

C500 Board Meeting
1/26/09
Minutes

In attendance were: Chris Folger, Brenda Hagan, Pete Kolaskowski, John LeFebre, Cristine Lynch, Horace McCaskill, Jr., Fred Messing, Stephen Thibault. F. Messing presided.

Minutes: 11/24/08 Board Meeting minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer: 1 added member; state reports have been completed

VRE: Suzy Stone (Government Affairs Director, Fredericksburg Area Association of Realtors) and J. LeFebre updated the group on the efforts of the “**VRE Yes Coalition**”, organized to support the passage of VRE in the county. Plans include: **VREYES.com** website with ads/postcards/editorials to direct individuals to the site; investigating gas prices as well as the impact on revenue from purchases made by individuals passing thru the county; ensuring projected revenue is realistic; platform cost. The C500 Board voted unanimously to join the coalition.

Updates:

3 Acre Lot Proposal: C. Folger: Planning Department recommended denial; Planning Commission voted 5:1 (Mr. Vaughn voted against) to approve instead. The Board discussed this proposal with regard to our principals. Both sides of the issue will be further explored with C. Folger as the lead and will be discussed at the 2/23/09 meeting.

Local and State Economy: F. Messing: County staff is expected to present scenarios to the BOS 2/09 to 3/09.

BOS Elections: C. Lynch: 3 Supervisor positions will be open this election cycle: Battlefield; Berkeley; Lee Hill. The C500 Board will reach out to the membership to become involved in the process. Both C. Lynch and C. Folger, who have been primaries in the past, will bring in their strategy notes to be discussed 2/09.

Code of Ethics: C. Lynch: 1/15/09 the BOS changed the code to clarify disclosure of interest. Concern was expressed that this relaxed the current Code and might now conflict with C500 Principals.

General Membership: F. Messing: will send an update to the membership urging those who have not done so to join and to volunteer for issues. A General Membership meeting will be scheduled for 3/09. The BOS Chair, Vice Chair, and D. Barnes will be invited to speak.

It was recommended F. Messing send a note of condolence on behalf of C500 to Joe Rowe regarding the demise of his wife, Anne Wilson Rowe.

The next meeting will be 2/23/09.