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Peggy Dennis seems overjoyed to pass on the final result of months of work - a detailed study by the MCCF Transportation Committee of "The Orphaned Roads of Montgomery County" - to Jennifer Hughes, Special Assistant to County Executive Ike Leggett.



Chuck Lapinski, Co-Chair of MCCF's Public Finance Committee, demonstrates the weight of the county's FY 2008 Operating Budget. March program presenters to the right are: Councilmembers Phil Andrews and Marc Elrich; and Joe Beach, Acting Director of the county's Office of Management and Budget.

April Program: Montgomery County's Parks

by Arnold Gordon, First Vice-President

For our program on April 9 we will have Ms. Mary Bradford, Director of County Parks, Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission (M-NC/PPC) with us to make a presentation on the status of our county parks. This program will be particularly timely because she will be discussing the financing of our parks, the budget's implications for their future maintenance and expansion, and the division of taxes between municipalities and the county.

There are many issues regarding the administration and financing of our parks with which we should be more familiar and which will enlighten our own deliberations as we seek to assure the preservation and expansion of our park system. The format of the program will be a 30-40 minute presentation followed by a question and

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answer period.

We have asked that Ms. Bradford address the following issues:

- Resources and budget for the parks, present and proposed
- Proposed capital and operating budgets for parks preservation, rehabilitation and maintenance
- The organization, strength and deployment of park personnel and police
- Park employee salary and benefits
- The ability of park personnel to afford living in the county and the need for such facilities as have been proposed for "workforce housing"
- Plans for new parkland acquisitions, if any
- The department's role in overall conservation efforts and attitude toward conservation easements (including those now being initiated in Rural Neighborhood Cluster zones) and their enforcement
- Methods for financing park and golf course operations
- Park Police operations including whether the Park Police may be merged into the MCPD
- Current controversies regarding division of tax revenues for parks among the incorporated municipalities and the county

Bernie Fiskén to Receive Community Hero Award

by Jim Humphrey
Chair, Planning and Land Use Committee

At its April 9 meeting, the MCCF will present Bethesda resident Bernie Fiskén with an award naming him a Montgomery County Community Hero. He is being honored for his commitment to civic advocacy in the areas of zoning and the environment.

Mr. Fiskén serves as Liaison Officer on Land Use Matters to the HOA Board of the Villages of Bethesda (VOB), the subdivision in which he and his wife live. Over the past year and a half, he has educated himself in the intricacies of County zoning law, master planning, and the development approval process. All the while, Bernie headed a team negotiating with the developer of a property adjacent to his townhouse community, attempting to save a stand of trees on the

site and to make the project more compatible with its neighbors. To his credit and the developer's as well, nineteen changes have been made to the project since its initial proposal.

Although the VOB has too few homes to qualify it to join the Federation, Bernie joined MCCF as an Associate Member and regularly attends our meetings. Prior to testifying before the Planning Board for the first time, he attended their Thursday meetings to better understand the Board's procedures and the Commissioners' concerns. And Mr. Fiskén has been a party of record in a rezoning case before the Hearing Examiner in which his testimony was referred to as "provocative" and "compelling."

For his volunteerism in defending quality of life issues that enhance our county, the MCCF is pleased to name Bernie Fiskén a Community Hero.

Proposed Resolution on Transportation Safety Issue

by Byron Bloch, Transportation Committee Chairman

At my recent testimony before the Montgomery County Council on Bill 48-06, Streets and Roads - Comprehensive Revisions, I made a series of recommendations, one of which was to encourage reflective materials for road striping. I now offer the following resolution for discussion and, I hope, an affirmative vote by delegates at our meeting on April 9.

RESOLUTION: In order to enhance pedestrian, bicyclist and automotive traffic safety at night, especially in rain or foggy conditions, Montgomery County Civic Federation urges the County to adopt and implement the use of *reflective striping* for many of our roads.

Justifications: *Reflective striping significantly improves night-time perception* of center line striping, multi-lane striping, bicycle lane striping, and pedestrian crossings. The use of imbedded glass and plastic beads in adhesive bonding paint-like materials reflect the vehicle's headlight illumination back to the driver's eyes thus making striping much more visible.

Cost Effective: While the initial cost of the reflective paint-like materials is slightly more expensive, their increased safety benefits (and thus, fewer accidents and injuries) and greater durability and longevity (thus less frequent need for re-painting) makes its cost over time very beneficial to the County's budget.

Analogous reflective materials have been well-established and are currently used in reflective STOP signs, in many street signs, and when road work situations require that drivers be especially alert to road work, lane deviations, and other obstacles ahead.

In certain road and traffic situations, the use of upraised reflective markers (sometimes called "Bott's Dots"), should also be used, in addition to the reflective striping, to further delineate the center striping and multiple lanes.

Montgomery County should take a leadership position in the adoption and use of reflective striping on many of our streets and highways. Citizens and civic associations should be given the opportunity to recommend streets and highways for such implementation.

Legality of Clarksburg Development Districts Questioned

by Jim Humphrey, Chair, MCCF Planning and Land Use Committee

On March 20, the Planning and Land Use (PLU) Committee received a report from the Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee (CTCAC) on their investigation into the legitimacy of the process being used to create "Development Districts" in the Clarksburg area. Such special taxing areas have been used as a funding mechanism by the County in the Germantown area. After creating a Development District, the county can levy a tax on owners of property within that area to pay off bonds issued to fund specified infrastructure improvements.

Earlier this year, the PLU Committee had received queries from Clarksburg residents about the process proposed for creation of Development Districts there, and had initiated a study of this issue. A concern was that new owners have secured mortgage loans to purchase homes with no certain knowledge of the

amount of the tax liability they might be asked to shoulder. We discovered that CTCAC was engaged in its own investigation, and are grateful to them for conducting the lion's share of the research. This involved locating some related documents written more than a decade ago and analyzing those as well as relevant provisions of county and state law.

Chief among the allegations leveled by CTCAC is that the Clarksburg Town Center Development District, as proposed, would tax homeowners to pay for road and sewer improvements that are the financial responsibility of the developer, Newland Communities, assigned as part of the development approval process. A similar allegation is made regarding two other Development Districts proposed for new subdivisions in the upcounty community--Elm Street Development's Clarksburg Village and Artery's Arora Hills project.

In their report, CTCAC also alleges that the timing for creation of the three Clarksburg taxing areas does not meet the requirements in the Clarksburg Master Plan or in county law. In addition, CTCAC asserts that the 2003 Council resolution to establish the Town Center district required approval by 80% of the owners of real property within that subdivision, yet none of the new homeowners were notified of pending Council action.

A committee of citizens was also appointed last year by then-County Executive Doug Duncan to look into this issue, and named the Clarksburg Development District Advisory Committee (CDDAC). Coincidentally, the CDDAC released their findings on March 21. The conclusions in the report from this committee are consistent with those reached in the CTCAC analysis. The full text of both reports can be accessed on the internet, by clicking on a link on the homepage of the CTCAC website--www.ctcacnews.com.

Bylaws Changes

By Luella Mast, Bylaws Committee Chair

The Executive Committee and the Bylaws Committee (Peggy Dennis, Dan Wilhelm, Richard Zierdt and Luella Mast) recommend the changes below to the MCCF Bylaws. Sections to be changed are listed under the Articles in which they are found. Words to

be deleted are shown in italics with brackets. Words to be added are underlined. An explanation and brief justification of the change follows each section. We will discuss these proposed changes and make any corrections to them that you wish to make at the April meeting. We will take a final vote on these changes at our May meeting.

Article IV. Officials and Organizations

Section 4. There shall be the appointed offices of Historian, Newsletter Editor, [*Parliamentarian*], Database Manager, and Public Relations Officer who shall be nominated by the President and confirmed by the Membership.

Section 8. Parliamentarian. A Parliamentarian may be appointed by the President.

Recommended Change: Delete the Parliamentarian from the list of appointed officers to be confirmed by the membership. Add a new Section 8 covering the appointment of the Parliamentarian and renumber the subsequent sections in Article IV. **Reason:** According to Roberts Rules of Order, the Parliamentarian is appointed by the President when the President feels that service would be helpful. He is not confirmed by the Membership.

Article VI. Election of Officers

Section 4. Voting. Voting shall be [*either by secret ballot or*] by hand count, [as determined by majority vote at the Annual Meeting.] except in contested elections when a secret ballot shall be used for the contested position(s).

Recommended Change: Delete confusing wording in the first sentence. The rest of Section 4 is unchanged. **Reason:** Clarify when voting for officers should be by hand count and when by ballot.

Section 5. Term. Officers shall serve for a term of one year or until their successors are duly elected. Any official not subsequently certified as a delegate by a member organization shall continue to serve until the end of the next Annual Meeting in June.

Recommended Change: add "in June." **Reason:** Clarify when the term of office ends.

Article X. Meetings of the Federation

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Federation shall be held at a time and place to be determined by the Executive Committee. [*on the second Monday of each month, except in July and August, unless otherwise determined by Affirmative Vote of the Federation or Executive Committee.*]

Recommended Change: Delete reference to specific days of the week and months. **Reason:** Simplify language setting the dates for the regular meetings and to make it easier to change the meeting date if we decide to do so.

Section 3. Special Meeting. A special meeting may be called by the Executive Committee or upon written petition of ten member associations with a minimum of five (5) days notice being given. Only such business as the meeting was called to consider may be discussed or acted upon at such meeting.

Recommended Change: specify the minimum number of days notice required in order to call a special regular meeting. **Reason:** Clarify the requirements for notice when a special regular meeting is called.

[**Section 4. Meeting Place.** *The place of all meetings shall be fixed from time to time by the Membership or by the Executive Committee.*]

Recommended Change: Delete language already covered in Section 1 by deleting all of Section 4. Renumber the following sections. **Reason:** Section 4 duplicates Section 1.

Article XI. Conduct of Federation Meetings

[**Section 2. Order of Business.** *The following normal order is established for Regular Meetings. Programs, speakers, and special reports will be scheduled within this order as appropriate by the Executive Committee or President.*

- a. Call to order
- b. Announcements and Introductions
- c. Review and Adoption of Agenda
- d. Approval of Minutes
- e. Secretary's Report
- f. Treasurer's Report, Presentation of Bills

- g. *Report of Executive Committee*
- h. *Specific Items of Old Business*
- i. *Specific Items of New Business*
- j. *Adjournment*]

Recommended Change: Delete the entire section. Renumber the following sections. **Reason:** The current wording does not reflect current practice and is too restrictive. Information on the order of business is found in Roberts Rules of Order and does not need to be repeated in the bylaws. The vote to put this information in the Standing Rules was made at the February regular meeting.

Article XII. Meetings of the Executive Committee

Section 2. Special Meetings. A special meeting may be called by the President or upon written request of at least five members with a minimum of three (3) days notice being given. Only such business as the meeting was called to consider may be discussed or acted upon at the meeting.

Recommended Change: specify the minimum number of days notice required in order to call a special Executive Committee meeting. **Reason:** Clarify the requirements for notice when a special Executive Committee meeting is called.

Section 4. Quorum and Majority. A quorum shall be met if either seven officers or a majority of the Executive Committee are present. [*An Affirmative Vote for*] Executive Committee action shall require a majority vote. [*of members present, except that action on a policy matter shall require at least twelve votes.*]

Recommended Change: Delete reference to "Affirmative Vote." **Reason:** Remove words [*Affirmative Vote*] which have different meanings in different Articles of these bylaws. Clarify the number of votes required for Executive Committee action.

Article XV. Annual Achievement Awards

Section 5. Recipients of the Star Cup shall not have possession of the original trophy for which the award is named, but shall be given a suitably engraved [*small cup as a permanent*] memento [*of the award*].

Recommended Change: Delete reference to a

specific kind of award. **Reason:** The current wording is too restrictive. We currently give a variety of permanent mementos. We have not given a "small cup" in some years.

Want More Clout to Help Protect Your Community?!?!

If so, sign up or propose volunteers for the following elective offices in the Civic Federation:

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Eight District Vice Presidents (one from each state legislative district)
- Recording Secretary
- Treasurer

There is **special need** for new nominations for Recording Secretary and Vice Presidents in Districts 17 and 39. To volunteer or suggest a nominee, contact any member of the Nominating Committee:

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Charles Wolff : 301-585-9744 wolff99@starpower.net

Deadline for nominations to the Nominating Committee: **April 25.** The Committee will publish the final list in the May Newsletter and present the slate at the general Federation meeting in May.

The Bylaws committee will meet on Thursday, April 12 at 7:15 pm at Hollywood East on the Boulevard, 2621 University Boulevard West in Wheaton. Please contact Luella Mast, Chair (301-384-4178 or luellam@comcast.net) if you wish to join us or if you have suggestions for bylaws revisions.

Also, please think about which day/week of the month works best in terms of your ability to attend our regular monthly meeting

Education Matters

by Mark R. Adelman, Chair, MCCF Education Committee

We are now preparing our testimony on the County Executive's proposed FY2008 Operating Budget, to be given before the County Council in April. We would welcome your suggestions regarding this matter.

My time of service as Chair of the MCCF Education Committee will end in June. The Executive Committee is already seeking a new Chair and has asked me to assist them by describing the responsibilities of the Education Committee and what we have done over the past few years. I will do so in my next two newsletter articles (May and June, 2007), time and space permitting. In the interim, if you are interested in serving, or know someone who may be, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Minutes of the March 12, 2007 Regular Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

MCCF President Wayne Goldstein calls the meeting to order at 7:48 pm with introductions. 34 are present at this time. 43 ultimately sign attendance sheets.

Minutes of the February 12, 2007 meeting are approved.

Committee Reports.

Transportation Committee: Peggy Dennis. For FY 2007, \$250K was allocated to study roads that are publicly dedicated but unimproved and privately maintained. Peggy presented to Jennifer Hughes, Special Assistant to County Exec. Ike Leggett, an already completed study. The MCCF study lists and describes all such roads, lays out recommendations for setting up a system to facilitate their future improvement, and advocates spending the \$250,000 towards that end. Congratulations are offered by the assembly for a job well done.

Environment Committee. Wayne Goldstein introduces Eileen Faden and Bob Ward (representing Steve Kanstoroom). Mr. Ward attempts (unsuccessfully) to show two power point features on a computer, one about illegal dumping, and one about Hurricane Isabel victims (Ms. Faden is one) and flood insurance. County Councilmember Marc Elrich says that Maryland State has decided that moving the dumped material might cause more environmental damage than letting it sit. If it is not removed, Marc believes it might better be distributed over a wider area, to learn what's been dumped. If it does contain hazardous materials, those should be removed. Jerry Garson identifies the locations of several other illegal dumps.

Program.

Montgomery County's FY 2008 Operating Budget. Chuck Lapinski presides. Guests: Joseph Beach, Acting Director of the County's Office of Management and Budget, and County Councilmembers Phil Andrews and Marc Elrich.

Phil Andrews: This will be a tougher year than before. Retirement obligations are coming due. Starting at about \$30M per year, rising up to \$130M per year. Revenue is slower. Large increases in personnel costs, benefits, and retirement must be paid. Phil believes the new county executive's vision will be less expansive than the last four years.

Marc Elrich: We need to look at the long term for all grants, which often reduce financial support over time. We were looking at 200 additional police officers. The long-term costs of these positions must be understood. We need more effective associated impact fees on growth. Commercial property is taxed disproportionately lower than residential. Maryland has one of the lowest tax rates on businesses.

Joe Beach distributes a 6-page handout that describes the County's FY 2007 budget, then Mr. Beach explains it.

Chuck: Teacher salaries drive the salary increases for the rest of the county's employees. Other groups of county employees want what the teachers have.

Marvin Weinman: 80% of the budget is personnel costs. It is a three-year budget. There has never been a public debate about salary compensation. School population has dropped by over 2000 students. High school construction costs are exorbitant; \$82M is the cost for Richard Montgomery High School.

Q. Can the Council reconsider contracts? A. Yes, the Council can reject and send back contract agreements with concerns. Q. Did you say a 20% increase in income tax rate? A. No, a 20% increase in income tax revenue.

Q. How about a "County Stat" program, similar to Baltimore City? A. The county executive wants to start such a program. Q. What about energy waste, such as lights left on all night at schools? Is this energy efficient? A. It's up to the school board. The big money is in personnel costs. Every agency is supposed to have a resource conservation plan. We need to look at why many construction contracts always come in over budget.

Q. Why don't we have standard school design? A. The IG has requested to examine construction contracts. There is a new procurement director.

Q. Where does the Council feel it can save money in education? A. Better procurement. Reduced size of the central office. No time spent on test preparation.

Q. Where are we on zero-based budgeting? A. Beefed-up OLO (Office of Legislative Oversight) reviews various agencies, starting with fire and rescue.

Q. Accountability? Are we getting what we're paying for? [Questioner could not get school test scores.] A. The fraud in data is coming from the State, not the County, which uses State figures.

Q. What are you going to do about the waste, fraud, and abuse in the county? Exorbitant salary increases? A. You have to change the culture. There hasn't been much bargaining between the county and its unions in the past.

Q. What do we get for our 54% of the budget that goes to education? A. Early childhood is important, especially between 1 and 3 years of age.

Phil Andrews: Mentions that HB 918 - now in House Ways and Means Committee - would authorize the counties to enact campaign finance laws for county offices.

Committee Reports (continued).

Environment Committee. The County Council is holding a public forum on global warming on Wednesday, March 14, from 2:30 - 5 PM. This forum will be rebroadcast on Cable channel 6. Topics covered will be energy use in buildings and transportation, and the role of trees in local cooling and reducing global warming gases.

Education Committee. Kathie Hulley. The Kingsley Wilderness Project is for teenagers who otherwise drop out of school. This school is next to the Clarksburg jail. It can house 27 pupils, but now holds 16 students. School Superintendent Dr. Weast wants to close the facility. The cost of housing adult inmates at the Patuxent Institution (jail) is over \$37K per year. It's better to help troubled youngsters before they become adult offenders. The Wilderness program is important. Also, the Mark Twain School is scheduled to close in three years. Luella mentions that the Conservation Corp may be an alternative.

Housing Committee. Jim Humphrey. The Office of Legislative Oversight (OLO) is compiling a report for Council on the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit (MPDU) Program compliance. Gilligan, Humphrey and Goldstein met with OLO staff on March 7. OLO reports and work program are posted on their home page--go to County website, click on Departments, then on OLO.. The committee is still investigating the Community Land Trust's model for creating affordable housing, and contacted the City of Baltimore regarding leasehold contracts on publicly owned land.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey. County Council Planning, Housing, and Economic Development (PHED) Committee will have a work session on residential infill construction (teardown/rebuilds) on March 19. On March 12, the

PHED Committee heard an interim report on growth policy recommendations: financing, public facilities, etc. Wrap-up of MCCF Site Plan Enforcement Study should be released mid-April. Sign up begins March 14 for the Rockville Library renaming hearing--call Office of County Executive at 240-777-2500. Two vacancies are opening on the Planning Board--application deadline is April 17. Acting Director of the Planning Department is also leaving. MCCF will try to screen applicants.

Bylaws Committee. Peggy moves changes to the bylaws as published in the March Newsletter. Seconded. Passes 14-0-2. Approval of the Standing Rules as published in the March Newsletter is moved and seconded. Passes 14-0-1.

Meeting adjourns at 9:57 pm.

Minutes of the March 21, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting

by Richard Zierdt, Recording Secretary

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

MCCF Immediate past-president Dan Wilhelm calls meeting to order at 7:52 pm. Present: Wilhelm, Dennis, Mast, Zierdt, Floyd, Vogelgesang, Schrader, Humphrey, Weinman, Sauer, Wolff, Gordon, Adelman.

Minutes. Minutes of the February 21, 2007 Executive Committee Meeting are amended as follows in the Planning and Land Use Committee report, last sentence: "Jim suspects that it is as if land use attorneys are waiting for redevelopment plans to be submitted so they can recommend to the developer that higher densities might be achieved." Minutes of the February 21, 2007 meeting are approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report. Luella Mast. Bank Balance is \$8754.12 as of March 21, 2007. Luella asks for funding, up to \$35, for one hardback copy of Roberts

Rules of Orders. Seconded. Motions fails 3-4-2.

Education Committee. Mark Adelman. [8:00 MCCF president Wayne Goldstein arrives]. Mark announces he is stepping down as MCCF Education Committee Chair at the end of June.

Cost of Awards Dinner. Peggy Dennis, Luella Mast. Suggests \$26 per person / \$45 per couple (advance notice), and \$30/\$50 at the door. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously, 10-0-0.

Environment Committee. Wayne Goldstein distributes a proposed letter to Governor O'Malley regarding the State's inadequate handling of relief from damages caused by Tropical Storm Isabel.

Housing. Jim Humphrey. County Council's PHED Committee on March 12 received a 4-page 2nd MPDU Program Annual Report from Rick Nelson, Director, Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Jim has received advice from the Director of Property Acquisitions, City of Baltimore, that state law requiring new lease-hold contracts be redeemable does not apply to multi-family buildings. Committee will continue to help county government research leasing publicly owned land for housing projects which include greater percentage of affordable units than are being created.

Planning and Land Use. Jim Humphrey. PHED Committee on March 12 discussed report of Ad Hoc Agricultural Policy Working Group. Instead of 800-1300 Transfer Development Rights (TDRs) left to be sold, as had been calculated, there are actually about 3100-3600. PHED also received interim growth policy report from Planning Board. Council staff member Jeff Ziontz wrote an informative report for item 4 on March 20 Council agenda detailing processes for Council consideration of rezoning/development plans. Gazette newspaper broke story on March 21 about a report submitted to the PLU Committee by Clarksburg Town Center Advisory Committee on the creation of Development Districts, detailing how process proposed for establishing these districts in Clarksburg violates state and county law. Link to report will soon be posted on MCCF website.

Diana Conway - West Montgomery Civic Association requested MCCF to help commission a poll of citizens in Montgomery County about transportation priorities. Arnie Gordon moves that MCCF participate with the aim being to attract other civic-minded organizations. Luella moves that MCCF ExComm support participating in a transportation priorities poll for Montgomery County. Seconded. Dan Wilhelm adds that no MCCF funding is provided and this is accepted as friendly by the motioner. Some feel a poll would be biased in favor of the ICC; others feel whatever results the poll found would be the most credible. Motion fails 5-4-2 (yeas must exceed the sum of nays and abstentions). A motion is then made that the MCCF will support other organizations that support a poll. Seconded. Fails 5-6-0. Arnie Gordon moves to place this issue on the agenda at the April MCCF Delegates meeting. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously, 11-0-0.

Bylaws Committee. Luella Mast. Proposed changes are distributed; the Committee recommends all changes. Arnie moves that the recommendations be published in the next Newsletter and presented ed to the delegates at the April meeting. Seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Safety. Chuck Floyd. Has a meeting set up with the chief of police. Citizen issues, schools, etc. Chuck will report back.

Programs. Arnie Gordon. Mary Bradford, Director of Parks, will do the program for April. May is Growth Policy, June is WSSC.

Public Finance and Utilities. Marvin Weinman. Distributes excerpts from two OLO (Office of Legislative Oversight) Reports on finances. It was noted that only one percent of fire calls are for actual home or business fires.

New Business. Jim Humphrey. Community Hero nominations. Bernie Fisken for Community Hero Award in April. Seconded. Passes 8-0-1.

Meeting adjourns at 10:03 pm.

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You are Cordially invited to the
Montgomery County Civic Federation's

2007 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Friday, May 11, 6:00 to 9:30 p.m.
New Fortune Restaurant
16515 S. Frederick Avenue, Gaithersburg

Until Wednesday, May 9: \$26 per person or \$45 per couple
After May 9 or at the door: \$30 per person or \$50 per couple

Directions: New Fortune is in the Walnut Hill Shopping Center on the eastern side of Route 355, one block northwest of the intersection with Shady Grove Road & I-370.

Menu: Appetizer, Roast Chicken, Beef Chow Foon, Chinese Broccoli with Oyster Sauce, Fried Tofu with Vegetables, Twice-cooked Pork, Singapore Noodles, Fried Rice, Cantonese-style Steamed Fish, Orange Wedges. Price includes wine and sodas. Cash bar.

Please cut off and fill in this stub. Mail with a check payable to the Montgomery County Civic Federation to:
Ms Luella Mast, MCCF Treasurer, 809 Hobbs Drive, Colesville, MD 20904

I/We will attend the banquet _____

(Please print name(s) as you wish them to be on your name badge at the banquet)

Association or Organization (if applicable) _____

Contact information _____

(Telephone)

(Email)

You may reserve a table for ten. Please list those sitting at your table if you wish to do this.

Federation Meeting

Monday, April 9
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
7:48 Adoption of Meeting Agenda
7:50 Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
8:00 Committee Reports with resolutions
8:15 Program: County's Parks
9:30 Committee Reports, cont'd.
9:55 Member Issues
10:00 Old Business
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