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## June Program: County Growth Proposals by Jim Humphrey, Planning and Land Use Chairman

Our program for the Civic Federation's June 8 meeting will be on county growth proposals. The topics will include the Planning Department proposals being made to the Planning Board for changes to the county growth policy for the upcoming two years, which the County Council will then consider this fall; the revision of the master plans for five county communities which the Council intends to act on in the next 12 months; and the proposed language of the new mixed-use Commercial/Residential (CR) zoning category that is intended to replace all current mixed use zones.

Bill Chen, a private attorney who often represents neighborhood associations and citizens in land use lawsuits, will address MCCF delegates on the details of

the county's zoning ordinance. The Federation's Planning and Land Use Committee will then explain how the zoning ordinance rewrite effort dovetails with Planning Department proposals for revising master plans and altering the county's growth policy.

Information on proposed growth policy changes can be found on the Planning Department's website at [http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/growth\\_policy/index.shtm](http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/research/growth_policy/index.shtm). You can access a list of related documents by clicking on "[2009-2011 Growth Policy: Growing Smarter](#)" under QuickLinks on that page.

No other issue stands to affect every facet of life for Montgomery County's residents as much as the County's growth policy will; it will impact the adequacy of schools, roads, transit systems, public safety services, parks and recreation programs, and even the budget. Please pass along the word to your friends and neighbors that the Civic Federation's June 8 program is a "must attend" event.

## On the Passing of Wayne Goldstein

Wayne Goldstein, hard working civic activist and MCCF delegate, died unexpectedly on April 27. The 56-year-old citizen advocate collapsed on his way to a Special Exception hearing in the County Council Building concerning Suburban Hospital's expansion plans, at which he was representing the Federation's position in support of Bethesda area residents.

At the time of his passing, Mr. Goldstein was serving as chair of the MCCF Education and Historic Preservation committees. He was a regular at County Council and Planning Board hearings, testifying on behalf of the Federation and other groups on a wide range of issues. Wayne was also serving terms as president of his local



neighborhood association, the Kensington Heights Citizens Association, and of the all-volunteer historic preservation advocacy group, Montgomery Preservation, Inc. (MPI).

His family has asked that any monetary donations made in Wayne's memory be sent to the non-profit "MPI", at P.O. Box 4661, Rockville MD 20849-4661.

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## July Potluck Dinner

All Lapsed Members, Current Members and Prospective New Members  
Are Cordially Invited to the

# 2009 Montgomery County Civic Federation Potluck Dinner

Friday, July 17, 2009

6:00 p.m. to whenever.....

At the home of Peggy Dennis  
11115 Fawsett Road, Potomac

Since our meetings provide little time to get to know one another, the Potluck will be mainly a social event. We will devote some time to introducing ourselves to prospective members and discussing shared issues of civic concern. We will spend more time relaxing with great food and wonderful friends. We hope to show a classic video filmed by the late Wayne Goldstein on the Clarkburg Prison, a real treat if you've never seen it! For those who wish to stay on, a full-length movie with civic overtones will also be shown. So, come and kick back, laugh and relax!

Please RSVP to Peggy at 301-983-9738 or hotyakker@comcast.net. Lapsed 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 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 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. Also, please park only on the right side of the road so enough space is left for other cars to get through safely. A flashlight is useful for finding your way back to your car in the dark.

### Time to Renew Membership and Pay Annual Dues

Please see page 11 for the Annual Membership Renewal and Application Form. The 2009-2010 membership year begins on July 1 with dues also due on July 1. Because local association treasurers rarely receive the Newsletter, we ask association presidents and delegates to take responsibility now for cutting out or downloading and printing out the Renewal Form, filling it in and getting it to your treasurer with a request to mail the form and check to our treasurer, Mr. William Schrader.

### June Meeting – Delegates To Vote

1. ON BYLAWS AMENDMENTS: Please review the proposed amendments published in the May Newsletter, page 4.
2. ON FEDERATION LEADERSHIP FOR 2009-2010. Delegates will vote at the June 8 monthly meeting on the slate of officers for the next year. The slate presented by the Nominating Committee is as follows:
  - President – Peggy Dennis
  - First Vice President – Dan Wilhelm
  - Second Vice President – Open
  - Treasurer – William Schrader
  - Recording Secretary - Open

The officers elected at the June meeting will assume office at the close of that meeting. Richard Zierdt has agreed (thank you so much, Richard!) to take up the position of Recording Secretary once again. We will vote on this at a special election (costing us \$0) at our September regular meeting

The following members have agreed to continue or assume chairing standing committees: Planning & Land Use – Jim Humphrey; Legislation & Committee for Montgomery – Dan Wilhelm; Public Finance – Marvin Weinman; Public Utilities – Chuck Lapinski; Transportation – Arnie Gordon. The incoming president will be overjoyed if the members will “confirm” these individuals at the June meeting, so they may carry on with their excellent work over the summer.

The new Federation leadership will welcome volunteers who are interested in serving in “open” positions and as chairs and members of the organization’s standing committees, particularly the Education, Environment and Public Safety committees.

## President's Message by Arnold Gordon

This will be my last column as your Civic Federation's president. I elected not to seek a second term for personal reasons including a desire to spend more time with my still expanding crew of grandchildren (soon to number nine). I have enjoyed the chance to serve you and can point to a few modest accomplishments in this past year. Foremost of these is my collaboration with Dick Kauffinger in establishing our Saturday Seminars which were well attended and the subject of much praise. In addition, as my term closes I am seeking to assure that our Web site will be revamped and made more current and comprehensive. I will continue to serve the Federation as the new President deems fit. I have requested appointment to the currently vacant Chair of the Transportation Committee.

I am grateful for the help and cooperation I have had from members of the Executive Committee especially the late Wayne Goldstein, our Planning and Land Use chairman Jim Humphrey, Marv Weinman, and Peggy Dennis, and the advice of Past President Cary Lamari.

### Wayne Goldstein

The passing of Wayne Goldstein was a blow to us all and he leaves a vacuum which will be difficult to fill. His humor, optimism and intelligence will be sorely missed. We mourn deeply his untimely demise.

## Code Enforcement

Elsewhere in this newsletter Jim Humphrey has outlined the implications of the legislation recently introduced by the County Executive regarding Code Enforcement. This will be a subject you should follow closely over the next few months as it will have a serious and direct impact on our neighborhoods.

## New Councilwoman

We congratulate our newest Councilmember, Nancy Navarro. I have recommended that we open a dialogue with her to explain our position on development and planning. I am confident that the next President will follow through on this.

## Master Plans

The current effort by the Council to pass on five master plans in the next few months virtually assures that none of them will receive the consideration they deserve. I urge you to contact your Council members and demand that the process be slowed so that all sides and views can be adequately heard and aired.

Lastly let me thank you for the opportunity and honor you gave me by electing me your President for 2008-2009.

## Hearing On Land-Use-Related Bills by Jim Humphrey, Planning and Land Use Chairman

The County Council will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of Tuesday, June 9, on a packet of three bills and an amendment to the zoning ordinance, introduced on behalf of County Executive Ike Leggett. The text of all Council legislation can be found on their website at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cs/templ.asp?url=/content/council/leg/index.asp> To sign up to testify at the June 9 hearing, call Council assistant Delphine Harriston at (240)777-7931. A short summary of the proposed legislation follows

**Zoning Text Amendment 09-03, Home Occupation - Off-street Parking.** This ZTA alters and clarifies standards for home occupations (businesses conducted in residences), and authorizes Department of Permitting Services (DPS) to issue citations for violations and conduct on-site inspections. It also defines heavy and light commercial vehicles, and limits the amount of parking on the front yard of a residential parcel.

**Bill 22-09, Violations - Appeals.** The bill authorizes an enforcement agency to issue a Notice of Violation (NOV) to a property owner or individual which may not be appealed. The enforcement agency will no longer be required to wait 30 days after issuing a NOV to issue a citation which might require corrective action or the paying of fines, an action that may be appealed to the Circuit Court. The issuing, refusal to issue, revocation or reinstatement of a Building Permit may still be appealed to the Board, but under the bill the issuance or lifting of a Stop Work Order will no longer be appealable. Bill 22-09 also revises certain Fire Code standards and sets forth appeals rights for those standards, and for solid waste and obstruction in right-of-way infractions.

**Bill 23-09, Unused Vehicles - Storage.** This bill clarifies the definition of unused vehicle, and limits the manner in which such vehicles may be stored on a residential property and length of time, plus authorizing the granting of extensions.

**Bill 24-09, Residential Building Permits - Inspection.** The bill would render invalid a building

permit for a single-family detached, townhouse, or accessory structure for either, if an approved final inspection is not recorded in the file within 18 months after the permit was issued. It also requires inspections be done within 6 months and 12 months after permit issuance, provides for deadline extensions, and states no work may be done if the permit is invalid.

### Montgomery Preservation, Inc. to hold Annual Awards Program on June 5th

Montgomery Preservation, Inc. (MPI), the countywide all-volunteer historic preservation advocacy group, will hold its 23rd Annual Awards Program on the evening of Friday, June 5. The presentation of awards will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. in the non-profit group's headquarters, the Silver Spring B&O Railroad Station, located at 8100 Georgia Avenue. The awards program will be followed by a reception and light buffet at a nearby Silver Spring restaurant. Additional information and the reservation form may be found online on the MPI website, at [www.montgomerypreservation.org](http://www.montgomerypreservation.org)

### 2009 Annual Awards Banquet The Star Cup



MCCF First Vice President passes on The Star Cup to retiring MCCF Recording Secretary and civic activist extraordinaire, Luella Mast

Delegate Ben Kramer presents Luella Mast with a citation from the legislature in Annapolis

## The Sentinel Award

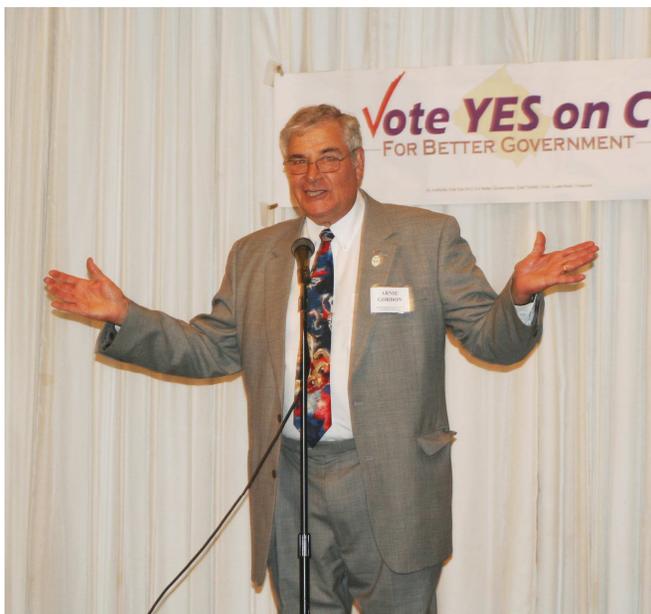


Bernard Kapiloff, publisher of the *Montgomery County Sentinel* is surrounded by representatives of groups comprising the Stormwater Partners Network which received **The Sentinel Award** for outstanding contributions to good government at the local level.

## The Gazette Award

Bob Astrove flanked by Janice Sartucci and Councilmember Marc Elrich speaks for the Parents Coalition of Montgomery County





MCCF President Arnie Gordon acts as Master of Ceremonies for the awards presentations



Peter and Peggy Dennis join MCCF Past President Cary Lamari wearing hats to honor MCCF Past President Wayne M. Goldstein



Former MCCF Legislative Chair Dale Tibbitts dives into the steamed fish



County Executive Ike Leggett and Council President Phil Andrews never miss an opportunity to try and get our troublesome budget locked down



Council President Phil Andrews, with Councilmembers Roger Berliner and Marc Elrich, and County Executive Ike Leggett remember Wayne Goldstein with Judith Pont, Wayne's "significant other" and honored guest at the banquet

## Minutes of the May 11 Regular Monthly Meeting

### By Peggy Dennis, Acting Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 8:50 by President Arnie Gordon with introductions all around.

A moment of silence was observed for the sudden passing of Wayne M. Goldstein on April 27. Wayne will be sorely missed.

**Announcements and Issues:** Carole Ann Barth announced an upcoming "Crime Summit" at Montgomery College with registration on line.

Dick Kauffunger brought up a problem with the Kensington and Chevy Chase Volunteer Fire Departments. Shifts have been split 50/50 with volunteers covering the shift from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. between volunteers and professional fire fighters. A change has been instituted without discussion so volunteers now cover two additional hours each day. Arbitrary change should be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting.

An issue was raised about the old Gude Landfill by a concerned citizen from a neighborhood adjoining the site: the county's Smart Growth Initiative proposed creating a bus depot for storage of 500 school buses over the old landfill, which has since been withdrawn, and next proposed a bulk wood processing facility on part of the site. Concerns about leaching of toxic chemicals from landfill into stormwater runoff and groundwater should be addressed before any proposal goes forward.

**Program:** Bill Matuszeski, Director of the E.P.A.'s Chesapeake Bay Program from 1991 to 2001 made an outstanding presentation on "The Chesapeake Bay: What is Wrong With It and What Can Be Done About It?" The Bay is distinguished by both its enormity and shallowness making it a biologically rich and diverse area of water, but also easily damaged. Problems arise from agricultural runoff, air pollution, poor fisheries management and stormwater runoff from developed urban and suburban areas.

- Much progress has been made in controlling agricultural runoff, but more improvement must come in control of agriculturally produced ammonia and methane gases and better controls on manure, especially from large poultry farms. Air pollution requires California standards be applied to coal fired power plants to the west of the watershed and stronger controls on auto and truck tail pipe emissions. Fisheries and shellfish industry needs better regulation to combat dead zones and depletion of stocks caused by overfishing. Biggest problem and opportunity for greatest improvement is in area of storm water runoff. Stormwater management ponds have proved a disaster, and lawns and golf greens are very bad for the environment. Best management practices are badly needed in built up areas with focus on on-site, low impact development and natural systems to infiltrate stormwater on individual lots. Builders should be required to decompact and aerate soil before seeding. Montgomery and P.G Counties are not doing well at retrofitting existing lots and neighborhoods.
- **Questions & Answers:** The Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is a good measurement tool but does not involve enforcement. Shipping in and out of Baltimore Harbor creates heavy air pollution from engine exhaust and dredging are both bad for the Bay. Cooperation with other states in the Bay's watershed should be

improving as most governors are in agreement about moving forward, but not necessarily in agreement on needed additional taxes and regulations. Taxes and tighter regulations are the solution but politically difficult to put through. Need more taxes like the Maryland “flush tax”, a Chesapeake Bay farm tax and a tax on impervious surfaces or runoff. Departments of Transportation are always the last entities to learn about and adopt best management practices.

- Best information on the Chesapeake Bay is available for free from the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay at their website: [www.bayjournal.com](http://www.bayjournal.com).

**Agenda** was adopted unanimously.

**Treasurer’s Report** was provided in writing by Mr. Schrader.

**Minutes** of the April 6 regular meeting were approved unanimously

**Proposed amendments to the bylaws**, as published in the May Newsletter were introduced by Luella Mast and Dan Wilhelm. There were no questions or discussion. The amendments will be voted on at the June regular meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** Sandy Vogelgesang presented the slate of nominees for elective office for the 2009-2010 year as printed in the May Newsletter.

**Planning & Land Use Committee:** Jim Humphrey discussed Bill 22-09, introduced in Council at request of the County Executive, which would retain authority of citizens to appeal the issuance, denial, revocation or reinstatement of a building permit. DPS would no longer need to wait 30 days after notice of violation of a building permit before issuing a citation, which will reduce or eliminate time for violation to be corrected before fines could be imposed. The right to appeal the issuance of a Stop Work Order, or the lifting of same, would be eliminated if the bill is enacted. The Council plans to approve revision of five more master plans by May 2010. The new Twinbrook Sector Plan was approved last December. Germantown is now being considered by Council, which would allow 29,000 more jobs and some 8,000 dwelling units in addition to development already approved but unbuilt. The White Flint and Gaithersburg West (aka Science City) plan revisions will follow. All told, these four master plan revisions may bring about 31,000 more dwelling units, 110,000 jobs and a minimum of 70,000 additional cars in the I-270/MD 355 corridor. Revisions to the

Kensington and Takoma/Langley Crossroads master plans are just around the corner.

**Public Finance Report:** Marvin Weinman reported that public testimony on the FY 2010 budget was not of significant value. 38 individuals testified, but there were no follow up questions from Councilmembers. The budget process has been made more difficult due to the late action by the Maryland Board of Education's denial of the County’s request for a waiver to reduce last years MCPS level of effort funding, which resulted in a \$79.5 million budget gap. This occurred in spite of the fact that the Council proposed funding was 100% of the MCPS request. The Executive remained involved in continuing negotiations with the County’s employee unions to finalize a resulting deferral of the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for FY 2010.

**Parks Report:** Carole Ann Barth is preparing a column for the *Sentinel Newspaper* on “Maintenance Mayhem” in the county’s parks. She welcomes the reporting of both specific incidents of maintenance mistakes and ongoing maintenance issues. Please submit by email to [cbarth@mindspring.com](mailto:cbarth@mindspring.com). Ms. Barth also mentioned the Rachel Carson Meadow Festival coming up on May 17 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. rain or shine.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.**

## Minutes of the May 20 Executive Committee Meeting

**By Luella Mast, Recording Secretary**

### Attendance

President Arnie Gordon, Peggy Dennis, Carole Ann Barth, Jim Humphrey, Chuck Lapinski, Luella Mast, Bill Schrader, Sandy Vogelgesang, Marvin Weinman, Dan Wilhelm, Charles Wolff, Richard Zierdt.

### Call to Order, Secretary and Treasurer's Reports

Mr. Gordon called the meeting to order at 7:55 PM at Mr. Wilhelm's home. The April 22 meeting minutes were approved. Mr. Schrader presented the Treasurer's Report. May 20 balance: \$9,842.77.

### President's Report, Mr. Gordon

The Planning Board will hold a hearing on Thursday, June 4 to discuss the possible renaming of the

playground at the Kensington Heights Neighborhood Park in honor of Wayne Goldstein. The Kensington Heights Citizens Association, of which Mr. Goldstein was President, supports this proposal. Although there was some thought to naming a future park in the Gaithersburg West Master Plan area which is to be developed on a portion of the Belward Farm property after Mr. Goldstein, the Kensington site seems more likely. Mr. Gordon sent a letter to the Planning Board supporting the dedication.

Mr. Gordon and others will contact newly elected District 4 Councilmember Navarro to arrange a meeting with her. The Executive Committee discussed the need for a chair for the Education Committee.

Mr. Gordon attended a meeting held with representatives from the local civic associations, representatives of the Montgomery College Board of Trustees, the Montgomery College Foundation, and the County Council to determine the status of the Maryland College of Art and Design property on Georgia Avenue now owned by Montgomery College. Although the neighborhood continues to push for a park and covenants on the property require single unit development or a park, the cost of purchasing the land from Montgomery College is prohibitive. Executive Committee members pointed out that funds should be available from the Legacy Open Space and Program Open Space accounts. It might be possible fund the park acquisition over several years.

Mr. Gordon has received the news release from the County Executive's office on ZTA 09-03 and Bills 22-09, 23-09 and 24-09 all relating to code enforcement. Mr. Humphrey will testify at the June 9 hearing using the positions already approved by the MCCF.

### Committee Reports

**Awards Dinner:** Ms. Dennis reported the dinner went well. The organizations selected for the Gazette and Sentinel Awards filled took four tables. Although not all bills are in, we should break even. We will not refund pre-paid dinners for those who could not attend unless specifically requested by those individuals. The Executive Committee discussed possible venue and menu changes. For the past five years the dinner has been organized by an ad-hoc committee. We need a chair for the dinner which will be held next year on Friday, May 14. It will be necessary to make a decision on the location by the end of the summer.

**Programs:** Ms. Dennis said Mr. Humphrey is preparing a program on growth and infrastructure for the June meeting. The Executive Committee members discussed

possible topics for fall 2009 programs including: The Montgomery County Department of Economic Development with Director Mr. Steve Silverman; Libraries and Media Services, including the proposed relocation of the Wheaton Library and the disposition of county governmental records located in the Rockville Library. Public Utilities might be a possible November program.

**July Potluck Dinner** Ms. Dennis asked for suggestions for the July dinner. After discussion, the Executive Committee decided that the July potluck serves several useful purposes and should be held. It will be Friday, July 17 and include an informal discussion of issues important to local civic association members. An attempt will be made to locate and show the movie made by Mr. Goldstein.

**Membership:** Ms. Vogelgesang - We have 54 association and 18 individual members.

**Bylaws and Nominating Committees:** Ms. Vogelgesang reported that the vote on the bylaws changes and the slate as nominated will take place at the June regular meeting. Open positions include Second Vice President, Secretary, and three Directors.

**Planning and Land Use Committee:** Mr. Humphrey - Testimony on the Housing Element of the County General Plan. Mr. Humphrey will testify on Thursday, May 21 using the testimony he circulated to the Executive Committee. There is a disconnect between the goals of the housing element rewrite and policies adopted by the Planning Board. Although the goal is affordable housing, the Housing Element revision recommends housing in metro-center areas where land costs are the highest. Four percent of the county's land is in underdeveloped green field areas, places with little or no transit service where we should not focus new housing. The MCCF supports increased density within limits provided the infrastructure is in place and that funds are available to maintain the infrastructure.

**ZTA 09-03 and Bills 22-09, 23-09 and 24-09:** Mr. Humphrey reviewed this legislative package which will make changes to the county code for several residential zones and in the enforcement and appeals process for building permits. He will write an article for the June newsletter explaining these proposals. Mr. Humphrey will testify before the Council at the hearing on June 9 (7:30 pm).

**Council Council Master Plan Schedule** Mr. Humphrey continues to be concerned about the limited time that the Council will have to study the five master plans they want to take up over the next 16 months.

By law, the Council may not make land use decisions after October 31, since 2010 is an election year. No council has been able to complete a work load of this magnitude. Mr. Humphrey moved that the MCCF send a letter to the Council expressing our concern about the densities proposed in all plans and the lack of infrastructure, especially transportation, in place to support the those densities. Motion seconded, passed unanimously. Mr. Wilhelm will send Mr. Humphrey's testimony to Federation members so they understand the serious problems which will result from the density/infrastructure disconnect.

**Planning Board Candidate Interviews:** Mr. Lapinski provided a list of the nine candidates for the Planning Board seat which will be open with Commissioner John Robinson's retirement. Mr. Lapinski will select a place and dates for the interviews. Since several individuals have already been interviewed it will not be necessary to interview all nine. Mr. Lapinski is waiting for council staff to provide background information on the candidates.

**Public Finance Committee:** Mr. Weinman reviewed the financial options for the county as a result of the decision by the State Board of Education to require that the County meet the maintenance of effort provisions in state law. Although the County can appeal the denial, it is not expected to do so. Council members will take a straw vote on the 2010 budget on Thursday, May 21. Final budget decisions must be made by June 1.

Mr. Weinman reported that Councilmember Leventhal's bill to reduce the number of county advisory committees includes a proposal to combine recreational advisory committees with the relevant county advisory committees.

**Parks Committee:** Ms. Barth attended the meeting to review options for the Sligo Creek golf course. As of October 1 it will no longer be a golf course operated under the County Revenue Authority. There is a proposal to turn it into a frisbee course. This would seem to be the best idea for the neighbors as it would keep the property in use for recreation and require minimal changes in course design. In Prince George's County golf courses are recognized as a county amenity and it is acceptable to operate them at a loss. In Montgomery County courses are expected to be financially self-supporting. By operating them as part of the Revenue Authority the County has off-set operational losses from the public gold courses with profits from the county's Department of Liquor Control.

**Sentinel Column:** Mr. Humphrey - The expected column length is 800 to 1000 words. All committee chairs are strongly encouraged to submit material.

**Public Utilities Committee:** Mr. Lapinski - Conditions continue the same at WSSC. Legislation to give the Maryland Public Service Commission greater authority which failed in the 2009 session will be taken up by a State Legislative committee this fall.

**Public Relations Committee:** Mr. Humphrey reported the web developer he contacted is not available to work with MCCF at this time. Mr. Gordon will invite the potential web master who has reviewed our site to the June Executive Committee meeting.

**Legislation and Committee for Montgomery (CfM):** Mr. Wilhelm - The CfM will meet in June and July to discuss the State budget.

**Newsletter assignments:** Ms. Dennis reviewed assignments for the June newsletter.

### Old Business

Potential Executive Committee members contacted by Ms. Dennis prefer to meet regularly in the same place. Possible meeting places include a county regional center or the Viers Mill Recreation Center. Ms. Dennis will investigate possible sites. The Treasurer is responsible for Executive Committee meeting site logistics. The June 17 Executive Committee meeting will be at Ms. Vogelgesang's.

### New Business

The Goldstein family has requested that memorial donations be made to Montgomery Preservation, Inc. After discussion Mr. Gordon moved that the MCCF donate \$100 to MPI. He amended the motion to change the amount to \$250. The motion passed: 7 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstaining.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR RENEWAL

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

Make checks payable to **Montgomery County Civic Federation**

**Mail To:** William H. Schrader (Treasurer)                      **Inquiries** Dan Wilhelm (1st VP and Database)

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Name of Organization/Individual \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

Membership Type	Number of Households	PLEASE CHECK	DUES	Max Number of Members	Voting Privileges
<b>Local Association</b> (civic, community, homeowner or municipality. Must represent at least 30 households - not paid members. Can not be a single local issue group.)	10 to 50		\$25*	1	Yes
	51 to 300		\$45*	2	
	301 to 600		\$65*	3	
	601+		\$85*	4	
<b>Umbrella Association</b> (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	
<b>Regional or County-Wide Organization</b> (environmental, transportation, or other civic/community).	50+ memberships, not households		\$45*	2	Yes
<b>Individual Associate</b>	(not applicable)		\$20*	1	No
<b>Associate Group</b> (Gov't agency, business, or other organization)	(not applicable)		\$85*	2	No

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	City, State, Zip	Put email address in directory: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
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\*\*President of applying organization or permanent substitute designated by the president.

### **Federation Meeting**

Monday, June 8, 2009  
7:45 1st Floor Auditorium  
County Council Office Building.  
100 Maryland Avenue  
Rockville, MD

Agenda:

- 7:45 Call to Order
- 7:46 Introductions and Announcements
- 7:50 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
- 7:55 Treasurer's Report
- 7:58 Approval of May 11 Minutes
- 8:00 Program on County's Growth Proposals
- 9:15 Vote on Amendments to Bylaws
- 9:22 Vote on Nominees for Elective Office
- 9:30 Committee Reports
- 9:45 Old Business
- 9:55 New Business
- 10:00 Adjournment

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