressure to expand the development envelope.

Goals... Capture projected growth within existing centers and along major transportation routes.

Provide meaningful incentives to encourage reinvestment and redevelopment.

- Development will be channeled, whenever possible, to existing, aging centers where infrastructure can support growth, public transportation can be provided efficiently, neighborhoods can be strengthened, and redevelopment can enhance economic vitality.
- Planning will focus on enhancing the appropriate functions of some major transportation routes, by reshaping already developed areas into efficient and attractive multi-use places and by making road and transit improvements that will control roadway congestion and ease vehicular and pedestrian movement.
- A range of housing types will be encouraged that are affordable to renters and home buyers.
- The use of parks will be further enhanced by improving public access and by taking into account the need for recreation close to population centers and the interests of the county's changing population.
- Reinvestment will be nurtured with the use of County resources and public/private partnerships to improve infrastructure, housing, and other programs that attract and support business enterprise and neighborhood livability.
- Renewed attention to site and project design will preserve and enhance the distinct character of centers and reinforce residents sense of place.
- New urban environmental regulations and development standards will be created to encourage the redevelopment potential of these

areas. Incentives for the construction of "green buildings" will be developed, as well.

- New regulatory approaches will be designed to provide flexibility and incentives to achieve redevelopment goals.
- Continue to protect the Agricultural Reserve.

Community Based Planning Program

The Master Plan Program is being reshaped to meet the needs of a mature County. A strong community outreach and participation process will continue to be a hallmark of this planning program. Future planning efforts will focus on the following three areas:

A. Planning the Major Travel Routes and Transportation Corridors-The character and functionality of many major travel routes should be improved. Aging residential and commercial frontage could be reshaped to capture new economic and community benefit. The transportation corridors also represent an opportunity to provide housing in areas accessible to transit where rail and bus service is frequent. The initial major travel routes to review could include MD 355, University Boulevard and Georgia Avenue. Planning should also focus on two important transportation corridors- the future Purple Line and the Corridor Cities Transitway.

B. Planning for Centers and Neighborhoods--

Phase One

1. Complete Inventory and Physical Assessment of all, 103, commercial centers.
2. Invite the Urban Land Institute to provide a national perspective. Identify national trends, economic feasibility, and unique conditions needed to reshape older commercial centers and aging frontage along major travel routes. Identify successful prototype projects and designs.
3. Assess the redevelopment potential of the County's aging centers and major travel routes.
4. Convene a Countywide Forum. Invite civic, business, educational, banking, and development

leadership to participate.

5. Select specific areas for additional planning. Identify capacity issues to determine feasibility of successful completion.

Phase Two

6. Prepare a Concept Plan for each selected area with the community.
7. Select appropriate planning approach to deliver land-use and zoning recommendations- master plan amendment, special study area, special project area and/ or regulatory techniques.

Phase Three

8. Initiate detailed planning for selected areas. Heighten emphasis on presentation of visual characteristics to better determine compatibility and market feasibility
9. Convene a series of Community Forums and Workshops involving a broad spectrum of community and business interests.
10. Create a Development Program, for each area, that provides the necessary conditions and incentives to spur reinvestment and redevelopment. Identify a development focus for each area that can build on existing strengths and competitive advantages of each unique area. Identify competitive advantage of living and/or locating in redeveloped areas.
11. Finalize recommendations at a Community Forum.
12. Develop an Implementation Strategy. Revise or amend, as needed the Zoning Ordinance, Subdivision Regulations, environmental and transportation regulations, standards, and guidelines. Initiate revision to 1992 Recreational and Open Space Guidelines.
13. Prepare an Infrastructure Implementation Study for each area..

C. Planning for the Agricultural Reserve -- Efforts to strengthen the agricultural and rural open space program will continue to be an important focus of the planning program.

Proposed Revision of Policy FAA: Some Progress But Much Resistance

By Mark R. Adelman, Chair, Education Committee

This is a follow-on report to my article in the April MCCF Newsletter (p. 4); please see that for background material. The Policy Committee of the Montgomery County Board of Education (BoE) has responded to the concerns raised by Civic Fed and by the Montgomery County Council of Parent and Teacher Associations (MCCPTA) regarding the proposed revision of Policy FAA (Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning).^{*} Both groups have expressed similar objections to the proposed revisions and were invited to attend the April 21 meeting of the Policy Committee, which we did. The committee had already reacted to suspicions that the policy revision is intended to reduce community input into the planning process, by adding back explicit wording as to the need for community input. After discussing amongst themselves (and with staff) several additional modifications, the committee invited comment from MCCF, MCCPTA and other members of the public who were in attendance. While some additional progress was made, a number of "sticking points" became obvious:

1. The committee (and thus the BoE) is NOT likely to accede to our requests that final action on FAA be delayed to allow more time for the BoE to explain the need for such extensive revision of the policy and for the public to study and comment on the draft revision. Certain items in the existing document (available on the BoE website [<http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/boe/>] under "Board Policy") must be revised by early summer to meet Maryland State Department of Education mandates, but the number of such items appears very small and the committee was not responsive to the repeated suggestion that an interim minimal revision be passed that would meet state regulations, but allow time for more discussion of the revision of other sections.
2. The BoE regards our having been invited to the April 21 meeting (and another scheduled for May 11 - which we plan to attend) as an adequate response to our request that the BoE President discuss the matter with MCCF

delegates at one of our regular meetings: We have been told that the BoE does not testify before other groups because it regards its deliberations as open to the public and it routinely accepts testimony from concerned citizens at various hearings, etc.

3. The BoE appears to regard the current FAA as a cumbersome combination of policy and "regulation" (working process) and feels that most of the "nuts and bolts" of FAA should be in a companion regulation document, to be called FAA-RA. No current FAA-RA exists, but a draft version is available on the BoE website. The BoE does not appear to have planned a time frame for action on and passage of FAA-RA. Our Education Committee is presently reading the draft. We will have comments on it and on the evolving revision of Policy FAA in time for the May 11 meeting, and we will push for passage of an interim version of FAA-RA simultaneous with passage of any revision of Policy FAA.

The apparent insistence of the BoE (via its Policy Committee), that Policy FAA must be extensively revised in a very short time frame, is fueling "conspiracy theories" that the Superintendent and the BoE want to cut citizens out of the planning process. My own personal view (a sort of "tragedy of errors" theory) is that the BoE is out of touch with community perceptions and does not understand why a process that they regard as "standard" (all existing policy documents are being reviewed on a rolling schedule) should be causing such heated objections. They clearly do not understand that the timing of the proposal to revise Policy FAA could not have been worse, coming as it has at a time when numerous groups (including MCCF and MCCPTA) are frustrated at their inability to get the BoE to alter course on a number of contested actions. And the BoE does not appear to understand public objections to the ongoing process, by which they have essentially adopted the tactic of throwing out "everything" and then putting back in only those elements over which specific "battles" have been fought. Because the proposed revised version of Policy FAA is now in a constant state of flux, the only way to find it (as of this writing) is to go to the BoE

website, click on "public announcements" and hope that the first page that comes up has a link to the most current pdf version. I perceive the BoE as having backed itself into a corner, with no graceful exit strategy. Growing public resentment, suspicion and distrust is the predictable, but extremely unfortunate, consequence. The MCCF Education Committee will continue to work on this issue, striving for the best compromise that can be achieved. We welcome any comments that MCCF delegates (or other concerned citizens) care to send our way.

* FAA is an internal BoE filing code and is not an abbreviation for anything; the existing Policy FAA is a carefully-crafted mix of "policy" and "regulation" that enumerates a number of decision paths in which parents and communities must be involved. The document is some 20 pages long and impossible to summarize here. The proposed revised version is about 7 pages, and growing.

Status of Issues the Federation is Following

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Board of Education proposed revision of Policy FAA (Long-Range Educational Facilities Planning); March 14 MCCF adopted resolutions asking for extension of May 9 deadline for public comment and requesting BoE President meet with delegates to discuss proposed revisions. Neither request has been met. BoE Policy Committee met April 21 (MCCF Ed. Comm. testified). Next meeting set for May 11 at 2:30 p.m.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

- ZTA 04-10 (MCCF opposes) to change regulations on accessory apartments. Council vote pending.
- Bill 36-04, Discrimination in Housing amendments. Council vote pending.
- Workforce Housing, Executive branch plans

effort to create subsidized housing program for households above moderate income level, legislation not yet introduced.

- ZTA 05-04/SRA 05-01/Expedited Bill 4-05, to change membership of panel to approve MPDU alternative agreements and language relating to financial infeasibility. Council hearing held April 26. PHED worksession not yet scheduled.

PLANNING AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

- ZTA 03-27, Building Height Measurement, Council PHED Committee April 11 worksession cancelled and no new date set.
- ZTA 05-02, to create a new, Transit Oriented Mixed Use Zone, PHED Committee action pending. MCCF will seek amendment to specify dwelling-unit-per-acre density limit.
- County Service Park at Shady Grove--Executive branch and developers meeting to relocate components to Germantown, Shady Grove and Gaithersburg Vicinity master plan areas.
- Master Plans under revision by Council--Shady Grove (PHED Committee worksessions will continue after work on County FY06 Budget is concluded) and Bethesda CBD. Public hearing set for May 10, & continued July 12
- Master Plans under revision by Park & Planning: Damascus, Germantown, and Twinbrook (all 3 to be approved and transmitted to current Council). Gaithersburg Vicinity to be held over for transmittal to 2006 Council.

PUBLIC FINANCE AND UTILITIES

County FY06 Operating Budget will be established by Council on May 26. MCCF members are encouraged to contact Council by May 12. MCCF recommendations and testimony can be read on our website.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Bill 32-04 (MCCF opposes) Ambulance

Transport Fee. Council vote pending.

- Fire, Rescue, Emergency Medical Services and Community Risk Reduction Master Plan. Council vote pending.
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Neighbors For a Better Montgomery PAC: Annual Fun(d) Raiser May 21

by Jim Humphrey, District 1 VP

The citizen-run political action committee Neighbors for a Better Montgomery will hold its second annual Fun (and Fund) Raiser on Saturday, May 21. The event is a fun afternoon of games, socializing and refreshments for friends and supporters of the group. Activities include volleyball, trampoline, horseshoes and more.

This year's Fun(d) Raiser will include a "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" activity, a sale of donated used books to benefit the Partners In Education (PIE) program. PIE is a non-profit charitable organization that offers scholarship money to area grade school students. The event will be held at 5812 Cherrymeadow Court in Derwood from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. For more information or directions, call 240-632-9394 or send an email request to mail@NeighborsPAC.org

Minutes of the April 14, 2005 Regular Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Dan Wilhelm calls the meeting to order at 7:50 pm. Introductions all around. MCCF Treasurer Luella Mast reports 21 civic associations are represented.

Agenda. No changes; accepted as printed in the April Newsletter.

Minutes from the March 14, 2005 meeting are accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Luella has treasurer's reports on back table. Awards Dinner on Friday, May 6th, total of 30 confirmed attendees so far.

Program. Campaign Finance Reform. Jim Humphrey, Neighbors for a Better Montgomery (NFABM) which has, among other things, researched the campaign contributions of the County Council and executive. Jim introduces Dan Tuten, director of IS for NFABM. Dan describes a set of Montgomery problems (school overcrowding, traffic gridlock, possible encroachment on the Ag Reserve), and the formation of NFABM. PBS filmed a story about NFABM. Dan notes the campaign tactics of the End Gridlock slate as laid out by Rodgers Consulting: control elections, take controlling positions in civic organizations). Money spent on Montgomery elections: in 1994, \$1.8M; 1998, \$2.0M; 2002 \$3.6M with \$1.4M going to Duncan. Less than 1000 people and organizations contributed 70% of all campaign funding in 2002. Described the funding of the End Gridlock slate. Described the "Citizens for Quality Living" group, which turned out to be funded mostly by business and management companies. Described a list of contributions to Council members from developer interests ranging from 56% to 85% of their total campaign contributions. Described how F.O. Day construction company contributed \$143,000 by forming multiple separate legal entities. Some contributions exceeded the legal limit, but violations were thought too small for state prosecutors to go after. Described an August 2003 report by the Planning Board, yet the Council labels every school as "adequate" in student population (in effect saying that there is no school overcrowding). Development Impact Tax underfunds the County by about \$50M per year. Described how other counties (Prince George's, Calvert, Carroll) are controlling growth. Described several new ZTAs and elimination of land use controls. All data and fact sheets presented are available on NFABM's website www.neighborspac.org

Q: How do we convince the average citizen about the importance of this stuff? A: The primary election is essentially the election in Montgomery. NFABM can help groups campaign for candidates. Drew Powell,

NFABM Director, also speaks.

Education. Mark Aldeman. Will be working on revisions to the BOE's FAA revisions.

Dale Tibbitts. Maryland bills. Bill to close the Multiple LLC loophole passed in the House, however, the Senate did not bring it out of committee. Public Financing passed out of house Ways and Means Committee, but did not pass on the floor. Bill to increase the minimum number of signatures for ballot questions failed in House committee. The issue of exceeding campaign limits was then discussed, particularly how State prosecutors handle it. Dan Wilhelm will write a letter to the States Attorney asking about the excessive (illegal) financial contributions.

Housing Committee. Jim Humphrey. Describes the master plans to be reviewed by the Council. ZTA 03-27, proposed by Councilmember Howard Denis, which would define how building heights are measured, is seemingly opposed by Councilmembers Nancy Floreen and Steve Silverman.

Montgomery Preservation. Wayne Goldstein. Montgomery Preservation Inc. was main sponsor of a symposium on mansionization (MCCF was a co-sponsor). Over 100 people attended, from all over the region. A Park and Planning representative telephoned Wayne today. There may be some real interest here. Overlay zones, building codes (size limits) were discussed.

Bylaws. Peggy Dennis. Three proposed changes were printed on page 6 of the April, 2005 Newsletter. (1) position of Corresponding secretary would be eliminated. Seconded. Passes 27-0-1. (2) Individual membership and committees were clarified. Seconded. Passes 26-0-2. (3) Duties of Standing committees: Committee members must be members of the Federation. (Non-members can continue to participate in committee work, but cannot vote). Seconded. Passes unanimously.

Jim Humphrey. Council added a 5th hearing on the budget. Hearings will be re-broadcast on Council cable.

New Business. George Sauer. Affordable Housing Conference is now \$65/\$75 at the door. Cost used to be \$35.

Adjournment. 9:48 PM

Minutes of the April 21, 2005 ExComm Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

Lyle Schofield takes minutes until Richard Zierdt arrives.

10 are present: Wilhelm, Mast, Zierdt, Schofield, Humphrey, Gordon, Tibbitts, Wolff, Dennis, Kauffunger.

Programs: Invite a State delegate and senator for the May meeting: Charles Barkley, Brian Frosh and others are suggested. For June, invite Board of Education president. Also suggested: Zero-based budgeting exercise with Councilmembers Perez and Praisner

Awards program (May 6, 2005). Dan prepares a proposed program format. Jim Humphrey will lead an ad-hoc committee to suggest places for a permanent location for the Star Cup.

Nominating Committee. Dick Kauffunger, Peggy Dennis. Have contacted many people, and some have already accepted. Two have accepted district vice-presidencies. [MCCF now has a new eight-district system, each with a vice-president.]

Membership. Peggy suggests a new membership form be created for 2005-06, and be included in the May and June newsletters plus posted on the website. It is suggested that the membership committee get a list of civic groups from the MNCPPC.

Website. Lyle Schofield. Calendar almost ready to go. Ownership of MCCF's website is of some concern.

Housing. Jim Humphrey. Discussion about a proposed change to MPDU policy that would replace the Chair of the Planning Board with the Director of Park & Planning as a member of the MPDU Alternative Agreement Working Group. ExComm votes unanimously to oppose this change. Jim will prepare testimony.

The Planning Board's website under Weekly Agendas and Report now has audio recordings of previous Park sessions. Woodmont Master Plan revisions: May 10, staff hearing at 1:30 p.m. July 12 at 7:30 PM for citizens.

Legislation. Dale Tibbitts. Discusses the State multiple corporation loophole (used to bypass campaign contribution limits), vis-a-vis Senator Paula Hollinger of the EHEA committee.

Transportation. Dan Wilhelm. "Attacking Gridlock" was taped on Friday, with Dan representing the MCCF by Channel 6, Montgomery County's public channel. Will be (re)broadcast later. 30 minutes. Susan Kennedy moderated the program.

Treasurer's Report. Concern was raised about MCCF's 501(c)4 status. Treasurer will consider filing annual IRS tax returns, even though no money is expected to be due. By filing, the legal status of the MCCF corporation is enhanced.

Newsletter assignments made and meeting adjourned.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2005, 8:30 to 10:00 PM
Red Brick Courthouse Room, Room G06

Speaker: Ray Kight, Montgomery County Sheriff

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

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djwilhelm@erols.com

Name of Organization/Individual _____ Date _____

Number of Households (Approx) _____ Annual Dues (see below) \$ _____
(Make checks payable to **Montgomery County Civic Federation**)

Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Members	Voting Privileges
Local Association (civic, community, homeowner or municipality. Must represent at least 30 households - not paid members. Can not be a single local issue group.)	30 to 300		\$45*	2	Yes
	301 to 600		\$65*	3	
	601+		\$85*	4	
Umbrella Association (Two or more local associations. Cannot be single local issue group.)	60 to 500		\$45*	2	Yes
	501 to 1000		\$65*	3	
	1001+		\$85*	4	
Regional or County-Wide Organization (environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$45*	2	Yes
Individual Associate	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No
Associate Group (Gov't agency, business, or other organization)	(not applicable)		\$85*	2	No

Can select less than the allowed number of members and pay according to that number. List your members below. Each member will receive our newsletter unless he/she elects to receive an email notice that the newsletter is available at www.montgomerycivic.org for downloading. Please check the email box below for those who will receive the email notice. ***You may also take a \$5 discount off the dues for each person who elects to receive the newsletter email notice.** Please provide the email address whether or not newsletter email notification is selected. We are planning to produce a membership directory. Please identify whether you want your email address included.

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+President of applying organization or permanent substitute designated by the president.
Delegates! Please see that your Treasurer receives this form to expedite dues payment.

Federation Meeting

Monday, May 9, 2005
7:45 First Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Ave, Rockville, MD

Agenda

7:45 Call to Order
7:47 Introduction and Announcements
7:55 Adoption of Business Meeting Agenda
7:58 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
8:00 Program - State Legislative Wrap-up
9:00 Nominations
9:10 Committee Reports
9:25 Member Issues
9:40 Old Business
9:45 New Business
10:00 Adjourn

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, May 19, 2005, 7:45 p.m.

RED BRICK COURTHOUSE

29 Courthouse Square, Rockville

(Note: there is free parking in front of the courthouse.)

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