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Affordable Housing Study Update

Russell Danao-Schroeder, Senior Housing Planner, and David Cristeal, Housing Division Director, Arlington County will present the Affordable Housing Study Update.

After nearly three years, the Affordable Housing Study is nearing its conclusion. The Study has been guided by an 18-member citizen Working Group, including representation from the Civic Federation. In July of this year, the County Manager will present the Affordable Housing Master Plan to the County Board for adoption as an element of the Comprehensive Plan. If adopted, the Master Plan would establish the County’s vision for affordable housing, describing the goals, objectives and policies - focusing on housing supply, access to housing, and sustainability. An accompanying Affordable Housing Implementation Framework identifies the tools that the County will use to achieve the policy goals. County staff is seeking community feedback on both the proposed Master Plan and Implementation Framework. Please submit your comments for the 5-question Open Arlington survey by May 31 at <http://housing.arlingtonva.us/affordable-housing-study/>.

Annual Legislative Program

The Federation will host Arlington’s legislative delegation that includes members of the House of Delegates and State Senate for our annual Legislative Program. Arlington’s legislative delegation will give a brief update regarding the legislative session, upcoming special session, and address key issues that might be coming up in next year’s session.

After their remarks, they will field member delegate questions. Delegates are reminded to keep their questions to 30 seconds in length. Delegates may only ask one question and in the interest of time follow-up questions will not be permitted. Delegates are also reminded that statements are not questions. This will be an hour long program.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, May 5, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Hazel Auditorium
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N George Mason Drive
Arlington VA 22205

Agenda

- 7:30 Meeting called to order
- 7:40 Affordable Housing Presentation
- 8:10 Legislative Program
- 9:10 P&Z Presentation
- 9:25 Old Business
- 9:35 New Business
- 9:40 Adjourn

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

This month we lead things off with a program from the County on the Affordable Housing Study. We will also hear from our delegation in Richmond, as they will present on the recent legislative session on what did or did not pass that will have an impact upon our community. The final presentation will be from Planning & Zoning and is an update to the key issues that they are actively monitoring.

In addition, we have two Resolutions on our agenda, one from the Housing Committee and another from the Schools Committee, *see* page 3.

We are still seeking Co-Chair positions for the Planning & Zoning and Transportation Committees. If you are interested, please contact me at mike@civfed.org.

Finally, photos of the banquet can be seen at: <http://www.civfed.org/2015-banquet/>.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting next week.

News From the Executive Committee

Terri Prell, Chair Terri@civfed.org
The Executive Committee met on April 7, 2015, to plan the agenda for the May 5, 2015 general meeting and future meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on May 10, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, and plan future meeting programs. Elected officers and Executive Committee Members should attend. In addition, we would like for Committee Chairs to attend this meeting.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee has received multiple suggestions for officers and Executive Committee members. In particular, we are still in search of a willing Vice President and Treasurer. If you or someone you know of are interested, please contact any member of the nominating committee: Bill Braswell, Mileva Hartman (mileva@civfed.org), Jim Pebley, Stefanie Pryor (stefanie@civfed.org), or Pat Spann.

Elections will be held at our June meeting.

Articles for the Newsletter

If you have information which should be included in the Civic Voice, sent it to CivFed@gmail.com.



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The Affordable Housing Master Plan Resolution

Whereas The code of Virginia requires a housing component be developed and included in each jurisdiction's comprehensive plan which shall include:

...the designation of areas and implementation of measures for the construction, rehabilitation and maintenance of affordable housing, which is sufficient to meet the current and future needs of residents of all levels of income in the locality while considering the current and future needs of the planning district within which the locality is situated. § 15.2-2223. and

Whereas The Affordable Housing Master Plan was developed by staff, consultants and 18 members of various Commissions over two years and

Whereas the Study was presented at three public forums for community input, to several Commissions and at more than 40 meetings of civic and neighborhood organizations, including the Arlington County Civic Federation and

Whereas The Affordable Housing Master Plan reflects the County's values of diversity, inclusivity, sustainability and includes objectives in support of those values including ensuring that low- and moderate-income individuals and families can access housing, enabling residents to age in the community and enabling persons with disabilities to live as independently as possible, therefore,

Be it Resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation supports the adoption of the Affordable Housing Master Plan as the Housing Element in the Comprehensive Plan.

Schools Committee Proposed Resolution May 2015

Whereas Arlington Public Schools enrollment grew in the 2014-2015 School Year by 1,213 students (a 5.2% increase) and has expanded by 4,296 students in the past five years (a 21% increase);

Whereas most schools in Arlington are overcrowded and are therefore having deleterious effects on the education of our children;

Whereas the 2015-2024 CIP fails to generate sufficient seats for students. 4,002 seats will be added leaving the county short by thousands of seats in 2024. Projections by the Civic Federation Schools Committee show an even greater shortage of seats;

Whereas APS already deploys 124 "relocatable" classrooms that accommodate 3,000 students; and deployment of additional relocatables comes at steep environmental, green-space and recreation costs and does not address the capacity needs of cafeterias,

hallways, lockers, art rooms, bathrooms, music rooms and gyms;

Whereas non-capital options, some of which are described in the recently release report from the Master Planning Committee of APS, (http://www.apsva.us/cms/lib2/VA01000586/Centricity/Domain/110/APS%20MPC_Report.pdf) will be necessary to help meet the future capacity needs of the school system, they will not suffice on their own;

Whereas Arlington Public Schools is approaching a County Board imposed 10% debt-service limit thereby rendering bond revenue insufficient for increasing enrollment;

Whereas Arlington County is not using tools such as developer contributions (proffers), public-private partnerships, higher debt service limits, temporary growth limitations on development, to free up resources for school construction.

The Arlington County Civic Federation hereby resolves that

The Arlington County Board and the Arlington School Board must

bring down the cost per seat of new construction and begin a discussion to identify new resources, financial tools, and deferrals of county board investments to meet the challenge of increasing school capacity while maintaining existing infrastructure;

Planning & Zoning Committee Presentation

The Planning and Zoning committee will give a short presentation at the May meeting on the following topics:

- County Code: Chapter 15. Noise Control;
- Zoning: FAA Proposed OEI Guideline;
- Zoning Ordinance Revisions;
- Stormwater Management; and
- Conversations with staff about the revised Retail Plan.

Civ. Fed. Across Past 100 Years

Our Civic Federation has had a strong influence on county development, governance and activities for many years. However, some of the same old issues just never seem to resolve either.

Is it 1920s or 2010s?

- Zoning debates for industrial locations and appropriate businesses
- Sign removals from highways
- Tax rates
- Multiple votes if representing multiple organizations
- Delayed county budget information and reports
- Teacher salaries and need for school support
- Delinquent member dues
- Nominations needed for Executive Committee and Officers
- Street widths
- Annexation by Alexandria

All but the last item were common to both periods.

The Center for Local History, aka the Virginia Room, at the Arlington County Central Library has a wealth of resources for in person or online use. They currently have our Civ. Fed meeting notes and some resolutions from 1928 into the 1940s available for anyone to review via walk-in basis. We will have 1950s – 1970s records requested later in the summer.

The library also suggested the [Arlington Historical Magazine](#). A genuine card catalogue with hand written cards directly below the books lists multiple cross references and stories for “Arlington County Civic Federation”. For those of you more technologically inclined, [Washington Post](#) historical and [Evening Star](#) back editions are available for no fee other than your library card number and pin. Select Research from the main library site or go to <http://library.arlingtonva.libguides.com/>. For more information: <http://library.arlingtonva.us/center-for-local-history/>

The 1928 and 1929 CivFed meeting notes show a lively debate for location and use permit for an abattoir, a polite name for a slaughter house. Phillip P. Campbell was quoted: “The Army of the U.S. had the slaughter house moved from the center of Havana, Cuba on authorization of the U.S. Supreme Court. If people of Arlington County want industries they had better not start with slaughter houses—no industry will come in beside it. It will ruin the value of every dollar’s worth of property in the county, way back in Virginia, even in Fairfax County. ... Arlington County has been the dumping ground for Washington long enough... You cannot have such a nuisance and expected a decent or respectable development. I do not threaten but predict that stagnation will start in and

you will have stench, slaughter house and Hell’s Bottom instead of lovely residential sections and parks, if you allow the establishment of this.” Resolution wording was debated and later resorted to the original submission. A group attempted to add on need for a Zoning Commission, but other delegates did not want to muddy the particular issue. Sound familiar for current retail plan and parks debates?

To help support the 100th anniversary efforts, we are looking for folks to help research, scan past documents, write articles, and/or present at meetings. Please contact me at stefanie@civfed.org for additional information.

Planning Started for 100th Anniversary Gala Celebration

We are looking for volunteers for the 100th Anniversary Gala Celebrations and trying to get organized early. We are organizing several committees. We hope to have a large cross section of the Arlington County business, education, military, governmental officials, and residential community represented at the gala for this very special celebration. We would like to have a brainstorming session organized to get the input of many CivFed delegates as to how to make this historical recognition interesting and noteworthy. We really would like volunteers for the following initial committees. Please contact Joe Pelton at: joepelton@verizon.net or 703 536 6985

Corporate Sponsorship Committee: Burt Bostwick, Jim Pebley and Joe Pelton and two or three more volunteers

Celebration Book Committee: Recognition certificates from Arlington Co, the State and Congress and featuring photo and essay remembrances from past Cup Award winners and Presidents and historical photos: Committee of: Stephanie Pryor (photo), Patrick Smalldore, Jr, Randy Swart, plus at least two to three volunteers

Arrangements, Decorations, Signage Committee: Peter Olivere, Jesse Boeding and Joe Pelton plus other volunteers needed.

Arlington County Civic Federation Annual Awards Banquet

Congratulations to all of the award winners!

These are photographs from the event. Scott McCaffrey presents the Sun Gazette Cup to ACCF President Michael McMenam. Below: Joe Pelton and Michael McMenam presenting award recognizing Nancy Pallesen the Founding Director of the Arlington Free Clinic and her 21 years of outstanding service. Recognizing recently retired Arlington Chief of Police Douglas Scott who served as Chief for 12 years. Under his watch Arlington's crime has been at an all time low. (Accepting in his honor Acting Chief Jay Farr). Recognizing Frank O'Leary for his 32 years of service to Arlington County as Treasurer and his success in reducing the tax collection and delinquency rate to a historical low. Recognizing Arlington County Board Member Walter



Tejada. He led the way to the establishment the Office of the Public Defender, the Community Volunteers Network, and championed public recreation and physical fitness





Joe Pelton and Michael McMenamain presenting award recognizing Stefanie Pryor as a rising new leader. Her efforts in Penrose, involvement in the Columbia pike corridor, in the Civic Federation's leadership and other areas serves as a model for the younger leaders of tomorrow.

Below (*clockwise*) recognizing Robert Brink, former House of Delegate for his outstanding and long-term service in the Virginia House of Delegates and his leadership in addressing transportation, mass transit, education and health care needs for Northern Virginia.

Recognizing Arlington County Board Chair Mary Hynes for her two decades of service on the County and School Board. She lead in the establishment of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC), improvements in capital improvement planning, and the PLACE citizen involvement program.

Michael McMenamain presents the ACCF President's Award to Peter Oliver, Randy Swart, and Terri Prell (no photo) for their assistance in the ongoing operations of the Arlington County Civic Federation.



Guest Speaker The Honorable Don Beyer United States House of Representatives;

Next page includes photos of guests at the tables at the banquet.



\$10,000 Check for ACCF 9/11 Scholarship Fund

At the banquet, Retired Police Captain Kevin Reardon, Chair of the Police Officers 9/11 Fund (right) and Acting Police Chief Jay Farr (second from left) present Jim Pebley, Chair of the ACCF 911 Scholarship Committee (second from right) a copy of the contribution check.

In the past 13 years, the Civic Federation's 911 Scholarship Fund has provided grants of \$1000 a year for up to 4 years for 70 children of First Responders of Arlington. **The Fund is in need of your support to continue as it has.** Please make a donation by check made out to ACF Civic Federation 911 Fund and mail it to Civic Federation 911 Fund — c/o The Arlington Community Foundation — 818 North Quincy Street - Suite 103 — Arlington VA 22203.



Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2014 - 2015

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except November)

May 5, 2015- State Delegation

June 2, 2015- Election of officers

Arlington County Civic Federation

The ACCF is dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-political manner.

Committees of the Civic Federation

The committees provide the basis for most actions of the Federation. We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Mike McMenamin at mike@civfed.org

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell	terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
Audit	Chair Needed	
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	Sarah@civfed.org
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Membership	Kim Klingler	kim@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	Elected at the April 2014 membership meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore, Larry Mayer	martha@civfed.org larrymayer@civfed.org
Public Services	Jackie Snelling (POC)	jackie@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Chair(s) needed, Burt Bostwick (POC)	burt@civfed.org
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Special Events	Chair Needed	
Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org