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July Potluck Dinner

All Lapsed Members, Current Members and Prospective New Members

Are Cordially Invited to the
2007 Civic Federation Potluck Dinner
A "Getting to Know You" Event

Wednesday, July 11

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

At the home of Peggy Dennis
11115 Fawsett Road, Potomac

Please RSVP to Peggy at 301-983-9738 or hotyakker@comcast.net. Old and current members are asked to bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, side dish, casserole or main dish, bread/rolls, or dessert) and the serving utensils needed for that dish. Prospective New Members will be our guests.

Directions:

FROM DOWN-COUNTY / Beltway
take exit 39 onto River Road (Rt. 190)

going west to Potomac Village. Turn LEFT at second light in the village onto Falls Road (Rt. 189). Drive 2 miles to the T-intersection where Falls Rd. meets MacArthur Blvd. Turn LEFT on MacArthur and LEFT again immediately onto Fawsett Road.

SCENIC ROUTE ALTERNATIVE: take Beltway Exit 41 onto the Clara Barton Parkway heading west towards Carderock and Great Falls. When Parkway ends, turn LEFT onto MacArthur Blvd. Follow MacArthur past Old Angler's Inn, up the long, curvy hill, past the Woodrock development, the Rockwood Manor Conference Center and Picasso Lane (all on the right) then turn RIGHT onto Fawsett Road.

FROM UP-COUNTY / I-270: Take exit for Falls Road west to Potomac. Pass through the village and drive 2 miles to the T-intersection where Falls Rd. meets MacArthur Blvd. Turn LEFT on MacArthur and immediately LEFT again onto Fawsett Road.

House is the second on the left with the green mailbox. Our driveway has limited space for parking and turning around, so please save space in the driveway for our less able walkers. Park on either side of the road, but be sure to leave enough space for other cars to get through safely. A flashlight is useful for finding your way back to your car in the dark.

Upcoming Programs

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission proved unable to join us for our June program on water and sewer issues (perhaps they're totally consumed with repairing burst pipes in Bethesda), so the June meeting will be a "short business meeting". We look forward to programs in the autumn on the Department of Permitting Services, the county's Forest Conservation Law, and public safety issues with Police Chief Manger.

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DOES ANYONE KNOW....

The whereabouts of the Civic Federation's Fine, historic, wooden **gavel** and the "**Journal Cup**"? If you have either of these items (or think you know who has them) please contact Wayne Goldstein at 301-942-8079.



Bylaws Committee Report By Luella Mast, Chair

At our June meeting we will be voting on the amendments that were printed in the May newsletter and introduced at the May meeting. Copies of these amendments will be available on the sign in desk at the June meeting.

The Bylaws Committee is a “special committee” and as such, (see Article IV. Officials and Organization,

Section 7) it terminates at the end of our annual meeting in June. A new committee may be established, and members appointed, at our September meeting. Assuming that the membership decides to establish a bylaws committee for the 2007-2008 program year, we hope you will consider joining us volunteering a little time toward improving our Civic Federation.

Thank you for all your patience! Luella Mast, Chair; Peggy Dennis, Dan Wilhelm, and Richard Zierdt, committee members.

See How We’re Growing! by Peggy Dennis, VP for Membership

We extend a warm welcome to our two newest member organizations - the Glen Echo Heights Citizens Association and the Parkwood Residents Association. These two new member organizations have the distinction of being among the first to pay their dues for 2007-2008! I also want to thank our District Vice Presidents – Sandy Vogelgesang, Lee Shipman, Bill Schrader, Alyce Ortuzar and Elizabeth Conklin for their hard work in bringing our organization membership up to 60. See page 10 for the list of all members.

All other members - both organizations and individual associate members - are asked to **renew their membership during June using the Renewal Form on page 11**. Delegates are asked to fill in all information, particularly contact details. Be sure to indicate whether your group will be getting the Newsletter by snail mail or taking the deduction for electronic Newsletter distribution. Then, please give the Renewal Form to your organization treasurer. It often helps to provide a stamped envelope already addressed to Luella Mast with the form. We really appreciate our delegates taking responsibility for this as it facilitates and speeds up the entire renewal process.

Proposed Changes to County Growth Plan

by Jim Humphrey, Planning & Land Use Chair

The Planning Board has recommended to the Council that four primary changes be made to the county’s Growth Plan (the new name for the old Annual Growth Policy) -- a new school capacity test; increases in impact taxes paid by new development; an increase in the recordation tax, and use of a new transportation capacity test for development approval. The Council will hold a public hearing on these proposed changes on June 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Building at 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. The hearing will be broadcast live over County Cable Montgomery and via CCM on the internet.

New School Capacity Test

The proposed new test is based on program capacity

for schools, rather than the current inflated growth policy capacity calculated on classroom size. Following approval of the budget each May, Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) will determine program capacity for the elementary, middle and high school levels for each school cluster in the county, factoring in any school expansion projects approved in the capital budget for the upcoming five years. Portable classrooms will not be included in figuring capacity.

If the projected number of students from a proposed residential development would result in enrollment above 110% of MCPS capacity at any of the three assessed grade levels, a School Facilities Payment would be imposed in addition to the school impact taxes levied on that development. Once any grade level in a cluster reaches 135% of MCPS capacity, then approval of new development in that planning area must cease for that fiscal year. The new proposal would discontinue the current practice of the borrowing of enroll-



ment capacity between adjacent school clusters.

Development Impact Taxes

The Planning Board recommendations call for increasing impact taxes on new development "to more adequately fund urgent transportation and school infrastructure priorities." The transportation impact tax which is levied on new commercial as well as residential projects would be increased by around 33% over current levels. The Planning staff suggested that it might be time to eliminate the current reduction in transportation impact taxes paid in areas around Metro stations by about 50%, believing that this in-

centive to develop in transit station areas is no longer necessary. The Planning Board, however, did not approve this recommendation. The school impact tax, levied only on new residential development, would be raised an additional 150% over current levels.

Recordation Tax Increase

The Planning Board recommends that the Recordation Tax, levied when registering sale or change in ownership of properties in the county, be increased from \$6.90 to \$11.20 per \$1,000 paid for a property, and would continue to exempt the first \$50,000 paid.

MCCF Resolution on Growth Policy Amendments

by Jim Humphrey

The MCCF Planning and Land Use Committee submits the following resolution regarding proposed changes to the county Growth Policy, for consideration and vote by delegates at the June 11 meeting--

"The Montgomery County Civic Federation supports the proposed increases to the county recordation tax and development impact taxes as introduced, in furtherance of the objective of generating needed revenue for infrastructure to catch up;

"MCCF endorses use of the Montgomery County Public Schools program capacity figures in determining school capacity for development approval, as well as the 110% level at which the School Facilities Payment will be levied; but, we find the 135% level at which de-

velopment approval in a school cluster must cease is too high.

"MCCF believes the current Local Area Transportation Review test should be made stricter by incorporating number of signal cycles needed to clear an intersection, and that the proposed Policy Area Mobility Review test should place greater emphasis on road adequacy since police, fire and ambulance service, as well as all transit except Metro Rail, relies on vehicular access via the county's roads."

NOTE: The legislation to make changes to the Growth Policy was introduced May 24--two resolutions and three bills--and can be accessed via that day's agenda on the County Council website at the following URL: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/council/pdf/agenda/col/2007/070524/20070524_ag.pdf. Simply click within the blue box surrounding the description of each piece of legislation to download a PDF of the text.

Possible New State Revenue Enhancements By Dan Wilhelm, Legislation Chair

We have all heard that the state of Maryland is facing a large deficit beginning next year in its operating budget, on the order of \$1.2B and that there are large unfunded needs. The Governor is looking for ways to cut costs but he will not be able to find anywhere near enough funds. Almost every possible source of funding is being considered, and more than one source will be required. In addition to funds for the operating budget, additional funds are needed for transportation, which generally does not use funds from the operating budget. Montgomery County has a long list of needed transportation projects and approximately 90% of the funds for them come from the state (which includes federal funds). The table on the next page lists possible sources of funds and the amount that each could provide with the specified change. The Office of Sen. Richard Madaleno (District 18)

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Possible Sources of Funds

(\$ in millions)

	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012
Raising Top Tier Income Tax					
Rate to 5% (from current 4.75%)	\$162.50	\$325	\$341.20	\$358.30	\$376.20
Creating Top Income Tax Bracket of 6% (for incomes over \$150,000)					
	\$175	\$350	\$367.50	\$385.90	\$405.20
Expanding Sales and Use Tax (Based on HB448 and HB821)					
	\$313.10	\$657.40	\$690.30	\$724.80	\$761.10
Raising Sales and Use Tax to 6% (Based on HB846)					
	\$717.20	\$750.20	\$788.60	\$823.50	\$866.60
Raising Gas Tax (currently \$0.235 per gallon)*					
(by 12 cents)	\$390.23	\$394.58	\$399.21	\$406.30	\$414.07
(by 10 cents)	\$324.45	\$327.93	\$331.66	\$337.68	\$344.35
Expanding Sales and Use Tax to Gasoline (Based on HB821)*					
	\$449.49	\$440.15	\$439.69	\$442.43	\$454.03
Raising Corporate Income Tax Rate (currently 7%) to 8%**					
	\$62.50	~\$125	~\$125	~\$125	~\$125
Combined Income Tax Reporting for Business (Based on SB393)**					
	\$12.50	~\$25	~\$25	~\$25	~\$25
Raising Property Tax (Currently \$0.112 per \$100 of Assessable Base) ***					
(to 12 cents)	\$50-60	\$50-60	\$50-60	\$50-60	\$50-60
(to 13 cents)	\$100-124	\$100-124	\$100-124	\$100-124	\$100-124
Doubling of Alcohol Tax Rates (Based on SB422)					
	\$28	\$28.60	\$29.10	\$29.70	\$30.20
Slots (Based on 15,500 machines, 7 locations from SB950)					
	\$0	\$16.47	\$412.61	\$807.43	\$852.95
Raising Tobacco Tax \$1 (Based on revenues from HB754)					
	\$206.40	\$161	\$157	\$153.10	\$149.20

*Gas Tax Revenue is not added to General Fund, but to accounts dedicated to transportation funding

**Corporate Income Tax projections are unpredictable

***Property tax money is currently used to only pay interest on state bonds.



Continued from p 3 developed the estimates below based upon data from the Department of Legislative Services (various fiscal notes and other documents). We thank Senator Madaleno for sharing this information with the Committee for Montgomery, of which MCCF is a member.

There has been talk about a special session of the legislature sometime in the fall to decide on new sources of funds. We will surely hear more about this throughout the summer and into the fall and suggest you retain this table to better understand the debate as it develops.

Larry Glassman's Passing Noted By Dean Gibson, Past President & Charles Wolff, Historian

Lawrence Glassman of Silver Spring died on May 19. He is remembered by old timers at the Civic Federation, especially Dean Gibson who used to carpool to MCCF meetings with Larry. An electrical engineer trained at MIT, Larry was a loyal delegate to the Civic Federation from the Rosemary Hills Civic Association for at least 25 years until he moved out of that neighborhood in 1995. He also served as MCCF treasurer for some ten years. "They don't make 'em like that any more!"

New Transportation Capacity Test

by Dan Wilhelm, Legislation Chair

In 2003 the Council eliminated the Policy Area Transportation Report (PATR) part of the Annual Growth Policy (AGP). The PATR was that part of the AGP that placed a policy area in development moratorium when either the transportation or school capacity was inadequate to support new development. The Local Area Transportation Review (LATR), which looks at congestion of intersections near the proposed development, was retained and slightly improved.

In 2003, citizens favored several proposals to address limitations with the PATR that allowed developers to claim that the area had adequate transportation infrastructure when those who drove the roads knew otherwise. The 2007 set of proposals to the Growth Plan includes a new system called Policy Area Mobility Review (PAMR), which would bring back a PATR type of scheme but in a different form. The PAMR includes measures of adequacy for both roads and transit. The adequacy of all non-residential roads within the policy area would be determined by comparing the travel time during free-flow conditions (i.e., at posted speed) against the travel time at the weekday morning peak period. The transit adequacy compares travel time in a car with that of transit. The two measures would be plotted on a graph and values below a certain line would be unacceptable and above the line accept-

able. While the line could be sloped or stair-stepped, the staff report suggested that for roads with low transit mobility, the line could start when the congested speed is 85% that of free-flow. For areas with good transit mobility (above 75%), the line for road non-adequacy would allow speeds down to 25% that of free-flow speed (e.g., 10 mph when the free-flow is 40 mph)

While the idea of the PAMR is good, the proposed methodology is flawed in two respects, one with transit and one with roads. Bus transit service provides service to the majority of the county but it uses and is held up by the same congested roads. Declaring that we have good rail service has limited benefit for travel to many destinations in the county since rail largely transports people to Washington or nearby areas in Virginia. Also, emergency vehicles must use the roads and travel times reduced by 75% means that help is badly delayed. Many of us feel that such slow response time is unacceptable.

The second major flaw deals with the fact that the Planning Staff proposes to determine congested travel time using their computer model. While a computer model is needed to predict changes due to new development, the Planning staff's current computer model fails miserably to determine the travel times that already exist on our roads. We contend that the only reliable way to determine current travel times is to actually measure them. An automated method could be developed to measure travel times by placing global positioning system (GPS) devices in selected vehicles (police cars, taxis or other

vehicles driven frequently) and collecting the data in a central computer. The County already uses such technology to track bus locations and travel times.

Part of the problem with the computer model relates to incomplete data being collected. The County and the State Highway Administration only collect data on the number of vehicles that pass through an intersection during each 15 minute period during the three peak morning hours and three peak evening hours.

They don't collect data on how many traffic signal cycles vehicles sit in stopped traffic waiting to reach the next traffic signal. The same flaw is used in the Planning Staff report identifying congested intersections. What the report is actually reporting is the intersection capacity.

If you drive in Montgomery County, we urge you to testify on the Growth Policy at the County Council in mid-June.

Minutes of the May 14, 2007 Regular Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Wayne Goldstein calls the meeting to order at 7:52 pm with introductions. 32 are present at this time.

Minutes of the April 9, 2007 regular meeting are accepted as amended: Under the Planning and Land Use Committee report, the correct web site for the Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee is www.ctcacnews.com.

Treasurer Report. Luella Mast, distributes treasurer's report showing \$9,159.42 in cash assets as of April 30, 2007.

Community Hero award. Jim Humphrey presents the CHA (in absentia) to Eileen Finnegan, Chair of the Zoning and Planning Committee for the Hillandale Citizens Association, for her work in quality of life issues such as residential infill construction, unlawful retail operations, and the reuse of the Naval Surface Weapons Laboratory.

Program. County's Annual Growth Policy. Wayne Goldstein / Jim Humphrey introduce guest speaker: Karl Moritz of Park and Planning (Research and Technology Center), conducts a slide presentation. Adequate Public Facilities Ordinance (APFO) – Direction from the County Council to Park & Planning. It's a two-year cycle, but it's still called the "Annual" Growth Policy. Growth Policy is focused on the timing, but not content, of development. Tests include transportation, schools, water/sewer, and police, fire, and health facilities. Policy Area Transportation Review (PATR) was eliminated in 2003. Local Area Transportation Review (LATR) remains, and tests congestion at nearby intersections. It is applied to all projects generating 30 or more peak hour trips. If an intersection fails, the developer may add capacity or pay the County in some cases. Schools Test: the threshold for moratorium is 110% of capacity. This has rarely been exceeded, and when it was, added capacity was

provided. County Transportation Impact Tax Rates chart: \$5819 for a single-family detached home. School Impact Tax Rates chart: \$9111 for a single-family detached home. The rate of growth is relatively slow as compared to the past, but the growth for the next 25 years will be significant. Planning staff's recommendations: increase the Schools Facilities Payments which pay for school improvements \$25K per student over a set limit. Allow greater vehicle traffic in areas where public transportation is available. Developers must be required to make transportation improvements. And non-transportation improvements, such as a school impact tax of \$21,200 for a single-family detached house. Increase the Recordation Tax: current \$6.90 per \$1K, with the first \$50K exempt. Try to define metrics that define some qualities of life, such as percentage of people within ¼ mile of a park, amount of open space per resident, etc.

Committee Reports.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey. Master Plan revision schedule had been pushed back in M-NCPPC's March Semi-Annual Report, but was restored during County Council budget work session. ZTA 07-05, proposed by Councilmembers Leventhal, Floreen and Knapp, would allow site plan amendments for certain items to be approved by the Planning Department Director instead of full Planning Board, and waive filing fee. Motion is made to oppose change to approval process in ZTA 07-05 even if the fee is dropped. Five seconds. Motion passes 21-0-0. Humphrey will follow ZTA to be proposed by Board to revise the CBD and TOMX zones. 26 applicants applied to fill two upcoming Planning Board vacancies, including past MCCF President Cary Lamari and former State Delegate Jean Cryor. The ExComm at its April meeting agreed to present the following resolution to the general membership: "The MCCF recommends that the county government model what the county would look like if all properties were built out to the maximum density allowed by



existing zoning, using the toolkit on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website." The result of this model would be useful in the upcoming discussion of changes to the county's growth policy that will take place over the next several months. Motion passes 20-0-0.

Housing. Jim Humphrey. County Executive's Affordable Housing Task Force to meet May 18. MCCF was not initially invited. Wayne Goldstein is now a member; Jim and Sarah Gilligan will also attend meetings. There are five subcommittees – case studies, community support, financing, incentives/county land, and zoning.

Transportation. Peggy Dennis. The County Council took off \$150K off the budgeted amount for the private roads project [thanks to Peggy, who already did the work!].

Environment. Caren Madsen, in a motion published on page three of the Newsletter, makes the following motion: "Be it resolved that the MCCF urges the County Council and the Executive to approve the Green Streets Amendment to the Road Code to mandate that a minimum quantity of stormwater be retained and treated on-site, within the public right-of-way, preferably using vegetation-based stormwater management techniques." Passes 16-0-1.

Nominating Committee. Charles Wolff. Offers a slate of candidates as published in the Newsletter. It was suggested that Naomi Bloch be considered as district 15 VP if Sandy Vogelgesang would be willing to be recording secretary. Elective officers will be voted on at the June meeting.

Bylaws. Luella Mast. Bylaws changes as published in the April Newsletter are moved. Motion passes 16-0-0. Additional bylaws changes published in the May Newsletter are presented to the body for possible amendments. None are offered, so those amendments will be voted upon as written in the May Newsletter at the June meeting.

New Business.

Al Geske from Rock Creek Palisades Citizens Association speaks. Community sign permits now cost \$600. These are not commercial signs; they are designed to increase community identity. The County Council offered that non-profits be exempt from this, but the County Executive's office ruled that only tax-exempt 501(c)3 groups would be exempt from the \$600 fee. Most civic associations, while non-profit, are not tax-exempt organizations.

Adjournment. Meeting adjourns at 10:02 pm

Minutes of the May 23, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting

By Sandy Vogelgesang, (Acting) Recording Secretary

MCCF Executive Committee met at the Julius West Middle School, 651 Great Falls Road, Rockville MD.

Call to Order. MCCF First Vice-president Arnold Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM. (President Wayne Goldstein arrived shortly thereafter.) Present: Wayne Goldstein, Arnold Gordon, Peggy Dennis, Jim Humphrey, Dan Wilhelm, Luella Mast, Marvin Weinman, Mark Adelman, Lee Shipman, William Schrader, Chuck Floyd, George Sauer, and Sandy Vogelgesang [Richard Zierdt arrives 8:40].
Guests: Al Geske and Pat Price, Rock Creek Palisades Citizens' Association.

Minutes Approval. Minutes of the April 18, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting, printed in the Civic Federation News (May 2007), were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Luella Mast distributed a copy of the treasurer's report (partial draft, dated 05/31/2007), as well as the draft "2007 Awards Dinner Re-

port." She announced that MCCF now has 60 member organizations and suggested that the Federation seek 10 more organizations next fiscal year.

Environment Committee. Wayne Goldstein, President, who spoke for Caren Madsen, Committee Chair. He reported some citizens' so-far futile effort to get the County to respond constructively to a dirt bike track next to Hollings River and the adjacent wetland. There was also brief discussion of unexplained shredded glass in soil being used to refurbish County ball fields, some other environmental issues affecting County parks, the land use/environmental question of how the County Council defines a "green area" (should be actual land and not a roof), and the accuracy of County data on the actual amount of green space in Montgomery County. Several members noted growing concern about what they perceive as a serious gap in the County government's professed concern about the environment and concrete action/policy.

Education Committee. Mark Adelman, Chair, reported on the concluding phases of the annual County budget process. To date, there remain questions as to the final numbers in both the capital and operating budgets for the school system (MCPS). It was noted that a group interested in supporting MCPS/School Board compliance with Baldrige performance

criteria has begun its work.

Planning and Land Use (PLU) Committee. Jim Humphrey, Chair, corrected Planning staff error included in NeighborsPAC document "Understanding Buildout"--should read that there is 32 million square feet of approved, yet unbuilt commercial development in pipeline. He reported that nine applicants (of original 26) to fill vacancies on the MNC/PPC Planning Board remain on short list for Council's consideration. MCCF will review those applications and the County Council plans to interview the candidates June 11 and 12 - vote June 19? Jim outlined the four main changes the Planning Board recommended to the Growth Policy and write an explanatory article for publication in newsletter, and a draft resolution for consideration at June regular meeting. Dan Wilhelm will write the newsletter piece on transportation, focusing especially on the need for a different approach for assessing County traffic capacity. Jim will press for changes to the Alternative Review Committee (ARC) process concerning approval of density and height bonuses to accommodate Moderately Priced Dwelling Units (MPDUs), based on MCCF position of record in support of master plans. He reported that the County has approved but unbuilt projects (residential & commercial) in the pipeline sufficient for 8 years of construction at current rate, which will, even in the absence of any new projects, put continuing pressure on County infrastructure.

Public Relations Committee. President Goldstein noted the need for an appointee to handle this responsibility.

Bylaws Committee. Chair Luella Mast reported that all proposed revisions have been presented in the Newsletter and are ready for final decision at next Delegates' meeting.

Public Safety Committee. Chuck Floyd reported on plans to invite Police Chief Manger to speak at the Nov. 12 regular meeting. He will also provide readout on County Inspector General's report on public safety officials' alleged overtime and double-dipping and on the MCPS MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the County police. Chuck also noted the growing concerns about BRAC (shift of military facilities) and indicated that he will provide report on the work of the Montgomery County BRAC committee (including an article for the next Newsletter).

Transportation Committee: In the absence of Chairman Byron Bloch, President Goldstein reported that Byron

continues to work on the possibility of reflective stripes for County roads, asking for a pilot program.

Program Committee. Chairman Arnie Gordon led discussion of upcoming meetings. Based on motion (7 for, 5 opposed, 0 abstaining), it was agreed that the topic of the June meeting would be the WSSC. If speakers from the WSSC are not available, there will be an extended business meeting. Other agreed programs: briefing for members (new and old) at July potluck, Department of Permitting Services (September), Forest Conservation/trees (October) and Police Chief Manger (November). Other suggestions include programs inviting the NAACP, the Arlington County Civic Association or a Fairfax County global civic organization, or Brett Linkletter, the County's tree arborist. Suggested topics include programs on Special Education in Montgomery County and the justice system in the county (Circuit Court judges).

Regarding the annual awards banquet (held in May), it was agreed by acclamation that a committee would be formed in the autumn to address pending issues (need for chair, need for procedures reference binder, informing sponsoring news organizations of planned awards, location of Journal cup, etc.). As per motion (10 for, 0 opposed, 1 abstaining), the annual MCCF potluck dinner will be held at Peggy Dennis' home on Wednesday, July 11.

Public Finance and Utilities Committee. Chairman Marvin Weinman reported on latest County budget developments. He noted the County Council vote on the capital and operating budgets was on May 17, and said that final figures were to be released May 23. Given the budget implications, he agreed to work with Peggy Dennis on the orphan road project.

Membership Committee. Peggy Dennis suggested consideration of changing MCCF organization back to five districts based on councilmanic districts instead of the current eight districts based on State legislative districts. It was agreed that the Federation would re-visit this question in the autumn.

Legislation/Committee for Montgomery (CFM). Chairman Dan Wilhelm provided information on the new members for the Board of CFM (limited to 40 members) and noted that it is likely that there will be a special session of the state legislature in Annapolis this autumn to consider pressing budget questions.

New Business. Al Geske and Pat Price, Rock Creek Palisades Citizens' Association, reported on the concern of their association regarding the high fees which the County plans to assess for the neighborhood signs that the association wants to erect. Following their presentation and discussion, the Excom passed a motion (8 for, 1 opposed, 1 abstaining) agreeing that



the Federation will send a letter (using draft revised by Pat Price) to the County Council objecting to imposition of fees for installation of neighborhood signs.
The meeting adjourned at 9:58 PM.

2007 Awards Banquet



Council President Marilyn Praisner presents the Star Cup to Jim Humphrey

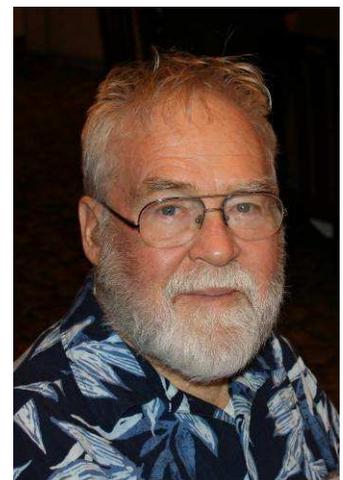
Councilmember Duchy Trachtenberg presents the Gazette Award to Kelli Jones, Life Skills Workshop



Councilmember Phil Andrews presents the Sentinel Award to Bobbi Walton and members of Common Cause Maryland



President Wayne Goldstein with State Senator Mike Lenett and State Delegate Anne Kaiser



George Sauer, past President

MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS 2006-2007

Action Committee for Transit	North Hills of Sligo Creek Civic Association*
Allanwood-Gayfields-Wilson Hills-Gaywood Estates	Northwood-Four Corners Civic Association
Bannockburn Civic Association	Layhill South Citizens Association
Boyds Civic Association	Parkwood Residents Association
Bradley Boulevard Citizens Association	Potomac Pond Homeowners Association*
Brook Manor Estates Homeowner Association	Potomac Towne Homeowners Association
Carderock Springs Citizens Association	Preserve at Small's Nursery
Chevy Chase Valley Citizens Associations	Randolph Civic Association
Chevy Chase West Neighborhood Association	Regency Estates Citizens Association
Citizens Coordinating Committee on Friendship Heights*	Riverhill Homeowners Association, Inc.
Clarksburg Civic Association	Rock Creek Palisades Citizens Association*
Congressional Forest Community Association	Seven Oaks-Evanswood Citizens Association
Deerfield Weathered Oak Citizens Association	Snowdens Mill Homeowners Association
Edgemore Citizens Association, Inc.	Sonoma Citizens Association
Forest Estates Community Association	South Four Corners Citizens Association
Good Hope Estates Civic Association, Inc.	South Tuckerman Inverness Citizens Association
Glen Echo Heights Citizens Association	Springbrook Forest Citizens Association
Greater Colesville Citizens Association, Inc.	Stonegate Citizens Association
Greater Goshen Civic Association	Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association
Greater Olney Civic Association	The Greater Shady Grove Alliance
Grosvenor Park Condominium Citizens Association, Inc.	The Hillandale Citizens Association
Indian Spring Citizens Association	Town of Kensington
Kensington Heights Citizens Association	Town of Somerset
Kenwood Park Citizens Association	Tulip Hill Citizens Association
Manor Lake Civic Association	West Bradley Citizens Association
Maplewood Citizens Association	West Montgomery County Citizens Association
Montgomery County Taxpayers League	Wheaton Citizens Association
Norbeck Meadows Civic Association, Inc.	Wheaton Regional Park Neighborhood Association
	Wildwood Manor Citizens Association
	Woodside Park Civic Association

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS 2006-2007

Nathaniel (French) Caldwell	Caren W. Madsen
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* Dues paid through 2007-2008

MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

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Name of Organization/Individual _____ Date _____

Number of Households (Approx) _____ Annual Dues (see below) \$ _____

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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 via US Mail unless he/she elects to receive an email notice that the newsletter is available 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.

1.	Name (President+)		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	
	City, State, Zip		Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
2.	Name		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	
	City, State, Zip		Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
3.	Name		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	
	City, State, Zip		Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
4.	Name		Phone (H/W)	
	Street		E-mail Address	
	City, State, Zip		Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

+President of applying organization or permanent substitute designated by the president.

Federation Meeting

Monday, June 11
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium
County Council Office Building.
100 Maryland Ave.
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

- 7:45 Call to Order
- 7:46 Introduction and Announcements
- 7:55 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- 7:56 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- 8:00 Election of New Officers
- 8:05 Planning/ & Land Use Resolution
- 8:15 Bylaws amendments vote
- 8:30 Committee Reports
- 9:00 Member Issues
- 9:10 Old Business
- 9:20 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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NEXT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, June 20, 7:45 p.m.

Julius West Middle School

651 Great Falls Road, Rockville



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