

RFCA General Membership Meeting

October 17, 2019

Minutes

Introduction

The October 17, 2019, General Membership Meeting was held at the Ravensworth Elementary School, Springfield, VA. Allan Robertson, President, called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. The minutes from the May 16, 2019, General Membership Meeting were approved. The meeting was broadcast on Facebook Live.

Business Meeting

Budget – John Ritchie presented the FY 2019-2020 Budget which was approved by the membership unanimously.

Announcement

Lake Accotink Update – Allan Roberson

- The Lake will be staying indefinitely and will be dredged every year or two, although the plan for dredging will not be available until next year. Dredging will begin in 2021 or 2022.
- A Bond will not be necessary. The cost of the program came down, and a storm maintenance tax on residents will not increase now but may in the future.
 - Reduction in cost due to elimination of the forebay, which was determined as non-efficient.

Fall Festival will be held on October 26, 2019, from 2-4 PM in partnership with the Community of Christ Church. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Allan Robertson or Scott Houghton.

Lake Accotink Activities for October 19, 2019 – Jim Hickey

- Dog Costume Contest – 1 PM
- Smores
- Hayrides
- Treasure Hunt
- History

Membership Dues will be collected in front of the school on Election Day, November 5, 2019.

Tom Harms – Sara Ortiz

- When Tom's daughter sends the information regarding services and burial, Sara will post on Facebook.

Feature Presentation

Tami Sheaffer, with the Fairfax County Park Authority spoke on its education program, Watch the Green Grow. The purpose of the program is to protect our forests and streams by incorporating best practices in caring for our yards and disposing of our yard waste properly. Several tips include:

- Remove and dispose of invasive plants such as English Ivy, and Kudzu in plastic bags and put in your regular trash.
- Reduce use of pesticides and fertilizers.
- Recycle grass clippings.
- Scoop the poop.
- Dispose of yard waste properly; use paper bags for pick-up or compost; do not dump in the park.

Candidates Night

Chair – Board of Supervisors

Jim McKay – Lee District Supervisor

- When first elected, Springfield Mall was deteriorating; TSA Hqs. was being built, bringing in jobs.
- Chaired Budget Committee
 - Returned county to AAA Bond Rating.
 - Kept vital services.
 - Fully funded School Budget this year.
- Diversion First Program for mental health offenders, which received awards from across the country.

Joseph Galdo – Did not respond to request to attend the General Membership Meeting.

Braddock District Supervisor

Jason Remer

- Has lived in the district for 18 years and has six children.
- Worked on the Hill for one year.
- Worked 37 ½ years as licensed engineer and would be the only engineer on the board.
- Has his own company.
- Considers the tax increase unsustainable and would like to do something about it.
- Interested in renewable energy and providing clean, affordable energy. And he has an electric scooter.
- Would like to take a leadership role in the Diversion First Program

James Walkinshaw

- Lives in Ravensworth Farm.
- Chief of Staff for Gerry Connolly.
- Wants to be our neighborhood advocate.

- Issues
 - Carbon emissions on Fairfax County Parkway and Rt. 66.
 - Education in Schools.
 - Transportation
 - Expand VRE
 - Braddock Road improvement
 - Final Design
 - State funding rejected twice
 - Lose left lane at Inverchapel
 - Port Royal light going away – Braddock Rd E Exit
 - Keep open spaces.
 - Lake Accotink – improve water shed and eventually get rid of the pipeline.
- Endorsements
 - Chair Bulova
 - Sierra Club
 - Firefighters

Adjourn: 8:45 PM