



Virginia
FIRST CITIES



2010 Annual Board Meeting

City of Staunton
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
May 21, 2010

Virginia First Cities

- **Charlottesville**
- **Hampton**
- **Harrisonburg**
- **Hopewell**
- **Lynchburg**
- **Martinsville**
- **Newport News**
- **Norfolk**



- **Portsmouth**
- **Petersburg**
- **Richmond**
- **Roanoke**
- **Staunton**
- **Winchester**

2010 Annual Meeting Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**
 - Marlene Randall, Chairperson

Greetings From Staunton

- Steve Owen, Staunton City Manager
- **Kids Count Looks at Virginia First Cities**
 - John R. Morgan, Ph.D., Voices for Virginia's Children
- **Report from the Executive Director**
 - Kelly Harris-Braxton

Report from the Executive Director

Virginia First Cities...

More Important than Ever

2010 VFC Priorities and Results

1. **Education Funding for At-Risk Children**
 - ✓ **Result – No cuts to At-Risk Funds, despite drastic cuts to k-12**
 - ✓ **Result – Defeated LCI Implementation**
VFC was the ONLY organization to advocate for Hold Harmless for the Local Composite Index saving \$36 million for VFC members
 - ✓ **Result – Defeated Harmful Block Grant formula for At-Risk Funding, Saving \$36 million for VFC Members**
Successful Coalitions with Alliance for Students
 - ✓ **Result – Class Size Reduction for locals with high At-Risk Populations Preserved**

2010 VFC Priorities and Results (Cont.)

2. Support Urban Transportation Funding

- ✓ Result – supported efforts to preserve \$60 million in transit
- ✓ Result – supported efforts to allow the CTB to shift up to 20% of mass transit capital funds to transit
- ✓ Result – supported elimination of suburban land use standards for UDA around city train stations

3. Preserve Law Enforcement Funding

- ✓ Result – Major VFC Advocacy Effort to preserve funding and limit cuts. Included NOVA legislators, Senate Finance legislators, Chiefs of Police, VML, VACO
- ✓ Result Halted Efforts to eliminate 599 Funds

4. Eminent Domain

- ✓ Result – Advocated for the Defeat of Eminent Domain Constitutional Amendment

2010 VFC Priorities and Results (Cont.)

6. Opposed McDonnell CSA Amendment that would have capped state appropriations, shifting costs to localities

- Result – VFC advocacy included statistics and galvanizing Black Caucus and pivotal legislators.
- Result – Amendment defeated.

7. Governor's Urban Policy Task Force Report – Keep Active

- ✓ Result – VFC Priorities Maintained by Governor and Legislature
- ✓ Result – At VFC's urging, Governor held Meeting of Urban Policy Task Force with Governor in Fall to learn about status and benchmarks

2010 VFC Priorities and Results (Cont.)

8. Management/Administrative Improvements

****New Member added to VFC – City of Harrisonburg**

- ✓ **Result - Excellent FY 2009 Audit – Recognized Good Business Practices**
- ✓ **Result - New Website**
- ✓ **Result - Webinar Series**
- ✓ **Result - Employing Constant Contact for more professional look**

Staunton Economic Development Tour

LUNCH

Keynote

*The Honorable Bruce Elder
Councilman, City of Staunton*

*Predatory Lending and its Impact on
Cities*

STATE BUDGET UPDATE

Jim Regimbal, Fiscal Analytics

VFC Business Meeting

Treasurer's Report

- Financial Update
- FY 2009 Audit
- Adoption of the VFC Budget

Edwin Daley, Acting Treasurer, City
Manager of Hopewell

Treasurer's Report

FY 2011 Proposed Budget

Highlights

- **Level Funding Budget – Reflects Sensitivity to Economic Crisis**
- **2008 Proposal for annualized membership increases after the current year to reflect increasing costs – put on hold**
- **Loss of Membership Serious Impact on Budget**
- **Use of Reserve Funds for Rainy Day**

2010 VFC WORK PLAN

Organizational Development

- Market to potential members
 - **NEW MEMBER – HARRISONBURG JOINED**
- Orient new board members
 - **NEW REFERENCE MANUALS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL MEMBERS**
 - **ROANOKE, RICHMOND BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATIONS**
- Prioritize visiting cities and meeting with councils
 - **STAUNTON, CHARLOTTESVILLE, ROANOKE, NEWPORT NEWS, LYNCHBURG**
 - **ATTEND ICMA MEETING IN CHARLOTTESVILLE**
- Issue/Strategy Meetings/ Conf. Calls
 - **COST CUTTING COMMITTEE - 2 MEETINGS**
 - **WEBINARS**

Communications

- Advocacy Efforts to Increase profile
 - **DISTRIBUTION OF VFC LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM TO ALL LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNOR**
 - **FORMAL PRESENTATION TO VA LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS RETREAT**
 - **CITY ARTICLE BY LEGISLATOR DRAFTED BY VFC**
- Develop and Compile Topic-Based Fiscal/Policy Reference Readily Accessible on Website
 - **NEW WEBSITE DESIGN COMPLETE**
 - **KICKOFF OF ISSUE –BASED BEST PRACTICE WEBINARS – SOFTWARE PURCHASED**

2010 WORK PLAN

Alliance Building

- Continue and build upon alliances with schools, NOVA, other urbans, VML/VACO
 - **CHIEF'S OF POLICE (POLICE FUNDING)**
 - **VML/VACO (DERELICT STRUCTURES, POLICE FUNDING, AT-RISK ED, RIFA, ETC)**
 - **RURALS**
 - **ALLIANCE FOR STUDENTS (AT-RISK ED,)**
 - **BUSINESS COMMUNITY, HOUSING AUTHORITIES (EMINENT DOMAIN)**

Legislative/Administration

- **MET WITH SEC OF HEALTH AND HUMAN TO DISCUSS REGIONALIZATION OF HUMAN SERVICES**
- **PARTICIPATED AS MEMBER OF POVERTY COMMISSION- MADE RECOMMENDATIONS**
- **PARTICIPATED AS MEMBER OF VIRGINIA HOUSING COMMISSION WORK GROUPS**

Urban Policy

- Build upon Urban Policy effort to ensure relevant legislation and administrative changes during Governor's last year
 - **MET WITH GOV'S STAFF TO URGE LAST MEETING OF Kaine URBAN POLICY TASK FORCE'SIBLE REGIONAL STRATEGIES**
 - **UPTF MEETING IN OCTOBER AT VFC URGING**

*ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MEMBERS*