



# The Civic Voice



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Please join us at **6:30 pm** in the Hazel Auditorium's lobby to enjoy light refreshments.



Dear Delegates, Alternates and Presidents of Member Organizations,

We have big news to announce -- the 103<sup>rd</sup> Civic Federation Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 5 will feature Col. Kimberly Peeples, commander of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, as the program speaker and the banquet will be held in the Koran Room at Patton Hall, the former Officer's Club, at the

Joint Base. You will not want to miss this special event, which also features music provided by members of "Pershing's Own," the prestigious U.S. Army Band. Mark your calendars now and click [here](#) for more information and register for this event.

#### Civic Federation Goes to the Head of the Class at its February Meeting

The Arlington School Board will address Delegates and Alternates and answer questions at the Arlington County Civic Federation meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 5 in Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting is open to the public. Delegates and Alternates also will have an opportunity to talk with the school board members at a 6:30 p.m. reception before the meeting.

The school board members have agreed to forgo a formal presentation and limit their opening statements. This will maximize the time for comments and questions about the issues that concern Civic Federation members, such as school construction, boundaries and budgets as well as the impacts of Amazon's HQ2 on Arlington schools.

In addition to the school board program, the Civic Federation will consider and vote on a resolution presented by the Legislation Committee to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana in the Commonwealth of Virginia (see resolution on pages [4](#) and [5](#) of this newsletter). Also, the Legislation Committee will introduce a resolution urging the County Board to provide motor vehicle tax relief for veterans with 100 percent disability (see resolution in this newsletter). Currently, 11 counties, including Fairfax and Loudoun counties, already provide such tax relief to totally disabled veterans.

At the Feb. 5 meeting, because of two Board resignations (more below) the Civic Federation also will elect a Nominations Committee to identify and nominate candidates for the 9 positions on the 2019-20 Board of Directors (i.e., officers and 5 at-large directors). Section 3.03 of the ACCF Bylaws requires that the Nominations Committee be elected at least 60 days before the Annual meeting and be comprised of 5 Delegates and/or Alternates.

Finally, as time permits, the CivFed will continue its "open mike" initiative at the Feb. 5 meeting.

### Meeting Agenda

#### February 5 Membership Meeting

- 7 PM Call to order
- Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's
- Selection of Nominating Committee
- 7:15 PM Visit with School Board
- 8:00PM Old Business - Discussion and vote on decriminalizing Marijuana Resolution
- 8:30PM New Business – Introduction of Personal Property Tax Relief for disabled veterans.
- 8:45 Open Mic
- 8:50 Adjournment

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## **The Wheels on Metro Go Round and Round at CivFed's March Meeting**

Our March meeting will be dedicated towards the challenges facing Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and how it impacts Arlington. Feature speakers include Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, who represents Northern Virginia jurisdictions as a principal member of the board of WMATA, plus a representative of the Federal City Council which has been instrumental in advocating for modernization of WMATA in the region. The Arlington County Civic Federation membership meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 5 in Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting is open to the public.

The imminent arrival of Amazon has many Arlington residents concerned about the impacts on all aspects of transportation. The Civic Federation is very fortunate that Mr. Dorsey, as chair of WMATA's Income and Budget Committee and one of three Arlington commissioners on the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, brings a lot of knowledge to the table on these issues. Likewise, the Federal City Council, headed by former DC Mayor Anthony Williams, will present perspectives on modernization of WMATA going forward.

After their presentations, Delegates and Alternates will have an opportunity to ask question and make comments. If time permits, the public may have a chance to ask questions.

Following the program, the Civic Federation will consider and vote on a resolution recommending that the County Board provide motor vehicle tax relief for totally disabled veterans (see resolution on pages [6,7 and 8](#) in this newsletter). The meeting will conclude with continuation of CivFed's "open mike" initiative.

## **Comings and Goings**

With regret, ACCF Vice President Nicole Merlene and Secretary Maureen Coffey resigned from the Board of Directors last month to pursue exciting new endeavors. Nicole announced her campaign for the Virginia Senate (31st district). Maureen has become manager for Katie Cristol's County Board reelection campaign.

"I have enjoyed learning so much about the County and the Federation over the last several months," Maureen said in her resignation letter. "At my age and the point of my career that I'm at, it was the right choice for me to accept this opportunity." Maureen, age 23, is the youngest Board member in ACCF history.

At the Jan. 16 Board of Directors meeting, Board members voted to appoint Dennis Gerrity, past Secretary, to be an assistant officer to help perform responsibilities of the Secretary position for the remainder of the fiscal year. Dennis received the Sun Gazette Cup, the Civic Federation's highest honor, at the 2018 CivFed Annual Banquet for his dedicated and exemplary years of service as Secretary for the Civic Federation.

At the Jan. 16 Board meeting, the Board also decided to forgo filling the vacancy in the Vice President position and focus more on the long term leadership requirements of CivFed. The Board is considering moving up the Annual Membership Meeting, when the membership elects the Board of Directors, and, therefore, decided to move up the election of a Nominations Committee to the Feb. 5. Meeting. Section 3.03(a) of the ACCF Bylaws requires that the membership elect the Nominations Committee at least 60 days in advance of the Annual Membership Meeting. The Bylaws also require that the Nominations Committee be comprised of 5 Delegates and/or Alternates to handle the nomination of at least one candidate for each of the 9 positions on the Board of Directors (Bylaws, §3.03(a)).

At the Feb. 10 Board meeting, the Board members will designate the date for the Annual Membership Meeting. I believe that electing the 2019-20 Board of Directors early will give additional time for a coordinated and smooth transition between the outgoing and incoming Board. The one-year terms of the 2018-19 Board of Directors begin on July 1 following their election.

## **Board Resolution Update**

Working with the Legislative Committee, a draft procedures guide for committees and how resolutions should be introduced is being developed. Shortly, these will be shared with all committees for review and comment before being shared with membership.

Finally, I want to thank all Delegates, Alternates and Member Organizations who came to both of our January meetings. At the special meeting on Jan. 8, which included an Amazon panel providing Pros and Cons of the deal and discussion and vote on the Level of Service Resolution, over 93 delegates attended from 47 member organizations. This is a record turnout for the past several years.

Best,  
Duke Banks, ACCF President

## “Won’t you be my neighbor?”

The Arlington County Civic Federation is pleased to announce that Col. Kimberly Peeples, Commander of Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall (JBM-HH), will be our featured speaker at the 2019 ACCF Annual banquet on Friday, April 5. For the first time, the annual CivFed banquet will be held in the Koran Room at JBM-HH Patton Hall, formerly the Fort Myer Officers Club. As a pitch perfect note to the banquet, members of “Pershing’s Own,” the prestigious U.S. Army Band, will provide music during the banquet’s social hour starting at 6 p.m. The banquet and program follow at 7 p.m.



“Col. Peeples and JBM-HH are wonderful neighbors to invite the Civic Federation to celebrate our 103rd anniversary at their ‘home,’” said CivFed President Duke Banks. “And we are particularly delighted that Col. Peeples’ speech will focus on the many ways that the command has been an important neighbor and friend to Arlington County.”

Col. Peeples assumed command of JBM-HH last April. She has served at various levels of command throughout her career in the Army. After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Col. Peeples obtained master’s degrees in construction management from the University of Washington and strategic Studies at the U.S. Army War College. Commissioned in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Col. Peeples deployed to both Iraq and Bosnia. To learn more about Col. Peeples follow this [link](#).

In addition to Col. Peeples’ address, the program will include presentation of the 2019 Sun Gazette Cup and ACCF President’s Award.

Early bird tickets (\$45) for the banquet are on sale Feb. 1 to March 10. Tickets will be \$65 after March 10 to March 29. After March 29 banquet reservations will be accepted if space is available. In addition, tables for 8 are available for \$330 until March 1 and \$360 thereafter.

Tickets may be purchased by check, credit card or PayPal. Use this [link](#) make your reservation. For additional more information, please contact Sandy Newton at [sandy@civfed.org](mailto:sandy@civfed.org) or 703-522-5593.

**Please note:** The names of those who purchase tickets by March 29 will be provided to the guards at the JBM-HH 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Gate to facilitate access to JBM-HH for the banquet. The base will email pass request forms that ticket holders can submit in order to receive a pass they can print and place on their dashboards. People who make late reservations may have to fill out pass information at the gate in order to access JBM-HH. It is strongly encouraged to make your reservations early to ensure you are on the list for easy access to JBM-HH.

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## ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION

### BACKGROUND

On November 13, 2018, the ACCF Legislation Committee introduced a resolution to the ACCF membership recommending that the Virginia General Assembly decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana.

Subsequently, President Duke Banks referred the resolution to the Legislation Committee and the Public Services Committee Chair, Jackie Snelling, for review. Members of the Legislation Committee met with Arlington Police Chief Jay Farr and Commonwealth's Attorney Theo Stamos to discuss the resolution as well as arrest data relating to marijuana possession charges.

On January 6, 2019, the Legislation Committee held a meeting and invited Ms. Snelling to provide input on the resolution in her capacity as Chair of the Public Services Committee. Ms. Snelling reported that the Public Services Committee had not yet been fully reconstituted, however her suggested revisions were incorporated by the Legislation Committee and recirculated the new revisions to the Legislation Committee and Ms. Snelling. No further comment on the revised resolution has been received from the Public Services Committee.

The resolution has undergone intensive review since first introduced. The revised resolution set forth below has the unanimous support of the Legislation Committee.

### RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, all but 4 states, including Virginia, plus the District of Columbia have adopted “medical marijuana” or more comprehensive cannabis programs<sup>1</sup>

**Whereas**, Individuals who have been prescribed marijuana for medical reasons continue to be arrested in Virginia;<sup>2</sup>

**Whereas**, in addition to legal costs and jail time, those arrested for marijuana possession also may face loss of their driver's license, employment, housing, parental rights, access to financial aid/loans; job discrimination; and deportation;<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), “State Medical Marijuana Laws”. <http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/state-medical-marijuana-laws.aspx>, accessed 10/22/18

<sup>2</sup> WJLA – ABC News, Washington DC. “In some states, medical marijuana cards can't prevent arrests.” Accessed 11/30/18 at <https://wjla.com/news/spotlight-on-america/in-some-states-medical-marijuana-cards-cant-prevent-arrests>; See Virginia Department of Health Professions -- Board of Pharmacy, “Information for Patients/Parents and Legal Guardians [regarding CBD & THC-A Oil]”. <https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/pharmacy/PharmaceuticalProcessing/Patients.htm>, accessed 10/22/18; Virginia Mercury. “Virginia marijuana arrests hit highest levels in a decade.” Accessed 10/22/18 at <https://www.virginiamercury.com/2018/09/25/marijuana-arrests-in-Virginia-hit-highest-levels-in-a-decade/>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/03/07/higher-ed-groups-want-end-student-aid-restrictions-applicants-drug-convictions>; Weisberg Attorneys. “What are Virginia's laws regarding marijuana?” <sup>3</sup> <https://www.weisbergattorneys.com/Articles/What-are-Virginia-s-laws-regarding-marijuana.shtml> accessed 10/22/18; [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/proposal-seeks-to-decriminalize-marijuana-possession-in-virginia/2015/01/22/2ac46b12-a24c-11e4-9f89-561284a573f8\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.afd164500b69](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/proposal-seeks-to-decriminalize-marijuana-possession-in-virginia/2015/01/22/2ac46b12-a24c-11e4-9f89-561284a573f8_story.html?utm_term=.afd164500b69)

## ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE RESOLUTION ON DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION (continued)

**Whereas**, 76% of Virginians support decriminalizing possession of small amounts of marijuana;<sup>4</sup>

**Whereas**, bills to decriminalize marijuana have been repeatedly introduced by members of Arlington’s state Delegation, including Senator Adam Ebbin, Delegate Patrick Hope, and Delegate Mark Levine, most recently Senate Bill 997 being considered in 2019;<sup>5</sup>

**Whereas**, the Arlington delegation to the General Assembly unanimously supports decriminalization of marijuana.<sup>6</sup>

**Be it resolved that** the Arlington County Civic Federation strongly supports the efforts of the Arlington delegation to secure passage of legislation decriminalizing marijuana possession.

**Be it further resolved that** the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the General Assembly to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana possession by adults so that, at a maximum, only civil penalties with reasonable fines are assessed.

**And be it further resolved that** the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board to include marijuana decriminalization as part of its legislative package until possession of small amounts of marijuana is no longer a crime in Virginia.

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<sup>4</sup> NBC News. “Poll : ¾ of Virginia voters support decriminalizing marijuana possession”, <http://www.nbc12.com/story/37447660/poll-finds-three-quarters-of-virginia-voters-support-decriminalizing-marijuana-possession/>, accessed 10/22/18 re: Feb 2018 survey by Wason Center for Public Policy – Christopher Newport University. <http://wasoncenter.cnu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Feb-7-2018-Final-2-1.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?191+sum+SB997>; <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+mbr+HB1063>

<sup>6</sup> The legislation committee has confirmed the support of each member of the delegation as of January 12, 2019.

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## ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED VETERANS

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

#### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The framework of a resolution on motor vehicle tax relief for disabled veterans was discussed with Mr. Erik Gutshall, Arlington County Board Member, at an “Open Door Session” on April 2, 2018. A proposal was sent to Mr. Gutshall on May 3, 2018, and his staff recommended the document be shared with the Arlington Civic Federation, Civic Associations, and other groups to get board-based support. On August 28, 2018, the proposal was emailed to 62 Civic Associations and no objections were received. On September 5, 2018, the Arlington County Military and Veterans Affairs Committee was briefed and an endorsement was sent to Arlington County Manager. This resolution of the Civic Federation’s Legislation Committee was passed, pending minor edits, unanimously on January 6, 2019. Voting members of Legislation Committee were: Ronald Haddox, Juliet Hiznay, John O’Hara, Andy Ludwig, Sarah Shortall, Allen Norton, and Don Gurney. Upon circulation of the resolution with amendments, these were accepted without objection. This resolution will be introduced to membership at the Civic Federation meeting to be held on February 5, 2019, by John O’Hara on behalf of the Legislation Committee.

#### BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides a disability compensation benefit to veterans who are disabled because of injuries or diseases that were incurred in or aggravated during military service. A veteran’s disability compensation rating is graduated according to degree of the veteran’s disability on a scale from 0 percent to 100 percent (in increments of 10 percent). Compensation may also be paid for disabilities considered secondary to disabilities occurring in military service and for disabilities presumed to be related to circumstances of military service. It is estimated that 2,900 out of 13,000 Arlington County veterans receive some level of disability compensation.

At least 11 jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia provide a motor vehicle tax relief for disabled veterans. A tax relief is achieved through changes to local codes in conformance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3000, which pertains to personal property subject to local taxation and in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3506 (A)(19), which defines a separate classification for local taxation on a motor vehicle owned by a veteran. Tidewater area jurisdictions have reduced motor vehicle tax rates for disabled veterans and Jefferson County provides a full personal property tax exemption while Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, and Loudoun County have a motor vehicle tax rate of \$.01 per \$100 assessed vehicle value for qualifying disabled veterans. To qualify for a motor vehicle tax relief, a veteran must be rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having a 100 percent service-connected, permanent and total disability rating.

Arlington County Office of the Commissioner of Revenue indicated there would be no adverse amount of workload with Arlington County approval of motor vehicle tax relief measure and estimated the average vehicle tax relief would be almost \$400 per disabled veteran plus there would be operational costs for computer system programming requirements. Arlington County Code § 27-11.1, which pertains to personal property tax on motor vehicles, would probably need to be amended. Based on veteran population projections and the number of disabled veterans approved for motor vehicle tax relief in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, it is estimated about 125 disabled veterans in Arlington County would qualify for the proposed motor vehicle tax relief. The estimated annual cost or reduced revenue to Arlington County for providing motor vehicle tax relief to 125 qualifying disabled veterans would be approximately \$50,000.

Arlington County has a long and proud history of supporting our Nation’s military and the Legislation Committee unanimously voted in favor of the following resolution regarding motor vehicle tax relief for disabled veterans.

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## RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED VETERANS

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County has a long history of supporting our Nation's military; <sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated 2,900 of 13,000 veterans living in Arlington County have some level of disability due to injuries or diseases incurred in or aggravated during military service, secondary conditions to service-connected disabilities, and disabilities presumed to be related to circumstances of military service; <sup>2 3 4 5 6</sup>

**WHEREAS**, at least 11 jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, provide motor vehicle tax relief for one motor vehicle owned by veterans who have a 100 percent permanent and total disability rating as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; <sup>7</sup>

**WHEREAS**, based on the number of disabled veterans who receive motor vehicle tax relief in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, it is estimated about 125 disabled veterans in Arlington County would qualify for motor vehicle tax relief; <sup>8 9 10 11</sup>

Arlington County Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, accessed January 7, 2019,

<https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/military-veterans-affairs-committee/>

<sup>2</sup> "FY2017 Disability Compensation and Pension Veteran Population," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2,871 disabled veterans in Arlington County, refer to MS Excel file: Comp\_n\_Pen\_by\_Cnty\_2017.elsx, accessed January 7, 2019, [https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran\\_population.asp](https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp)

<sup>3</sup> "Quick Facts - Arlington County," U.S. Census Bureau, veteran population of 12,797 as of July 2018, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/arlingtoncountyvirginia>

<sup>4</sup> "Veteran Population by County," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, estimate of 13,339 veterans in Arlington County as of September 30, 2018, refer to MS Excel file: 9L\_VetPop2016\_County.xlsx, accessed January 7, 2019, [https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran\\_population.asp](https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp)

<sup>5</sup> "Disability Compensation Benefit," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/index.asp>

<sup>6</sup> "Presumptive Disability Benefits," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/presumption.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Virginia jurisdictions with personal property tax relief for disabled veterans, accessed January 7, 2019:

Fairfax City, <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/commissioner-of-the-revenue/personal-property-motor-vehicle-license-tax-individual-business>

Fairfax County, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief/vehicle-disabled-veterans>

James City County, <https://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/457/Disabled-Veteran-Exemptions>

Loudoun County, <https://www.loudoun.gov/taxrelief-veteran>

Hampton, <https://www.hampton.gov/573/Tax-Rates>

Suffolk City, <https://www.suffolkva.us/185/Disabled-Veteran-Personal-Property-Tax-R>

Virginia Beach, <https://www.vb.gov.com/government/departments/commissioner-of-the-revenue/personal-property/Pages/disabled-veterans-personal-property-tax-relief.aspx>

City of Chesapeake, <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/comm-rev/local-tax-rates.htm>

City of Norfolk, <https://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=3577>

Hanover County, <https://www.hanovercounty.gov/401/Personal-Property-Tax>

City of Newport News, <https://www.nnva.gov/541/Handicapped-Disabled-Veteran-Motor-Vehic>

<sup>8</sup> "FY2017 Disability Compensation and Pension Veteran Population by County," U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, estimate of 22,132 disabled veterans in Fairfax County and 5,035 disabled veterans in Loudoun County, refer to MS Excel file Comp\_n\_Pen\_by\_Cnty\_2017.elsx, accessed January 7, 2019, [https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran\\_population.asp](https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp)

<sup>9</sup> Data provided by Heike Burke, Personal Property and Business License Division, Department of Tax Administration, Fairfax County (VA), email to John O'Hara, July 2, 2018. As of May 2018, Fairfax County processed 552 qualified applicants for the reduced vehicle tax rate for disabled veterans, which is 2.49 percent of estimated 22,132 disabled veterans in Fairfax County.

<sup>10</sup> Data provided by Darya Thompson, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Loudoun County (VA), email to John O'Hara, June 8, 2018. As of June 8, 2018, Loudoun County had 313 veterans with 100 percent service-connected permanent and total disability rating receiving reduced vehicle tax rate, which is 6.22 percent of estimated 5,036 disabled veterans in Loudoun County.

<sup>11</sup> Projection of 125 disabled veterans in Arlington County eligible for a motor vehicle personal property tax relief was extrapolated from number of disabled veterans approved for tax relief in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties compared to estimated 22,132 Fairfax County veterans and 5,036 Loudoun County veterans receiving disability compensation benefit, which implied a 4.35 percent average qualifying rate that was applied to estimated 2,871 Arlington County veterans in receipt of disability compensation.

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**WHEREAS**, the Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Office indicated that, although some computer system programming would be necessary, there would be no adverse amount of workload if the County Board approved motor vehicle tax relief for disabled veterans in Arlington County;<sup>12</sup>

**WHEREAS**, it is estimated that it would cost Arlington County approximately \$50,000 annually in lost revenue to provide motor vehicle tax relief to 125 qualifying disabled veterans based on tax relief per motor vehicle of about \$400;<sup>13 14</sup>

**WHEREAS**, providing motor vehicle tax relief to disabled veterans in Arlington County would require that the County Board amend local codes in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1 -3506 (A) (19), which allows a separate classification for local taxation on motor vehicles owned by disabled veterans;<sup>15</sup> and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the Arlington County Board approve motor vehicle tax relief on one motor vehicle owned by Arlington veterans who have a 100 percent permanent and total disability rating as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs by amending Arlington County Code §27-11-1;<sup>16</sup> and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the Arlington County Board adopt a reduced motor vehicle tax rate of \$.01 per \$100 assessed vehicle value on one motor vehicle owned by a disabled veteran with a 100 percent permanent and total disability rating, which is like the motor vehicle tax rate Fairfax and Loudoun Counties have approved for disabled veterans.<sup>17 18</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Information provided by Ray Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Vehicle Personal Property Division, Arlington County Commissioner of the Revenue Office, email to John O'Hara, December 19, 2018

<sup>13</sup> Data provided by Liza Gookin Hodskins, Aide to Erik Gutshall, Arlington County Board Member, with input from the Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Office, email to John O'Hara, July 2, 2018. Cost estimate of \$100,000 based on inaccurate estimate of 254 disabled veterans, which yielded an average cost of \$394 per disabled veteran. For resolution briefings and discussions, average tax relief cost of \$400 used.

<sup>14</sup> Cost estimate of \$50,000 based on 125 veterans multiplied by average tax relief of \$400 per veteran.

<sup>15</sup> Commonwealth of Virginia Code § 58.1 -3506 (A)(19), accessed January 7, 2019, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title58.1/chapter35/section58.1-3506/>

<sup>16</sup> "Personal Property Tax on Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Boats," Arlington County Code § 27-11.1, accessed January 8, 2019, <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2014/01/County-Code-27-Miscellaneous-Ordinances.pdf>

<sup>17</sup> "Reduced Vehicle Tax Rate for Qualifying Disabled Veterans," Fairfax County, accessed January 9, 2019, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief/vehicle-disabled-veterans>

<sup>18</sup> "Personal Property Alternative Tax Rate: Disabled Veterans," Loudoun County, accessed January 9, 2019, <https://www.loudoun.gov/1612/Tax-Relief-for-Disabled-Veterans>

## Supporting Future Teachers Makes Communities Stronger

By Lois Thomas Koontz

The quality of our schools is a leading reason why living in Arlington is so attractive to families. Our state-of-the-art facilities and latest technology rival those of any community in the Nation. However, while the buildings and technology are important, it is the quality of Arlington's teachers that scores the highest marks and makes the biggest impact on the lives of our children and, ultimately, our community. Teachers shape the future one child at a time.

While teaching is a noble profession, it's not a lucrative one. The combination of rising college costs and starting salaries that are lower than many other occupations can deter young people from choosing to become teachers. I'm sure we have all seen recent statistics about student debt and its toll on college graduates today.

In 1955, the Arlington County Civic Federation, the County Council of PTA's and the Arlington Retired Teachers Association founded the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers (ACSFFT). It is the only scholarship fund in Arlington that specifically supports future educators. The Arlington School Board and Arlington Education Association also are members of this non-profit organization.

Each year ACSFFT provides one-year scholarships to outstanding students graduating Arlington public schools who indicate a genuine interest in pursuing a teaching or related career, such as a school librarian or counselor. Currently, each scholarship is \$2,500. Since its founding, ACSFFT has awarded 576 scholarships totaling \$629,000. Past scholarship recipients represent every elementary, middle, high school and secondary program in Arlington County. In recent years, ACSFFT has awarded more than a dozen scholarships annually. However, there are many more students who desire to be teachers and deserve our support. We want to be able to say "yes" to every student who sees that teaching is the way to the future.

I hope you or your member organization will consider contributing to the ACSFFT. Individuals or organization that donate \$2,500 may have the scholarship named in their honor. Donations also may be made to honor or remember Arlington teachers or others. ACSFFT welcomes donations of any amount. For more information, please go to the ACSFFT website at [www.acsfft.org](http://www.acsfft.org) or email us at [info@acsfft.org](mailto:info@acsfft.org).

I, as current ACSFFT President, and Pete Olivere, ACCF representative to ACSFFT and its Treasurer, want to thank the Civic Federation for your support over the past 63 years. Together we can help make it possible for graduating seniors to choose a profession where they can make a real difference – teaching. Helping future teachers get ahead also is the best way to ensure that Arlington will have dedicated teachers to inspire generations to come.

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## Arlington County Civic Federation Dec. 11, 2018, Membership Meeting Minutes

President Duke Banks called the Dec. 11 ACCF membership meeting to order at 7 P.M. President Banks recognized the November All-Star organizations, and reminded organizations they needed to complete their membership forms and pay their dues by December 31st. President Banks also thanked the Arlington Career Center for filming the meeting.

The meeting agenda, November membership meeting minutes and November Treasurer's report were approved unanimously.

President Banks recognized the two new committee chairs: Tina Worden, Cultural Affairs Committee; and Sandy Newton, Banquet Committee. He also encouraged delegates and alternates to participate on CivFed committees.

President Banks reported on the budget that the Board of Directors passed at their Nov. 18 meeting.

In accordance with the ACCF Bylaws, President Banks announced the formation of the Awards Executive Committee. Delegate Joe Pelton volunteered for the Committee and President Banks said the Board of Directors would recruit four additional members to complete the committee.

### Amazon: Just the Facts Panel

- Victor Hoskins (Arlington Economic Development) and Stephen Morlet (Virginia Economic Development) made a presentation on the Amazon deal.

Questions from delegates and alternates addressed incentives and how it changes with HQ2 being split with New York; the timeline for metro developments and the yellow line closure; the presence of residential housing in the Crystal City area; the distribution between Arlington and Alexandria; fixes to Route 1; affordable housing; pre-school and daycare; overcrowding in public schools; and the distribution of wages around the \$150,000 median.

### Panel with Mark Schwartz (County Manager) and Patrick Murphy (APS Superintendent)

Questions from delegates and alternates addressed FOIA requests; reduction in county staff as an area to save money in the budget; budget gaps within both the county and APS; continuing education for athletic coaches; the tangible business tax; school resource officers; access to technology in schools; ART service and performance; legislative priorities to make Arlington easier to govern; cuts to the Parks and Recreation Department; and differences between the Independent City and County tax structure.

### Open Mic

Topics brought up by delegates/alternates included ranked choice voting when voting for in Civic Federation Board of Directors elections; the difficult elementary school redistricting; a call to delegates to join committees; and how to make the Federation's committees more well-known.

### Old Business

- The resolution on the decriminalization of marijuana will be considered at the Feb. 5 membership meeting.

The resolution concerning the "POPS" plan will be considered at the special meeting on Jan. 8.

### New Business

- The January ACCF membership meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., Jan. 2 in the Arlington County Board Room after County Board's New Year's meeting. The County Board will host a reception at 7 p.m. before the ACCF meeting.

The ACCF Board voted to hold a special membership meeting at 7 P.M., Jan. 8 in the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center. Topics will include a panel on Amazon with different viewpoints and consideration and vote on the "POPS" resolution.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 pm.

# The Civic Voice

## Arlington County Civic Federation Dec. 16, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

- Board members present: Lois Koontz Rick Epstein, Maureen Coffey, Mike McMenamin, Sandy Newton, Nicole Merlene, Duke Banks, Sarah Shortall
- Others attending: Ron Haddox (Legislation Committee Chair), Allen Norton (Rules and Bylaws Committee Chair), Ben Keeney (Planning and Zoning Committee)

Meeting agenda approved

Call with insurance broker

- Broker answered Board member questions on policy costs, who policy covers, deductibles (individual or incident), maximum annual payouts, defense of clients, D&O versus general liability insurance

Board unanimously approved minutes of November Board meeting

- Board set expectations for completion of Board meeting minutes and action items list
- Discussed having a volunteer to do note taking for action items list separate from minutes. Lois volunteered to do action list.

Treasurer's update

- Sarah Shortall moved that the Board approved paying \$286.63 to Randy Swart to reimburse him for payment for annual website domain. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Sarah reported that ACCF has purchased a 15-month and 18-month CD at Arlington Community Federal Credit Union and should yield about \$250/year.

Membership

- New Member Organizations:
- Gaslight Condo Association
- Little League Association
- The Board voted unanimously to allow new Member Organization to pay ½ dues.

Membership Dues and Verification

- Maureen Coffey reported that there are Member Organizations that still have not paid their dues or submitted membership verification and Delegate/Alternate contact information
- The Board agreed that Board member should do individual follow up and remind organization that the final deadline is Dec. 31

Committee reports

- Banquet Committee
  - ◇ Sandy reported that planning is in progress. She has met with catering and venue at Fort Myer and is waiting to hear back.
  - ◇ Sandy said the banquet date needs to be decided in order to lock in vendors
  - ◇ Sandy is working with a new printer for the invitations and program
  - ◇ Sarah she will help with the reservation payment record
- Awards Committee
  - ◇ Award committee was established at Dec. membership meeting
  - ◇ Joe Pelton has volunteered for the committee
  - ◇ Mileva Hartman was suggested for the committee
  - ◇ The committee will be elected at the Jan. 2 membership meeting
- Public Relations Committee
  - ◇ Nicole said she was sending the press releases to the Sun Gazette
  - ◇ Nicole also mentioned bringing in someone to work on social media,
  - ◇ Duke mentioned problems with getting on the agenda to address the County Board. He spoke with County Board Chair Katie Cristol, who said she was interested in working to ensure the Civic Federation is able to make public comment at Board meetings
- Newsletter
  - ◇ Sarah said that the Public Relations Community and Board should have opportunity to review the President's letter

# The Civic Voice

## Arlington County Civic Federation Dec. 16, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes (continued)

- Bylaws and Rules Executive Committee
  - ◇ Chair Allen Norton said he and Sarah Shortall have determined that the priorities for developing operating rules/guidelines should be issues resolutions and committees.
  - ◇ Thereafter, they will work on rules/guidelines for membership applications and membership meetings
  - ◇ They will present draft rules/procedures at the Jan. Board meeting.
  - ◇ Sarah said they were trying to work out how to ensure ACCF members get notice of committee meetings.
  - ◇ One suggestion is to add a calendar on the ACCF webpage
- Planning and Zoning Committee
  - ◇ Duke reported that he has recruited Ben Keeney to be committee chair
  - ◇ The Board unanimously approved Ben's appointment as P&Z Committee chair.
- The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 p.m.

# The Civic Voice

## **Arlington County Civic Federation Jan. 2, 2019, Membership Meeting Minutes**

President Duke Banks called the Jan. 2 ACCF membership meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. and thanked the County Board for allowing the Federation to use their meeting room. Motions to approve the meeting agenda and hold a special meeting on Jan. 8 were approved unanimously.

President Banks presented two organizations that the Board of Director recommended for membership: Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks and Gaslight Condominium Association. A motion to approve both organizations for membership were approved unanimously.

The following candidates for the Awards Committee were elected unanimously:

Sara Anderson  
Michael Beers  
Mileva Hartman  
Scott Pedowitz  
Stef Pryor

Stef Pryor volunteered to chair the Committee.

### Conversation with the County Board

- Each County Board member gave a 3-minute introduction to their priorities for the year. Questions from delegates included: engagement of citizens; civility in public discourse; budget priorities; environmental efforts and changes in Arlington; and Amazon's relocation to Arlington.

Vice-President Nicole Merlene presented a report recapping the Energize Arlington initiative. She reported in the month of workshops provided to Arlington civic associations and other organizations gave a recap on the events and outcomes from the partnership between the County and the Civic Federation, including a guide that will provide resources for civic organizations.

Public Services Committee Chair Jackie Snelling, Cultural Affairs Committee Chair Tina Wooden, and Planning and Zoning Executive Committee Chair Ben Feeny briefly introduced their committees and ways to get involved.

### Old Business

- The decriminalization of marijuana resolution will be considered at the Feb. 5 meeting. The "POPS" plan resolution will be considered at the special meeting on Jan. 8.

### New Business

- There will be a special membership meeting at 7 p.m., Jan. 8 at Virginia Hospital Center. Topics will include a panel on the Amazon relocation to Arlington and consideration and vote on the "POPS" resolution.

The February Newsletter deadline is Jan. 24.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10 p.m.

# The Civic Voice

## Arlington County Civic Federation Jan. 8, 2019, Membership Meeting Minutes

President Duke Banks called the Jan. 8 ACCF special membership meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He reminded Delegates and Alternate to sign-in and get a voting card. President Banks thanked the Arlington Career Center for filming the meeting. He also reported that Vice President Nicole Merlene had resigned from the Board of Directors due to personal and professional changes. Finally, he reminded everyone that the agenda for the special meeting was approved at the Jan. 2 membership meeting.

The Board of Directors recommended that Arlington County Little League (ACLL) be approved for membership. The Delegates unanimously approved ACLL for membership.

### Amazon “Pros and Cons” Panel

- Stephen Fuller, George Mason University
- Sally Duran, Arlington Economic Development Commission
- Roshan Abraham, Our Revolution Arlington

Each panelist gave a brief presentation of their views of the Amazon deal, followed by questions from Delegates and Alternates. Questions included: the methodology used to estimate where people will live; affordable housing; the distribution of wages around the \$150,000 median; the incentive program offered to Amazon; investments in education; impacts on Arlington public schools; and transportation development.

### Presentation/Panel on POPS Plan and Level of Service calculations

- President Banks gave a short background to the panel, explaining that the County was invited to present themselves, but sent citizen representatives in their place feeling that they had the appropriate information to answer any and all questions regarding level of service.
- Caroline Haynes and Elizabeth Gearin, presenting the rationale behind the Level of Service methodology
- Peter Russelot and Kari Klaus, presenting opposition to Level of Service methodology the plan incorporated

Delegates and alternates asked questions focusing on: how level of service methodology was chosen; viable alternatives; the engagement of athletic organizations in the process; objections to the cities/counties chosen as comparable to Arlington; objections to the idea that there are too many fields; whether field “rest” time and maintenance were taken into account; whether weather needs were taken into account; why analysis by Peter Russelot and Kari Klaus focused on diamond fields as opposed to other types of fields; how scheduling of ball fields works; how to make scheduling more efficient; and how the athletic organizations and parents feel about field needs and usage.

### Consideration of the “POPS” Resolution

- A motion to amend the resolution to strike the text in the section “Be it further resolved...” stating “keeping existing athletic fields in safe, playable condition for longer periods” was made and seconded. The amendment passed 66 - 1 - 0
  - A motion to call the previous question was made and seconded. President Banks determined the motion passed with a clear  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority.
- The resolution, as amended, passed 66 for, 17 against and 3 abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

# The Civic Voice

## Old Glebe Civic Association Proposed Boundary Change

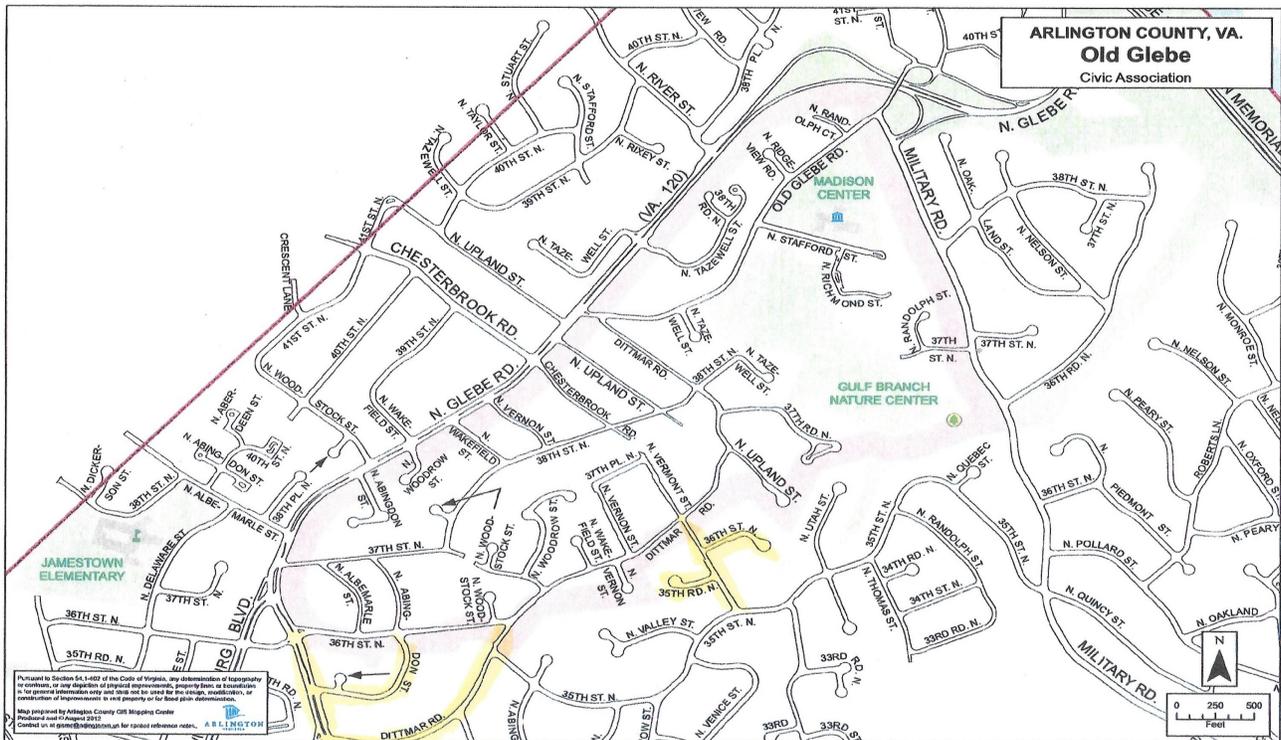
The Old Glebe Civic Association (OGCA) is requesting to expand its current boundaries, to incorporate several streets just south of OGCA's current boundary that are not part of any civic association. The three area proposed to be annexed are as follows:

- (1) Both sides of N. Abingdon St. between 36th Street N. and Glebe Rd. (13 households);
- (2) Both sides of Dittmar Rd. between 36th Street N. and Glebe Rd. (24 households); and
- (3) Both sides of N. Vermont St. between Dittmar Rd. and 35th Street, as well as the two cul-de-sacs that run off of this block (36th Street N. and 35th Road N.) (26 households).

The current southern border of OGCA, beginning at Glebe Road, runs east along both sides of 36th Street N until it reaches Dittmar Rd., and thence runs east along both sides of Dittmar Rd. (and includes all of the cul-de-sacs that run south off of Dittmar Road). Under the proposed changes, the southern border of OGCA, beginning at Glebe Road, would run east along the entire length of Dittmar Road, except that it would dip south at N. Vermont St. to incorporate N. Vermont St. and its two cul-de sacs. The proposed changes are highlighted on the accompanying map.

The proposed boundary changes would incorporate street that are not currently part of any civic association and that logically fit into the OGCA neighborhood. For example, five of the six blocks of Dittmar Road are currently within OGCA; the proposed change would bring all of Dittmar Road within OGCA boundaries.

OGCA members canvassed the neighborhoods affected by the proposed expansion. A majority of the residents of those neighborhoods signed petitions expression approval of their incorporation into OGCA. No residents expressed opposition. The only civic association that abuts OGCA to the south is the Gulf Branch Civic Association (GBCA). Areas within the GBCA include 35th Street N. where it insects with N. Vermont St.—an area directly adjacent to a block that OGCA proposes to incorporate. OGCA has informed residents of GBCA of its proposed expansion, and is unaware of any opposition to its plan.



# The Civic Voice

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Any Delegate, Alternate and member of a Member Organization may participate on any Member Standing Committee (ACCF Bylaws, Section 3.03). Please contact the Committee chair or point of contact or President Duke Banks if you are interested participating on ACCF Member Committees.

## ACCF 2018-2019 CALENDAR

- Tuesday, Feb. 5**                    **ACCF Membership meeting**  
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium  
1701 N. George mason Dr.  
7 p.m., 6:30 p.m. – reception with School Board members
- Sunday, Feb. 10**                    **ACCF Board meeting**  
Fire Station 2  
4805 Wilson Blvd.  
6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 21**                    **Deadline for March ACCF Newsletter**
- Friday, March 1**                    **Deadline for Early Bird Banquet tickets**
- Tuesday, March 5**                    **ACCF Membership meeting**  
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium  
1701 N. George mason Dr.  
7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10**                    **ACCF Board meeting**  
Fire Station 2  
4805 Wilson Blvd.  
6:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 29**                    **Deadline for ACCF Banquet Reservations**
- Friday, April 5**                    **ACCF Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony**  
Koran Room, Patton Hall  
Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall  
Enter base at 2<sup>nd</sup> Street entrance  
6 p.m. - cocktails, 7 p.m. – dinner and program
- Tuesday, May 7**                    **ACCF Membership meeting**  
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium  
1701 N. George mason Dr.  
7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 12**                    **ACCF Board meeting**  
Fire Station 2  
4805 Wilson Blvd.  
6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4**                    **ACCF Membership meeting**  
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium  
1701 N. George mason Dr.  
7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 9**                    **ACCF Board meeting**  
Fire Station 2  
4805 Wilson Blvd.  
6:30 p.m.

# The Civic Voice

## ACCF Treasurer's Report December 1-31 2018

With the purchase of two certificates of deposit at the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union, ACCF is now earning about \$20 per month in interest. This action should yield the Civic Federation about \$240 annually.

As of the Jan. 8, CivFed has 84 organizations. This represents an increase of two Member Organizations in 2018-19.

<b><u>Checking</u></b>		
Beginning balance (12/1/18)		\$ 7,573.97
Deposits		
Checks received – 2018-19 dues	\$ 200.00	
Transfer from PayPal – 2018-19 dues	<u>\$ 386.00</u>	
	\$ 586.00	\$ 586.00
Expenditures		
Administrative		
Constant contact	<u>\$ 66.50</u>	
	\$ 66.50	\$ 66.50
Ending balance (12/31/18)		<u>\$ 8,093.47</u>
<b><u>Savings</u></b>		
Beginning balance (12/1/18)		\$ 4,426.02
Deposits		
Interest	\$ .11	\$ .11
Expenditures		
	\$ .00	\$ .00
Ending balance (12/31/18)		<u>\$ 4,426.13</u>
<b><u>PayPal</u></b>		
Beginning balance (12/1/18)		\$ .00
Deposits		
Dues	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Expenditures		
Transfer to checking	\$ 386.00	
PayPal fees	<u>\$ 14.00</u>	
	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
Ending balance (12/31/18)		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b><u>Arlington Community Federal Credit Union</u></b>		
Beginning balance (12/1/18)		\$ 10,014.06
Deposits		
Interest 15-month CD	\$ 8.63	
Interest 18-month CD	<u>\$ 10.10</u>	
	\$ 18.73	\$ 18.73
Expenditures	\$0.00	\$ .00
Ending balance (12/31/18)		<u>\$ 10,032.79</u>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>		<u>\$ 22,552.39</u>
<b><u>Total Liabilities</u></b>		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<b><u>Fund Balance</u></b>		<u>\$ 22,552.39</u>
<b><u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</u></b>		<u>\$ 22,552.39</u>

# The Civic Voice

## Common Parliamentary Motions Applicable to and Used in the Deliberative Process

Motion (“I move”)	Purpose	Second re-quired?	Debata-ble?	Amenda-ble?	Vote re-quired?
Main motion	Puts new business before the membership.	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Amend motion	Revises or changes wording or elements of the main motion.	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Discharge issue from committee	Takes/keeps issue from committee and brings before membership before/without committee report/consideration.	Y	Y	Y	Majority, 2/3rds – if no prior notice
Limit/extend debate	Changes amount of time normally permitted for debate/discussion.	Y	Y	N	Two-thirds
Suspend rules	Sets aside normal operating rules, suspends standing rules without previous notice.	Y	N	N	Two-thirds
Table the motion	Stops debate and vote on motion.	Y	Y	N	Majority
Postpone to time certain or indefinitely	Delays deliberation to specific future time or kills motion (postpone indefinitely).	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Appeal decision of the chair	Disagrees with chair and lets members decide. Must appeal immediately.	Y	Y	N	Majority - sustains chair
Previous question Call the Question	Cuts off debate. Maker of motion first must be recognized by chair.	Y	N	N	Two-thirds
Reconsider	Reconsiders vote taken at same meeting. Maker must be on prevailing side.	Y	Y, if original motion is	N	Majority
Recess	Interrupts meeting for a short break.	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Adjourn	Ends meeting immediately.	Y	N	N	Majority

# The Civic Voice

## Announcements

### Northern Virginia NORML is hosting a movie

**Medical marijuana movie/information session: Northern Virginia NORML is hosting a movie/information session about marijuana at the Arlington Draffthouse on Thursday, February 7th at 7pm.**

Join Virginia NORML for a screening of the celebrated documentary about families who use medical cannabis to survive, "Weed the People." Prior to the screening at 7pm will be a medical cannabis information session, where guests will learn about the new legislation in Virginia, and new potential marijuana laws being voted on at the 2019 General Assembly. "Weed the People" is filmmakers Abby Epstein and Ricki Lake's unflinching look at the underground world of herbal medicine, where patients become experts on their own conditions and spend thousands of dollars on federally illegal medicines that are concocted in suburban kitchens. Nowhere is this phenomenon more compelling than in the treatment of children, whose parents will stop at nothing to help them.

**Tenant-Landlord Commission:** The Tenant-Landlord Commission meets at 7:00 PM on February 13, 2019 in the Azalea Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Comprised of tenant, landlord and public interest representatives the commission hears grievances and facilitates disputes between tenants and landlords and advises the County Board on policy and programs. Public comment is welcome.

**NCAC:** The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Thursday, February 14. For information about this meeting including where it will be held, follow this [link](#) to the NCAC [website](#).

**Transportation Commission:** The Transportation Commission's September meeting will be held on Wednesday, Thursday February 7, starting 7:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

**Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission's June meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, starting 7:00 pm in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse. The Planning Commission has scheduled a Carry-Over meeting for February 13 starting 7:00 pm in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

**Housing Commission:** The Housing Commission's September meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14 starting 7:00 p.m. in Room 311 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

**Arlington County Board:** The County Board's September meeting will be held on Saturday, February 23 starting 8:30 a.m. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before February 23 The Board Recessed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26, starting at 3:00 p.m.

**Parks and Recreation Commission:** The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a meeting starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, February 26, in the Azalea Room in 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before February 26.

**March Newsletter:** The deadline for October newsletter articles is Thursday, February 24. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

## Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center

Delegates, Alternates and others attending Arlington County Civic Federation meetings at Virginia Hospital Center can park for **FREE** in the **B/GOLD** garage under the 1635 Medical Office Building at Virginia Hospital Center. Although everyone must take a ticket to enter the **B/GOLD** garage, the exit gate will be raised when you leave or you can insert your ticket and it will raise. The garage has abundant parking spaces. Please note, parking in any other lot on the Virginia Hospital Center property is not free.

