

Approved Minutes March 6, 2018
ACCF General Meeting

Call to Order: Federation President Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the February 6, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

March Executive Meeting: President Banks announced that the March Executive Committee Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on March 11 at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

April 2018 Membership Meeting: President Banks announced that the April 3, 2018 Membership Meeting will be held in in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting's highlights will be presentations on Housing by the School Board.

Treasurer's Report: President Banks announced on behalf of Treasurer Sarah Shortall that the February Treasurer's report was available on the back page of the draft minutes of the February Membership Meeting. The balances in the Federation's checking account was \$9,459.91 and its saving account was \$18,620.03 as of February 28, 2018.

Member Organizations All-Stars: President Banks announced that the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present at the February Membership Meeting: Arlington Heights Civic Association, Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association, Bluemont Civic Association, Boulevard Manor Civic Association, Columbia Heights Civic Association, Friends of Arlington Parks, Glencarlyn Citizens Association, League of Women Voters of Arlington, Madison Manor Citizens Association, North Rosslyn Civic Association, Old Dominion Citizens Association, Opera NOVA, Waverly Hills Civic Association, and the Yorktown Civic Association.

New Delegates: President Banks welcomed new delegates Julia Tanner and Betty Lyon, both representing the Ashton Heights Civic Association.

2018 Annual Civic Federation Banquet: President Banks reminded the meeting to save the date – May 4, 2018. CivFed's 2018 Annual Banquet will feature **Alan Ehrenhalt**, Former Executive Editor, Governing Magazine; **Michelle Winters**, Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions; and **Peter Rousselot**, Columnist of the ARLNow opinion column, "Peter's Take." President Banks promised that there will be a lively conversation on the theme of Arlington's Growth Express -Still on track...or off the rails?

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: President Banks thanked Career Center students Flor Cáceres Godoy, Campbell Hamilton-Howard, Bryan Kaplan and their Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for make a video recording of this Federation meeting. President Banks also thanked Duane Lomis of APS who helped manage the sound system and provided production oversight.

Career Center Award to Duke Banks: On behalf of the Career Center, Flor Cáceres Godoy gave CivFed President Duke Banks a Certificate of Appreciation for his partnership with the Arlington Career Center.

Straw Vote Changing the Day on which Monthly Membership Meetings Are Held: President Banks reported that he had received several emails pointing out that one of the constraints on attendance at monthly Membership is that CivFed's traditional "first Tuesday of the month"

conflicts with the meeting dates of numerous PTAs. He asked for a show hands by those who would support possibly changing the day on which Monthly Membership Meetings are held to either the second Monday or Tuesday of the month so that CivFed could experiment with this schedule change to see if it would increase participation by delegates who have school-age children. The vote was 37 in favor and 5 against.

Joint Meetings of the County Manager and Civic Federation President with Presidents of Civic and Condominium Associations: President Banks reported that he had participated in meetings with the County Manager and Civic Federation President with Presidents of Civic and Condominium Associations on March 1 and March 3 that explored strategies to promote more diversity and participation in civic associations, County public processes, and in CivFed's delegate ranks. He described these meetings as very positive experiences, and he would try to provide details about them in the April newsletter. He said there will be another meeting on the same topic on March 8.

Suspension of the Rules: A motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the Federation's Standing Rules to allow delegates and alternates to ask a second question taking 15 seconds or less if they completed their first question was within 30 seconds or less and to open the floor to questions from the public. Presenters will have 2 minutes to answer questions.

School Board Program: School Board Chair Barbara Kanninen, Vice Chair Reid Goldstein, and members, Monique O'Grady, Tannia Talento, and Nancy Van Doren participated in a panel discussion at this meeting that was moderated by Allan Gajadhar, a delegate representing Maywood. Ms. Kanninen gave a presentation focused on the following topics; new policies and policy revisions; operational planning, prep for 2019- new schools and programs moves; enrollment growth; the school system's CIP and operating finances; new and renovated school facilities and APS's vision for the future. School Board members spoke briefly on the same topics and then answered questions from the Schools Committee, delegates, and alternates on the following topics: strengthening civics education and community service; budget priorities given challenging financial forecasts; screen addiction; worst case scenarios for the School Systems CIP; economic and social segregation at Kenmore and Williamsburg Middle Schools; transitioning Walter Reed from a choice to a comprehensive high school; Alice West Fleet ES and Patrick Henry ES Students; planning for the possibility for Amazon HQ2; comprehensive amenities at the Career Center's replacement.

Panel Discussion of Renewable Electricity: President Banks introduced John Bloom a delegate representing Boulevard Manor and a member of the Legislative Committee. as the panel's moderator. Mr Bloom introduced the following as panel members; Dean Amel, Chair of the Mount Vernon Group of the Sierra Club's Virginia Chapter; Dianne O. Corsello, Director, Business Development, Dominion Energy; Ivy Main, the Sierra Club's Virginia Chapter Conservation and Renewable Energy Chair; and John Morrill, Arlington's Energy Manage. Mr Amel gave a presentation titled: *Arlington's Energy Future*. Ms. Corsello, Ms. Main and Mr. Morel commented on Mr. Amel's presentation and answered question from delegates and alternates on the following topics: using intelligence to reduce energy use; the effect of the 30% tariff on solar panels from China; the cost to Arlington of reaching 100% renewable electricity in Arlington by 2035; the cost of infrastructure to support solar when the sun isn't shining; recycling old solar panels; using solar panels on buildings serving recreational facilities; microgrids; incentives to get developers to include solar panels in new, renovated and repurposed buildings; including trees, older homes, geothermal in the analysis.

Renewable Energy Resolution: Mr. Bloom gave a brief report on the Legislative Committee's resolution in favor of Arlington's transition to renewable electricity by 2035, which states in

relevant part that

1. *The Arlington Civic Federation supports the transition to 100% renewable electricity in Arlington by 2035; and*
2. *Encourages the Arlington County Board to adopt this important goal and to develop appropriate plans and programs to achieve it; and*
3. *Encourages the Arlington County Board to pursue appropriate state and federal laws and policies supportive of Arlington's transition to renewable electricity.*

Comments and Questions on the Community Energy Resolution: Does the resolution imply a mandate for the county government and home owners? Is the scientific community covered by the whereas clauses? Why wasn't wind power included in the discussion of renewable energy? Is 2035 too late for 100% renewable electricity in Arlington by 2035 to be effective?

Mr. Bloom moved that the resolution be adopted. His motion was approved by a vote of 44 ayes, no nays, and 6 abstentions.

Announcements:

Smart Cities Program: Arlington County's Department of Technology Services will be sponsoring a program on Smart Cities from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on March 14 in the County Board Room.

Arlington Public Schools Elementary Schools Planning Initiative: As part of its Elementary Planning Initiative, Arlington Public Schools is reviewing walk zones for all elementary schools. APS is requesting representation from identified neighboring civic associations (along with PTA representatives) on a task group for each elementary school community to provide input on the current school walk zones and identify any potential areas of expansion. Please contact your civic association president if you are interested.

Arlington Neighborhood College: Arlington Neighborhood College is a civic education program sponsored by Arlington County. It is free, but there are a limited number of slots. It will be held on 8 consecutive Thursdays, 6-9:30 PM, starting April 12. The deadline for applications is March 18. For more information, there is a flyer on the check-in table. You can also Google "Arlington Neighborhood College 2018".

Arlington Neighborhood Day Planning: We have been working in partnership with Arlington County and eight other community organizations to plan the first Arlington Neighborhood Workshop, and we are asking for your help in planning the agenda. This half-day event, targeted for May 2018 will offer an opportunity for neighborhoods, civic associations, and community organizations to connect with one another, share organizational challenges, and learn about the best practices for community building. This workshop offers a chance to explore strategies that can strengthen neighborhood resources, increase membership, diversify participation, enhance communication, and address other challenges identified. The Arlington Neighborhood Workshop hopes to empower and equip participants with skills and tools that can be applied across your own neighborhoods, civic associations, and organizations. We ask that you complete this feedback form <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8M7ZYN8> to share your ideas for this first Arlington Neighborhood Workshop.

Housing Conservation Districts: The Lee Highway Alliance will be having an educational forum on Housing Conservation Districts on March 10. Arlington County will be having an open house on Housing Conservation Districts at the Walter Reed Center from 6 to 9 PM on March 12.

Commission on Aging: The Commission on Aging will have its annual community engagement meeting on Monday, March 19, at the DHS building.

Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2019-2028: Arlington County is interested in its citizens' priorities for the county's Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2019-2028.

4MRV Working Group: A meeting will be held from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Tuesday, March 6, at the Park and Natural Resources Operations Building, 2700 S. Taylor Street.

NCAC: The March Neighborhood Conservation Advisory meeting has been cancelled.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's February meeting will be held on Monday, March 5th, starting 7:00 p.m. in Room 307 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The Commission's Carryover Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 7, starting at 7:00 p.m.

Housing Commission: The Housing Commission's February meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8 starting 7:00 p.m. in Room 715 at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. [Click here for information on this meeting's agenda.](#)

Arlington County Board: The County Board's February meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17 starting 8:30 a.m. The Board Recessed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, starting at 3:00 p.m.

FY19 Budget & Tax Rate Hearings:

Tuesday, Apr. 3 and Thursday, Apr. 5 (both at 7:00 p.m.)– The County Board will be meeting at 7:00 PM on April 3 to hear citizens' thoughts on the FY19 proposed budget and again on April 5 to discuss tax rates. Both meetings will be held in the County Board Room of the Court House Plaza building (2100 Clarendon Blvd. rm. 307). The County Board has scheduled work sessions with the County Manager on the FY2019 Budget on March 6, 9, 13 and 19 and April 3,6,10 and 19.

March Executive Committee Meeting: The CivFed November Executive Committee Meeting will be held from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Sunday, March 11, in the community room of Fire Station 2 located at 4805 Wilson Blvd. Delegates and alternates are welcome to attend.

April Newsletter: The deadline for April newsletter articles is Thursday, March 22. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

April General Meeting will be held at 7PM on Tuesday, April 3, 2018, in the Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center. It will feature presentations on "Missing Middle" Housing and Housing Conservation Districts and a discussion and vote on a R&E Tax Resolution.

Old Business: The North Highlands proposed boundary change will be considered at the April meeting.

Modernizing ACCF Governance:

Lois Koontz, a delegate representing Alcovia Heights, ask about the status of incorporation and revised bylaws. President Banks said the Bylaws Subcommittee was working on both, and he hoped to have versions ready for the membership's consideration before June.

New Business:

ERA Resolution: Julia Tanner, a delegate representing the Ashton Heights Civic Association, introduced a resolution in support of the Equal Rights Amendment which states in relevant part that *the Arlington County Civic Association does hereby indicate its support for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and*

Be it further resolved, that the Arlington County Civic Association does hereby urge the County Board of Arlington, Virginia to place ratification of the ERA to the U.S. Constitution, as proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972, on its list of legislative priorities for the 2019 legislative session; and

Be it further resolved, that the Arlington County Civic Association does hereby urge the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to ratify the ERA to the U.S. Constitution during the 2019 legislative session.

President Banks referred Ms. Tanner's resolution to the Legislative Committee and the Executive Committee.

FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution: Burt Bostwick, a delegate representing the Old Glebe Civic Association and a member of the Revenues and Expenditures Committee, introduced the Revenues & Expenditures Committee Real Estate Tax-Rate Resolution for FY2019 which states in relevant part that *the Arlington County Civic Federation supports the County Manager's recommendation for keeping the tax rate at the present level and the Board's vote to cap the advertised rate at the present level; and, it encourages the County Board, the County Manager and County staff to continue efforts to prioritize core needs and identify savings ideas.*

President Banks referred the FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution back to the Revenues and Expenditures Committee.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25 PM.
Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary

Agenda
ACCF General Meeting
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7:00 Regular Business, Announcements, Straw Vote on Changing Membership Meeting Date

7:15 School Board

8:15 Community Energy Plan Discussion Panel

8:40 Resolution Vote

8:50 Old Business

8:55 New Business

- Introduce ERA Resolution
- Introduce R&E Tax Rate Resolution

ACCF Treasurer's Report
February 1-28, 2018

Checking

Beginning balance 2-1-2018	\$ 8,023.75
Deposits	
2017-18 Dues:	\$ 1,502.66
Checks \$ 200.00**	
2018 Banquet:	
PayPal*	\$ 1,302.66
Expenses/Payments	
Constant Contact	\$ 66.50
Ending balance 2-28-2018	\$ 9,459.91

Savings

Beginning balance 2-1-2018	\$ 18,619.61
Deposits	\$.00
Interest	\$.42
Expenses/Payments	\$.00
Ending balance 2-28-2018	\$ 18,620.03

* PayPal assesses a fee of \$1.75 for each \$50 electronic deposit/payment.

** \$100 of dues deposit is the 2018-19 ACCF dues payment for the Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association and Ballston Virginia Square Civic Association.