



DRAFT Minutes – April 3, 2012 **ACCF Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President James Schroll. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Pebley from Waycroft-Woodlawn Civic Association. The agenda was approved as submitted. Minutes for the previous membership meeting were approved without amendment. The Treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$16,854.89.

Announcements: The Federation donated \$1,000 to the Virginia Hospital Center Foundation in appreciation for use of the Hazel Center for many years. It sponsors a plaque on one of the seats. The Housing Committee will meet on April 19th at CPRO. On May 16 the Alliance for Housing Solutions will hold a State of Affordable Housing program at the Walter Reed Center.

Election of the Nominating Committee for 2012-2013 Federation officers

By acclamation: Stan Karson, Larry Finch, Mark Antell, Gerry Auten and Jim Pebley.

Adoption of Special Rule for Budget and Tax Rate program

After debate, the special rule was adopted by a vote of 32 in favor, 4 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Program:

Arlington County Budget and Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2013

The Schools Committee's John Vihstadt and Anya Gan presented a budget recommendation with a 5% increase over last year, including increased reserves for school additions needed between bond cycles. Revenues and Expenditures Committee chair Wayne Kubicki presented their recommended budget, achieving balance with some additions and increases covered by higher property assessments and with no tax rate increase. The complete joint report is on the CivFed Web page. After debate the joint recommendation was adopted by a vote of 42 in favor, none opposed and 5 abstentions. A separate resolution recommending no further funding for the Artisphere if it cannot meet its financial goals by the end of 2012 was adopted after debate by a vote of 30 in favor, 12 opposed and 5 abstentions.

New Business

Jim Pebley of Waycroft-Woodlawn Civic Association introduced a resolution on possible changes to the County Zoning Ordinance on Livestock and Poultry. The Therefore clause was: "THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington County Civic Federation is opposed to relaxing the current restrictions in the Arlington County residential zoning ordinance that relate to the raising, housing, or sale of livestock or poultry." A complete copy is on the CivFed Web page. The resolution was referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee.

The meeting adjourned at about 9:30 pm until the next membership meeting on May 1, 2012.

Submitted by:
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Interim Note Taker
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