



## Minutes – May 3, 2016 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Stefanie Pryor at Hazel Auditorium. President Pryor led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the April 5, 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted. Treasurer Pat submitted a report stating that the Federation had balances of \$9,415.94 in its checking account and \$20,868.81 in its savings account.

**Career Center Video Recording of Federation Meetings** President Pryor thanked Career Center students Flor Cáceres-Godoy and Kiyam Muainudeen and their Career Center Instructor Tom O'Day and Duane Lomis, an APS Video Systems Specialist, for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

**Schools Committee:** Lois Koontz of the Schools Committee gave a presentation on the APS 2017-2026 CIP approval process.

**Legislative Program** Senator Adam Ebbin (30<sup>th</sup> District), Senator Barbara Favola (31st District), Senator Janet Howell (32nd District), Delegate Mark Levine (45<sup>th</sup> District), Delegate Patrick Hope (47th District), Delegate Alfonso Lopez (49th District), and Delegate Rip Sullivan (48th) gave brief presentations and then answered questions from Delegates and Alternates on the following topics: prison reform, voting, parkland, eldercare, higher education, driving while phoning, economic development, I-66, and lottery revenues and state support of schools.

**Revenues and Expenditures Committee:** Burt Bostwick and Frank Emerson, R&E Committee members, introduced and reported on the Committee's revised resolution, first presented at the April 5 ACCF meeting, stating in relevant part:

*Therefore, be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board to annually set aside a fair and reasonable amount of any surplus for the reduction or real estate taxes. (Using the \$21.8 million FY2015 closeout balance as an example, an allotment of approximately \$7 million for tax relief would have allowed roughly a 1-cent reduction in the real estate tax rate.)*

*Be it further resolved the Arlington County Civic Federation urges that any apportionment of any annual available balance be subject to a transparent and robust public process, including written proposals by the County Manager sufficiently in advance of any final decision, one or more public hearings before the County Board and adequate opportunity for written comments, and final decision by the County Board at one of its monthly meetings.*

Ann Unitas, Gerry Collins, Terri Prell, Chis Hoh, Sarah Shortall, Paul Holland, Michael Beer, Jim Presswood, Rick Epstein, Cynthia Huber, and Karen Rosenbaum made comments and asked questions. Sarah Shortall moved to amend the resolution by deleting the paragraph beginning with "Therefore" and in the last paragraph striking the word "further" and deleting everything in that paragraph after the word "process." The motion was seconded. Mr. Collins moved to revise Ms. Shortall's motion by restoring the language in the last paragraph following the word "process." The motion was seconded. Peter Olivere moved to call the question on Mr. Collins's motion, which was seconded and approved by the required two-thirds majority. Mr. Collins's motion was approved by a vote of 18 to 8. Mr. Epstein moved to amend Ms. Shortall's motion by restoring the paragraph starting with the word "Therefore" and inserting "consider setting" in place of "set" in that paragraph. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 24-13. Connie Ericson moved to revise Ms. Shortall's motion by restoring the word "further" in the last paragraph. The motion was seconded and approved by a majority vote. Delegates then approved the R&E Committee's resolution, as revised, by a vote 22 to 13.

**Planning and Zoning Committee Presentation:** Nicole Boling and Michael Cullen of the Arlington County Planning Division gave a presentation on a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment that would allow an "open-air market" use in residential (R), multi-family (RA), and some mixed-use/commercial districts (RA4.8, R-C, RA-H, and RA-H-3.2). The use will be subject to Special Exception Use Permit approval by the County Board. David Hughes, Linda Dye, Connie Ericson and Martha Moore had questions and comments on this presentation.

### Announcements

- The next General Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on June 7, 2016.
- The next Executive Committee will be held at 7:30 PM on Sunday, May 8, 2016, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, May 26, is the deadline to submit material for the June newsletter.
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Open House and Hearing on I-66 Inside the Beltway, (Open House - 6:00 PM - Hearing - 7:00 PM) on Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 2300 Wilson Boulevard, First Floor Conference Room.
- Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Eastbound Widening: Presentations from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Washington & Lee HS Cafeteria 1301 N Stafford Street, and from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School, Wednesday, at 7130 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043.
- Northern Virginia Transportation Commission Open House and Public Hearing on Transform 66 Inside the Beltway Multimodal Components 4:30 PM Open House; 6 PM Public Hearing Wednesday, May 18, 1904 Reston Metro Plaza, Reston, Virginia 20190 ([www.novatransit.org/i66multimodal](http://www.novatransit.org/i66multimodal) 703-NVTC-321 or 703-688-2321 [I66multimodal@nvtcd.org](mailto:I66multimodal@nvtcd.org))
- Arlington Committee of 100: Arlington Government Services: Challenges and Improvements with County Manager Mark Schwartz. 7:30 PM – 9 PM (Program Begins at 8 PM), Wednesday, May 11, Marymount University.
- 50th Anniversary Symposium on the Gulf Branch Nature Center on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Arlington County Library.
- 50th Gulf Branch Anniversary party from 1 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, June 12 at the Gulf Branch Nature Center.

President Pryor adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary

**Draft Agenda  
ACCF Membership Meeting  
June 7, 2016**

7:30 Meeting called to order  
7:40 Election of Officers  
7:50 Arlington Environmental Sustainability Profile  
9:00 Transportation Development Plan  
9:10 Lee Highway Alliance  
9:30 Old/New Business  
9:35 Adjourn

**Treasurer's Report  
ACCF Membership Meeting  
June 7, 2016**

Checking Account Balance -- \$8,815.85

Savings Account Balance -- \$20,869.34