



Minutes – November 1, 2016 ACCF Membership Meeting

Federation President Stefanie Pryor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. President Pryor led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the October 6, 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

Meeting Times: President Pryor reminded attendees that ACCF General Meetings now start at 7:00 PM. and Executive Committee Meetings at 6:30 PM.

Treasurer's Report: President Pryor announced on behalf of Treasurer Pat Spann that the Federation had balances of \$7,342.35 in its checking account and \$20,871.44 in its savings account as of 9-25-2016.

New Delegate: President Pryor welcomed new delegate Charles Morley of the Hyde Park Condominium.

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: President Pryor thanked Career Center students Rudy Henriquez and Christian Porter and their Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

Short-Term Residential Rental Zoning Changes: Deborah Albert, a staff member of Arlington County's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development gave a presentation on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance for regulation of short-term residential rentals. Questions from delegates and alternates included the following: Would this amendment to the zoning ordinance allow short-term rentals to "pop up" anywhere in a neighborhood? Would proper liability insurance be required? Will the county require compliance with the non-discriminatory provisions of public accommodation laws? Would pre-permit inspections require that older houses that are currently not up to code be brought up to code before permits to use them for short-term rentals are issued? How do accessory dwellings differ from short-term residential rentals? Would there be enforcement of this amendment? How would Richmond react to this amendment? How would this amendment to the zoning ordinance affect existing condo and HOA restrictions on short-term rentals? Why would a detached dwelling unit such as an apartment over a garage be ineligible for use as a short-term rental? Would compliance be improved if renters with longer term leases were permitted to sublease their units as short-term rentals? Are there other Northern Virginia jurisdictions working on similar amendments to their zoning ordinances?

Survey on Short-Term Rentals: P&Z Chair Martha Moore announced that a survey on short term residential rentals would be distributed on November 2 to those on the Federation's Constant Contact email list. Responses were due by November 27th.

Accessory Dwellings: P&Z Chair Martha Moore said that the Accessory Dwelling Committee would be having a meeting at 4 PM on Sunday, November 13, in the Lyon Village Community House.

Predatory Towing: Sarah McKinley and Ron Haddox of the Columbia Heights Civic Association gave a presentation on predatory Towing and a letter containing recommendations for improvements they planned to submit to the Arlington County Board. Questions from delegates and alternates included the following: Where could citizens sign a petition supporting Columbia Height's letter to the Arlington County Board? Are Virginia State laws regulating towing applicable to just Arlington or all jurisdictions in the State? How practical is Columbia Heights' recommendation that towing company drivers get a second signature before removing a car parked in trespass on a commercial property? Did Columbia Heights' letter and petition to the County Board distinguish between commercial and residential properties?

Medical Marijuana Resolution: Andy Ludwig of the Legislative Committee and Eric Olson of NORML introduced a Legislative Committee resolution urging the Virginia State Legislature to decriminalize the possession and use of marijuana for medical purposes. Questions from delegates and alternates included the following: Was the purpose of the resolution to decriminalize medical use of marijuana or decriminalize all use of marijuana? How would the conflict with Federal prohibitions and Virginia decriminalization be managed? Would those who oppose decriminalization have an opportunity to make their case to the Federation before the resolution is voted on? If medical marijuana use was decriminalized and then taxed, would the tax revenue be available to spend on schools? President Pryor referred this resolution to the Schools Committee, the Public Services Committee, and the Revenues and Expenditures Committee.

Announcements

- The next Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 6, 2016.
- The next Executive Committee will be held at 6:30 PM on Sunday, November 6, 2016, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, November 24, is the deadline to submit material for the December newsletter.
- VDOT Public Hearing on I-395 Design from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Wednesday, November 30, at the Bren Mar Park Elementary School, 6344 Beryl Road, Alexandria, VA 22312. The formal presentation begins at 7 pm.
- Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC) Major Vote on Process Change at 7:30 PM on Thursday, November 10, at 2300 Wilson Blvd.
- Ruth Kanter: Join the Kanter family in celebrating Ruth's life on Friday, November 18, 2016, at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington, 4444 Arlington Blvd. Gathering begins at 6 PM. Main celebration begins at 6:45 PM. RSVPs and shared remembrances can be sent to RuthFKanter@gmail.com. Donations in Ruth's honor can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation National Capital Area.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary