



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,



This month we have two provocative presentations that should make for a very interesting evening. Our premier presentation will be on Promoting Transparency through Open Data to enhance Open Government in Arlington featuring County Manager Mark Schwartz and Katya Abazajian from the Sunlight Foundation. This is a follow on to

programs we had in November and December 2015. For more details see page 4 of this newsletter.

!Important Notice!
The Civic Federation is changing the day on which it holds its monthly meetings. Effective October 2019, the Federation's General Membership Meetings will move to the third Tuesday of the month. The meetings will continue to start at 7 PM and be held in the Virginia Hospital Center's Hazel Auditorium.

The second presentation concerns the Resolution introduced last month to change the Nauck Civic Association's name to Green Valley Civic Association. While we will formally vote on the requested name change, we are taking this opportunity to provide the existing Nauck Community to explain in more detail the history of the area and the reasons for reverting to its original name of Green Valley. It is a fascinating slice of Arlington History that you will not want to miss. As an appetizer, read some of the history compiled by Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr. in the documentation that accompanies the resolution in this issue of the Civic Voice.

Besides these two presentations, our May meeting will consider a slate of candidates that will form the Leadership Team for ACCF for FY 2019-2020.

At last month's meeting we welcomed a new Delegate - Rajan Dudani representing the Arlington Heights Civic Association.

Meeting Agenda

May 7, 2019 Membership Meeting

- 7:00 – Call to order – Approve agenda, minutes and treasurer's report. Approve new member organizations.
- 7:05—Open Mic
- 7:15—Nominations Committee and vote of Officers
- 7:20—Transparency/Open Data
- 8:15– Nauck/Green Valley Resolution
- 8:35 – Cultural Affairs Committee Report
- 8:50 – Old Business –
- 8:55 – New Business –
- 9:05 – Adjourn

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What I did not mention is that he is possibly the youngest delegate ever to the Civic Federation. He is 17 years old. We should all commend Rajan for becoming a delegate, and it is one additional step in our efforts to promote diversity.



Many thanks to all you contributed to the success of our Annual Banquet at Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall featuring Col Kimberly Peeples, Commander of the Joint Base. Over 140 people attended the event, a record turnout! A big thank you to all who came.

I owe gratitude to everyone in ACCF who helped make the event a success, but Sandy Newton, our Banquet Chair deserves a special shout out. Her attention to detail was incredible, including ordering the cakes with the title of the Commander’s presentation – “Won’t you be my neighbor?” On seeing the cakes, Col. Peeples reminded me that it is an Army thing to cut a cake at special events, which we did.

And, of course, kudos to the staff at JBM-HH, especially Leah Rabalcaba, Community Relations Officer, and Col Peeples for not only her presentation, but her willingness to engage with the Arlington Community.

On page 4 of this newsletter there is a recap of the Banquet, plus a listing of those that received Certificates of Appreciation. I awarded the President’s Award to Lois Koontz for her invaluable contribution on the Board of Directors this year. And I was honored (and humbled) with the Sun Gazette Cup presented by Scott McCaffrey, Managing Editor of the Sun Gazette Newspaper. Here is a [link](#) to Scott's article on the Sun Gazette Cup.

Here is a follow up on post incorporation activities: During the last few months the By-laws community has been drafting rules and procedures to complement our new By-Laws. These have been circulated to Committee Chairs for their input before the Board of Directors finalizes the Rules and Procedures as a Board Resolution. When the Board Resolution has been adopted, we will circulate the same to membership. Earlier this year we passed two Board Resolutions (One ratifying the By-Laws. And the other designating the Committees). It has been brought to our attention that these are not posted on the website, and we are working to posting them on our website as soon as possible.

We are also working on developing a Conflict of Interest Statement that will be a Board Resolution. This is now a “best practice” encouraged by the IRS. When it is finalized as a Board Resolution, membership will be advised.

Please note that we continue to grow with applications for membership from the Arlington Historical Society and Encore Stage & Studio.

Looking forward to June, we will have a special presentation by the Cultural Affairs Committee. See a [write up](#) in this Newsletter for more detail. Plus, we will have an update on the efforts of the Lee Highway Alliance. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the May 7th meeting!

Best,
Duke Banks,
President ACCF

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Diverse Slate Nominated for 2019-20 CivFed Board

The Nominations Committee has recruited a strong and diverse slate of candidates to run for the 2019-20 Board of Directors (BOD). The election for the 2019-20 Board will be at the May 7 Civic Federation meeting.

The slate of nominees, all of whom are Delegates, is:

President	Sandy Newton (Women's Club of Arlington)
Vice President	Allan Gajadhar (Cherrydale Civic Association)
Secretary	Allen Norton (Bluemont Civic Association)
Treasurer	Sarah Shortall (Waverly Hills Civic Association)
At-Large Directors	Eric Cassel (Crystal City Civic Association) Chanda Choun (Buckingham Civic Association) Dennis Gerrity (Northern Virginia NORML) Mike McMenamin (Maywood Civic Association) Stacy Meyer (Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks)

The Nominations Committee reports that a number of CivFed Delegates and Alternates indicated an interest in running for the BOD and predicts future leadership in the Civic Federation looks very bright.

The Civic Federation Bylaws specify that the BOD be elected at the annual membership meeting (Bylaws §3.03(b)). Historically, the CivFed annual meeting has been in June (Old Bylaws, Article V, §1), The current bylaws provide that the Board shall set the date and time of the annual meeting and, in absence of a Board decision, the annual meeting shall be in June (Bylaws, §2.06(1)). At its March meeting, the BOD voted to hold the annual meeting in May this year. Board members said moving up the election date would give the new and old Boards an opportunity to work together for two months, which would promote a smooth transition.

At the May 7 annual meeting, the Nominations Committee will present the slate of candidates and accept additional nominations from the floor (Bylaws, §3.03(a)). Additional nominees must be present at the meeting and consent to run. All candidates for the BOD must be Delegates or Alternates and remain so throughout their term on the BOD (Bylaws, §§3.02(d), 3.03(a)). The BOD shall be elected by a majority of the Delegates present and voting at the meeting, provided a quorum has been established (Bylaws, §3.03(b)). Delegates may elect the BOD by acclamation if there is only one candidate for each BOD position. If there is more than one candidate for a BOD position, voting must be by secret ballot.

The BOD shall serve for a term of one year beginning July 1 following the election, which is the start of the Civic Federation's fiscal year (Bylaws, §3.03(c)).

Respectfully submitted,
Nominations Committee (Michael Beer, Eric Berkey, Dennis Gerrity, Lois Koontz, Sarah Shortall)

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CivFed’s May Meeting Will Focus on Promoting Transparency through Open Data to Enhance Open Government in Arlington

Please join us on May 7th for an interactive conversation focused on “Enhancing Open Government in Arlington”. During this session, we welcome our County Manager Mark Schwartz and Katya Abazajian from the Sunlight Foundation to explore Arlington’s progress in advancing open government, data, and transparency. This session provides an opportunity for members of the Civic Federation to learn more about new tools and strategies being used in the County, including Arlington Wallet, and the Open Data portal. We will also gain insights into the County’s recent efforts to strengthen and align data and customer service, including how to expedite processing of FOIA requests. In addition, we will hear more about the Sunlight Foundation’s work to create a set of open data guidelines to address what data should be public, how to make data public, and how to implement policy.

This is a follow-on to the Open Data program the Civic Federation presented on November 15, 2015 (which included participation by the Sunlight Foundation), plus County Manager Mark Schwartz overview provided on December 1, 2015. In preparation for this session, delegates may wish to review videos and documents for both of these programs. They can be found on the CivFed “[Open Data Initiative](#)” page on CivFed’s website.

Since 2016, our President Duke Banks has had the privilege of representing CivFed on the County Manager’s Open Data Advisory Group (ODAG). He will moderate the conversation.

June Meeting

Our June meeting will highlight cultural affairs in Arlington with a panel discussion moderated by Mary Hynes and an update on what the Lee Highway Alliance is doing. There will be a status report on the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers.

A Report on CivFed’s Successful 2019 Banquet

On April 5, 2019, the 103rd annual Arlington Civic Federation banquet was held on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall in the Koran Room of Patton Hall. This change of venue came about through coordination by Duke Banks and outreach by Col. Kimberly Peeples, the base commander. Leah Rubalcaba, liaison for Col. Peeples is to be commended for her attention to detail and coordination of security details. One hundred and fifty-one Civic Federation members and County representatives signed up for the banquet. Around 145 people attended and were entertained by members of the Army Brass quintet. Col. Peeples spoke of the history of the base and some of the support arms that reach the Arlington Community. The Career Center filmed the event. After the remarks, awards were given: Duke Banks presented the President’s award to Lois Koontz, The Sun Gazette award was given to Duke Banks by Scott McCaffery. Stephanie Pryor, chair of the awards committee, presented Certificates of Appreciation to James Lander, John Vihstadt, and Sarah Shortall. Thanks to the board for their efforts in supporting this event and to Dennis Gerrity, Sarah Shortall extra kudos

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RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE NAUCK CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO THE GREEN VALLEY CIVIC ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the community currently known as “Nauck”, bordered by Army-Navy Country Club, Four Mile Run, South Walter Reed Drive and South 16th Road—features African-American roots that predate the Civil War from as early as the 1700’s;

WHEREAS, this area was historically known as Green Valley until the early 1970’s when it started to be referred to as Nauck;

WHEREAS, the residents of the area continually celebrate and honor the heritage of a “FREED” community and the community strongly associates the significant neighborhood accomplishments and the history of the diverse community to when it was known as Green Valley;

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Civic Federation has been recognized by the Arlington County Board as having the authority to review and approve changes to civic associations and boundaries;

WHEREAS, the civic association has researched and presented the historical name references, considered options, and had full discussions at multiple warned regular civic association meetings, Executive Committee meetings and published the information for public comment and input in the Sun Gazette, Connection and Arlington Now.

AND WHEREAS, the civic association, formerly known as the Nauck Civic association, approved a resolution (attached) on April 1, 2019 at a duly warned regular meeting, to change the name of the civic association to the Green Valley Civic Association and to be known as the Green Valley Civic Association from this date forward;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation approves and supports the civic association name change to the Green Valley Civic Association for the area bounded by Army-Navy Country Club, Four Mile Run, South Walter Reed Drive and South 16th Road and previously known as the Nauck Civic Association;

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation will notify the Arlington County Board of the name change and request that the County Board assist and support the Green Valley Civic Association with implementation of this name change including changes to the related County civic association maps and other references.

References below provided by the Green Valley Civic Association with their adopted resolution for the name change.

Links to Articles published on renaming Nauck

<https://www.arlnow.com/2019/02/19/nauck-leaders-to-mull-renaming-neighborhood-pointing-to-namesakes-confederate-ties/>

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2019/feb/18/opinion-letter-editor-return-green-valley/>

Gazette and or Connection ran the below letter

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Renaming the Community Green Valley

” Residents of the Nauck Community would like to rename our community “Green Valley. For unknown reasons, the County made a decision to officially change or refer to our community as “Nauck” and drop “Green Valley” many years ago.

The Present Nauck Community

The Nauck Community—bordered by Army-Navy Country Club, Four Mile Run, South Walter Reed Drive and South 16th Road---features African-American roots that predate the Civil War. Records from the 1840s show that free blacks like Levi and Sarah Ann Jones bought land, built homes and sometimes found neighbors by selling portions of their lots.

A surge of growth came with the start of the 20th Century when an influx of former slaves arrived as the federal government shuttered its nearby Freedman’s Village.

Faced with encroaching segregation, Green Valley residents became self-sustaining as entrepreneurs, educators, religious leaders, health workers and other professionals established an array of resilient neighborhood institutions. Several survive to this day.

Green Valley’s Origin

In 1719, John Todd and Evan Thomas received a land grant within the area that is now referred to as the Nauck neighborhood. Robert Alexander later acquired the land. In 1778, Alexander sold his property to John Parke Custis, whereupon the land became part of Custis' Abingdon estate. During the mid-1800s, Gustavus Brown Alexander owned much of the area that became Nauck, which at the time was called Green Valley. It has been stated that it is doubtful that any of the early settlers of Northern Virginia made a more significant and large-scale contribution to the development of Arlington and have received less credit and recognition for it than the Frazier’s of the Green Valley Estate. Anthony Frazier built Green Valley Manor in 1821 on what is now the Army-Navy Club. William Frazier, Jr. acquired from the Alexander family several hundred acres of ground straddling lower Long Branch, a tributary of Four Mile Run. The lands were known as Green Valley, perhaps named for James Green, who lived on the land near the present location of the clubhouse at the Army-Navy Country Club..

Green Valley Manor was cited in the floor of a valley about a hundred yards from Long Branch The estate included what are now the Oakridge Elementary School, the Gunston Middle School, Shirley Park, and Arna Valley (Avalon), as well as land from Pentagon City and the River House almost to the banks of Four Mile Run.

The Frazier properties were extensively occupied and used by the Union Army throughout the Civil War. In 1924 Green Valley Manor was destroyed by fire, originating from causes that have never been conclusively established. This may be a hint to why the Green Valley name was dropped and Nauck established.

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African Americans began to purchase property and settle in the Green Valley area during that period. Among the early African American property owners were Levi and Sarah Ann Jones. In 1844 Levi and Sarah Ann purchased 14 acres of land in eastern Arlington along Four Mile Run with a down payment of \$200 and an additional \$235 to be paid over a period of five years. Throughout the decades before and after the Civil War, the Jones family expanded their farm, sold land to fellow African Americans to help create the Green Valley neighborhood and become community leaders. By the time the Civil War commenced, Jones' farm consisted of seventeen acres, twelve of which had been cleared for cultivation. Jones' property eventually became the southern extension of the Green Valley community. In the early stages of the community's development Jones' home served as a school, a church and a meeting house. Throughout the decades before and after the Civil War, the Jones family expanded their farm, sold land to fellow African Americans to help create the Green Valley neighborhood, and became community leaders. By 1900 this neighborhood in eastern Arlington County became the largest black community in terms of both geography and population. This large population supported both a church and school within the community. The early strength of Green Valley was due, in large part, to the presence of the Jones family who actively sold land to fellow African Americans. After the war ended in 1865, Thornton and Selina Gray, an African American couple that had earlier been slaves at Arlington House, purchased a small piece of property in the area in 1867.

In the 1970s the community started to become heavily referred to by "official Arlington" as Nauck, rather than what it was commonly known as. It then raises the question why was it still commonly referred to as "Green Valley" when it was recorded in Alexandria County in 1885 as "Nauck?" Was the new Arlington County, started in 1920 bound by recordings of Alexandria County? If they were not bound, why did they continue to refer to it as Green Valley for the first 50 years of its existence (1920-1970)? Was it because John D. Nauck was a former Confederate Army soldier and the Green Valley Manor was extensively occupied and used throughout most of the Civil War by the Union Army?

During 1874-1875, **John D. Nauck, a former Confederate Army soldier who had immigrated from Germany**, purchased parcels of land in South Arlington (some 30 years after Levi and Sarah Ann Jones) and began subdividing it. Prior to that time the area was known as Green Valley. Some articles state he purchased 69 parcels (acres) and others state he purchased 46 parcels (acres). John Nauck held at least one political office in the area, lived on his property and subdivided and sold the remainder. During the post-war period, the area attracted several African American families residing in Freedman's Village and other locations. In 1876, **William Augustus Rowe**, an African American who lived in Freedman's Village and was elected to a number of political positions, was among those who purchased property in the area during that period. Green Valley grew slowly during the late nineteenth century. Again it raises the question, why their names were not considered?

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In 1874, a congregation initially organized in Freedman's Village purchased land in the area on which to relocate a building containing an African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, (the Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church). The church's building housed a public school that was later known as the Kemper School. In 1885, the Alexandria County school board built a one-room school nearby. The board constructed a new two-story brick school in 1893 on South Lincoln Street. The Arlington County school board later replaced that building with a larger facility that now contains the Drew Model Elementary School.

While the Nauck community's origins predate the Civil War and John D. Nauck, African American families like the Jones family formed a seed for the future, the community's growth, particularly the first half—of the twentieth century was fed by migration. In particular, Green Valley became a station on a migration that traces to the end of the Civil War and the establishment of Freedman's Village in Arlington following the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

From its earliest days and throughout most—and particularly the first half—of the twentieth century, Green Valley and other African American communities were largely excluded from full participation in mainstream American political and social life and commerce. As a result, communities had to “do for themselves.” They made their own institutions, and they did their best to provide services for themselves and their neighbors. They also made their own fun. Community churches facilitated many of these activities.

However, the 1902 Virginia Constitution, which established racial segregation throughout the state and restricted the rights of African Americans, stopped the neighborhood's expansion. African American property owners continued to subdivide their lands to accommodate more people, but Nauck's boundaries largely remained unchanged.

During World War II, the federal government constructed Paul Lawrence Dunbar Homes, an 11 acres segregated barracks-style wartime emergency low-income housing community for African Americans in Green Valley. The government built this affordable housing project on a parcel of land at Kemper Road and Shirlington Road that Levi Jones and his family had once owned. Meanwhile, construction of The Pentagon and its surrounding roads during the war destroyed several older African American communities. Some of those communities' displaced residents relocated to Green Valley, thus stimulating the neighborhood's development and increasing its African American population. By 1952, few blocks in Green Valley were still vacant. Others were built nearly to capacity. The neighborhood continued to develop during the remainder of the 20th century along the lines established many years earlier. In 2013, the Arlington County Board designated the Green Valley Pharmacy in Nauck as a local historic district. Not only did many of the businesses carry the surname Green Valley, e.g., Green Valley Carryout, Green Valley Blacksox, Green Valley Park, etc., but it was identified as that by most areas of the DMV until its present identification as Nauck. Additionally, the busses and street cars before them ran from their terminus in Rosslyn to its terminus in Green Valley, only extending to Shirlington after its extension of Seminary Road.

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Rationale for Change to Include the Name Green Valley

William Frazier, Jr. acquired from the Alexander family several hundred acres of ground straddling lower Long Branch, a tributary of Four Mile Run. The lands were known as Green Valley, perhaps named for James Green, who lived on the land near the present location of the clubhouse at the Army-Navy Country Club. From that time, then a part of Alexandria County, through the establishment of Arlington County until circa 1970 the area was referred to and known as Green Valley. In the 1970s the three areas where most of its African American population was residing, underwent a name change, i.e., Green Valley became Nauck, Halls Hill became High View Park and Johnson Hill became Arlington View without the knowledge of the residents as to why. It was under the name of Green Valley that its pioneers surviving Jim Crow Laws, black codes, lacking financial backing, becoming economically independent, educating themselves and their children, fighting for freedom' and remembering from whence they came, served as an inspiration to all to celebrate and continue sharing past and present, ordinary Green Valley resident's accomplishments. It is this memory we seek to memorialize of the important work of what those residents of Green Valley achieved and the legacy they leave for future generations.

Taking a page from the following "It's time to talk about the names of our schools and what they mean and why they matter," Barbara Kanninen, School Board Chair, said at an August 2017 meeting, "It is also time to talk about our communities and the values these names reflect and the messages we are sending, not only to our children, but to our future residents." Residents of the Nauck Community would like to rename their community "Green Valley/Nauck, (although we prefer the name Nauck excluded," as it was so named and still referred to before for unknown reasons, the County made a decision to officially change or refer to it as the Nauck community and drop "Green Valley,"

Although the Jones family purchased and starting selling parcels of their land, some 30 years before John D. Nauck, raises the question, "if the name of the area was referred to as Green Valley from its inception in the 1700s to the 1970s," why was the name "Nauck" selected and not one of the early African American residents who contributed to its growth, i.e., Jones, Gray or Rowe"? We find no record or evidence linking Nauck to efforts to improve the quality of life for its residents.

Unlike today's process utilized by the Arlington Civic Federation in allowing its Civic Associations to select the name of the area and its Association, the Green Valley residents were not afforded that opportunity. Today, we are asking for that opportunity by requesting our community once again become the Green Valley/Nauck community in keeping with its rich history. In today's time for the community to be named after John D. Nauck, a former Confederate Army soldier and developer who was not known to have made any other contribution to the improvement of the quality of life or values of the residents of Green Valley is not the message we want to send to our children or future residents. Look at many of the local, national and international contributions that were made by the residents under the banner of Green Valley and to let that name slip into nothingness would be a travesty to their memory.

Borrowing further from the schools direction, supporters of the renaming — "Nauck" to include its original name "Green Valley"—argued that it is inappropriate for the diverse community to venerate a person who fought to preserve slavery and whose memory evokes painful reminders of laws that segregated and excluded African Americans from public life.

Written by Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr.

Please let us know what you think of changing our name back to Green Valley.

Submitted by Portia A. Clark, President of Nauck Civic Association

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Cultural Affairs Committee Update

Mark your calendars: Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting: **May 21 @ 7p** Agenda will include topics: Jun 4 Presentation, updates on Arlington Arts Policy Community Engagement, Arts & Industry District Study. Open to all! **Location: Conference Room @ 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive**

June 4th Presentation: *Arlington's Narrative: It's a Cultural Affair!*

Arlington has a broad cultural landscape. Arts and culture are integrated into all aspects of civic and community life. In 2017, The Arlington Commission for the Arts adopted Enriching Lives: An Arlington Arts and Culture Strategy. The strategy has five goals to achieve a vision where Arlington thrives because arts and culture creates a sense of place, catalyzes economic vitality and enriches the lives of all who live, visit or work here.

As a civic organization, we are part of Arlington's cultural landscape. ACCF represents many neighborhoods and organizations. We have stories that matter and together contribute to a narrative that connects and defines our community.

Arlington has been selected to participate in Virginia's Humanities' (VFH), Changing the Narrative. As this initiative takes shape, it begs the question: **So, What is Narrative? And Why Does it Matter?**

We have assembled an incredible panel to discuss a subject that is relevant locally and nationally. **NARRATIVE** is a BIG buzzword in the field of social change. Our panelists were selected because of the role they have in our narrative. We are looking forward to bringing this subject to our June General Assembly, stay tuned!

FY 2020 Budget Update

The Arts Advocacy paid off! Many spoke up! We are so grateful to our County Board Members and the County Manager for listening to our community and recognizing the important role arts and culture have in our quality of life.

On April 23rd, the County Board restored arts and literary programming and staffing that the Manager originally recommended reducing. The restoration of cultural affairs programming is the first step in a broader initiative outlined in the guidance to the Manager that will examine how Arlington delivers arts programming.

We look forward to the work ahead. Stay tuned!

Arlington Arts is making the News!

Americans for the Arts, the nation's leading nonprofit organization for advancing the arts and arts education in America, announced that the ARLINGTON ART TRUCK is one of 10 finalists selected from across the nation for the annual Robert E. Gard Award. The award recognizes and celebrates exemplary projects from 2018 that crossed the arts into other aspects of community life in meaningful, measurable ways.

Voting will be open for one month for members of Americans for the Arts, from April 3 to May 3, 2019, and the winning project will be announced from the main stage at the 2019 Annual Convention in the Twin Cities, Minneapolis, on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Read about the 10 finalist projects by visiting <http://www.americansforthearts.org/gardaward>

Learn more about upcoming Arts events in Arlington: <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/>

From Friends of the Arlington Library:

We'd love to thank everyone who shopped our sale! The Friends of the Arlington Public Library grossed over \$101k during our 4-day sale. This money goes back to support important library programming, including Arlington's Summer Reading...which kicks off soon! We're also pleased to report that we now have over 1300 dues paying members: the most in our history! If anyone is interested in joining, please visit our brand new website at www.arlingtonlibraryfriends.org . [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

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**Draft Minutes
April 7, 2019
Arlington County Civic Federation
Board of Directors Meeting**

Call to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Duke Banks, Alexandra Bocian, Rick Epstein, Dennis Gerrity, Lois Koontz, Mike McMenamin, Sandy Newton, and Sarah Shortall. Others attending included Allen Norton (Bylaws Committee Chair); Bernard Berne (delegate for the Buckingham Community Association); John Tuohy (R&E Committee member); Suzanne Sundburg (R&E Committee member) and Bryna Helfer (Assistant County Manager and Director of Communications and Public Engagement).

1. Meeting Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda for this meeting was made, seconded and approved without exception.

2. March Board Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes for the March 10, 2019 Board Meeting was made, seconded and approved without exception.

3. Treasurer's Update

Sarah reported that CivFed had received 2018-2019 membership fees totaling \$4,100 as of this meeting.

4. Priorities

i) County Manager's Office

1. 2020 Census: Bryna Helfer of the County Manager's Office told the Board that the 2020 Census will use a different process than in past years. She said the Census Bureau planned to send households a post card offering options to use the internet, a telephone, or request a form like what was used in past censuses. If no response is received by mid-April, a form will be mailed. She said the citizenship question is still unresolved. She said 2010 participation in north Arlington was significantly better than that of south Arlington. Participation by residents in single-family residences was better than those living in multi-family housing. She said that County plans to supplement its Complete Count Team with volunteer partners who would visit neighborhoods with low participation rates.
2. Bryna said the County was not ready to participate in the Public Engagement Workshop at the present time. Fall 2019 might be a better option
3. Bryna said County participation in the May Meeting Transparency/Open Data Program was still a work in progress. Rick asked if part of the program would be discussion of FOIA requests.

ii) May Meeting Program:

1. Open Data Duke said organizing the Open Data panel was still a work in progress.
2. Three Resolutions for consideration:

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- a. Changing the name of the Nauck CA to the Green Valley CA: The Board agreed that this was not a controversial resolution, and Portia Clarke should be encouraged to present the excellent background report accompanying the resolution.
- b. Election Security: John Tuohy and Suzanne said that funding for a satellite office was uncertain. Duke said there should be additional discussion with Arlington's Electoral Board. The Board agreed that further discussion of this resolution be deferred until its May meeting.
- c. 1101 Lee Highway: The Board agreed that this resolution was premature and as such could be confrontational because Arlington County's plans for a comprehensive planning process for the 1101 Lee Highway site were unknown. Duke said he would refer this resolution back to the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Environmental Affairs Committee, the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

iii) June Meeting program:

1. Cultural Affairs Committee Presentation: Sarah reported that Tina Worden planned to have a panel with three or four members that would give presentations and then take questions from members. Mary Hynes would serve as moderator. Sarah recommended allocating 45 to 60 minutes for this program.
2. Lee Highway Alliance Update: The Board recommended that Duke consult with Ginger Brown, Sandi Chesrown and Paul Holland on organizing this program.
3. Affordable Housing and Amazon: The Board decided to defer this program to 2019-2020 and without Amazon.
4. A short presentation by Lois on the status of the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers.

iv) Other program requests:

1. A presentation by Libby Garvey on the pay of County Board members: The Board agreed that there should be pro and con presentations on this topic if it came before CivFed membership.
2. The Arlington Aging Commission would like to make a presentation on "Age-Friendly Cities." The Board agreed this would be a good topic to program for a 2019-2020 meeting.
3. A presentation on the Clarendon Alliance. The Board agreed this would be another good topic to program for a 2019-2020 meeting.

v) Bylaws Committee: Allan and Sarah discussed draft procedures for:

1. Member committees covering their composition, meeting procedures, and reports
2. Issue resolutions covering when they must be introduced; who may introduce a resolution; what must a resolution contain; what must be done when a resolution is introduced; what are the roles of the President and Secretary after a resolution is introduced; how should committees review resolutions; how should the membership consider and vote on resolutions.

The Board decided to distribute these two documents to committees and ask that they get their comments, questions and objections back to the board by May 1st. The Board would review their comments at its May meeting. Committee chairs would be invited to participate in that meeting.

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vi) Conflict of Interest Statement: Duke said he is trying to organize a group consisting of Dean Foster, Ben Keeney and himself to prepare a conflict of interest statement. Sarah recommended that Duke look at the conflict of interest statement in the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act. Duke said he hopes to have a one- or two-page document ready for the Board's review at its May meeting.

vii) Committee Reports:

1. Nominations Committee: Sarah reported that the Nominations Committee was making good progress in selecting a slate of officers and directors for 2019-2020.
2. Public Service Committee: Duke said Public Service Committee Chair Jackie Snelling was unable to attend this meeting. She told him that her committee was reviewing Arlington County data collection on its citizens and others. After discussion, a motion to appoint Jackie Snelling to the Police Chief Advisory Commission was made, seconded, and approved without exception. Lois moved that the board authorize Jackie to continue serve as CivFed's representative on EPAC. Her motion was seconded and approved without exception.

viii) Other Items

1. Refreshments for the May Meeting: Duke, Lois, Sarah and Dennis said they would bring cookies and water for the May Membership meeting
2. 2019 Banquet: The Board reviewed the 2019 Banquet. Sandy said she would report on the event's finances shortly.
3. April Membership Meeting Recap: Duke said he thought the panel discussions of the County and School budgets went very well. Duke said he was not pleased with the discussion of the R&E Tax Rate Resolution. There was discussion about submitting the R&E report on their resolution to the County Board with some arguing that the report should not have been sent to the County Board and others spoke in favor of language that clarified that the vote of members to approve the resolution was not a vote to approve the R&E report that accompanied it.
5. May Newsletter: Sarah agreed to prepare a list of topics for articles for the May newsletter. Sandy, Duke and Dennis agreed to write them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Gerrity

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Draft Minutes April 2, 2019 ACCF Membership 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 was approved as submitted and the minutes for the March 5, 2019 Membership Meeting were approved as submitted. The April treasurer's report was filed subject to audit.

Member Organizations All-Stars: President Banks announced that the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present at the March 5, 2019 Membership Meeting: American Association of University Women; Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association; Arlington Tree Action Group; Bluemont Civic Association; Buckingham Community Civic Association; Chain Bridge Forest Homeowners Association; Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association; Dover-Crystal Citizens Association; Forest Glen Civic Association; National Active & Retired Fed Employees Chap 7, Arlington; Shirlington Dogs II; Waverly Hills Civic Association; Woman's Club of Arlington; and the Yorktown Civic Association.

Career Center Video Recording of this Meeting: President Banks thanked Career Center students Seb Duall, Campbell Hamilton-Howard and Emilio Tonelli; and Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

New Delegate: President Banks welcomed new delegate Rajan Dudani representing the Arlington Heights Civic Association.

2019 Annual Meeting: President Banks announced that CivFed's Board of Directors decided to schedule the Federation's 2019 Annual Meeting for May 7. He said the Nominating Committee would present a slate of candidates for officers and directors that would reflect the Federation's diversity for approval by delegates at the annual meeting.

Panel Discussion of Arlington County's FY2020 Budget: Panel members Richard Stephenson, Budget Director, Arlington County, Tenley Petersen, immediate past chair, County Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission, and Burt Bostwick, a member of CivFed's Revenue and Expenditures Committee gave brief presentations on Arlington County's FY2020 budget and answered the following questions from delegates and alternates: Is Amazon going to pay for child care for its employees? Does the County have a strategic plan, and if not, why not? What is happening with the residential utility tax? Is the average salary of county employees below that of federal employees? Is the proposed tax rate in the county manager's budget below those in Fairfax County and the cities of Falls Church and Alexandria? What would prevent Arlington from raising taxes? How can the county better collaborate with APS?

Panel Discussion of the Arlington County Public School FY2020 Budget: Panel members Julia Burgos, APS Chief of Staff; Alvera Wilson, APS Budget Analyst; Jenn Wegener, member, APS Budget Advisory Council (BAC); Michael Shea, former chair APS BAC; and Michael Beer, Chair, Civfed Schools Committee gave brief presentations on the Arlington County School System's FY2020 budget and answered the following questions from delegates and alternates: What is the average class size in elementary, middle and high schools in Arlington this year? What are they predicted to be next year and how do they compare to neighboring and benchmark jurisdictions? What is the current level of APS reserves and does APS have a reserve policy? How is the one percent increase in taxes allocated between one-time expenses and the regular APS annual budget? Are there any on-line or off-site courses available for 11th and 12th grade students that could be used to ameliorate class size issues? Are there families that do not live in Arlington that have enrolled their children in APS schools?

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Old Business

ACCF Cultural Affairs Committee Report: Tina Worden, chair of the ACCF Cultural Affairs Committee, reported that her committee met on March 19 at 3700 Four Mile Drive. Eleven members attended the meeting. The committee unanimously endorsed a statement outlining concerns over proposed cuts in expenditures on the arts contained in the county manager's FY2020 budget. She said the Cultural Affairs Committee participated in R&E meetings during March to assist with preparing its draft resolution and report. The report determined there was insufficient analysis in support of the proposed reductions and it recommended more complete analysis and eliminating the county manager's proposed cuts in expenditures on the arts contained in the county manager's FY2020 budget. The Committee is preparing a panel discussion on cultural affairs in Arlington for the June Membership Meeting

Revenues & Expenditures Committee Real Estate Tax-Rate Resolution for FY2020 John Tuohy , a delegate representing the Waverly Hills Civic Association and a member of the Revenue and Expenditures Committee gave a summary of his committee a resolution recommending in relevant *Arlington County Civic Federation, with reservations, supports a tax rate not to exceed the County Manager's recommendation for a rate of \$1.021 per \$100 of assessment and,*

Be it further resolved that, the Civic Federation encourages the County Board, the County Manager and County staff to continue their efforts to prioritize core needs and identify savings ideas, as stated in the Federation's resolution of June 2018. Mr. Tuohy moved that the resolution be approved.

Questions and comments on the report accompanying the resolution: R&E's interpretation of statistics on property tax rates and average assessments in Fairfax County, Falls Church and Alexandria was questioned. Mr. Tuohy was asked about the current and future status of the \$7.4 million one-time increase in the APS budget.

Questions and comments on the resolution: Mr. Tuohy was asked about the absence of source material supporting the ninth "whereas" in the resolution. A delegate asserted that without source material, the ninth "whereas" was an opinion, not a factual statement.

Amending the resolution: Ms. Shortall moved that the resolution be amended by deleting its ninth "whereas". Ms. Greenwell seconded this motion. In discussion of this amendment, using the words "may or possible" in the nine whereas was suggested as ways to improve it. The reduction in SALT deductions and the effect of a property tax increase on the affordability of housing in Arlington were suggested as factual support for the ninth "whereas." The amendment failed by a vote 15 ayes and 25 nays.

Continuing the discussion of the resolution: A delegate asked about implementing recommendations in the resolution. Additional concerns were expressed about the current and future status of the \$7.4 million one-time increase in the APS budget. A delegate opposed the resolution because it did not address an \$8.9 million shortfall in APS funding for 2020. The phrase "core needs" in the second resolve should be explained. County employees' compensation is "dissed" in the resolution and its report. Failure to increase compensation of public safety employees will affect their retention rates. Will the report be sent to the County Board along with the resolution? Will concerns about the relationship between compensation of public safety employees and their retention rates be included in the report.

Voting on the resolution; There was one vote against calling the question on the resolution. The resolution passed by a vote of 30 ayes, 11 nays and 3 abstentions.

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Motion on submitting the R&E report to the County Board: Rick Epstein, a delegate representing the Arlington Forest Citizens Association, moved that language added to the transmittal letter to the County Board clarifying that the resolution was voted on and adopted by the membership but the report was not voted on by the membership. Mr. Epstein's resolution was seconded by Ms. Shortall.

Discussion of the motion: Three delegates raised concerns about including the language suggested by Mr. Epstein because it would weaken the credibility of both the resolution and its report. A delegate spoke in favor of Mr. Epstein's resolution because it contained budget reductions not approved by delegates present at this meeting.

Vote on Mr. Epstein's Motion: It failed by a vote of 5 ayes 26 nays and 4 abstentions.

New Business

Resolution for Civic Association Name Change to Green Valley from Nauck: Portia Clarke, an delegate representing the Nauck Civic Association, introduced a resolution on changing the name of the Nauck Civic Association to the Green Valley Civic Association which states in relevant part that *effective immediately the civic association currently known as the Nauck Civic Association proposes to change its name to the Green Valley Civic Association.*

Points of information: For those interested in the history of Green Valley, there is a book available in the Arlington County Public Library, Bridge Builders Past and Present of Nauck-Green Valley. Wilma Jones has written a book about Green Valley, and she will discuss it at Marymount University on April 11th. There are streets and locales named after Confederate generals in Arlington whose names could also be changed. President Banks said he would refer this resolution to the Membership Committee and CivFed's Board of Directors.

Resolution on Election Security: Don Gurney, a delegate representing the League of Women Voters and a member of the Legislative Committee, introduced a resolution on election security which states in relevant part that *the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board provide adequate funding to properly secure voting equipment and ballots in accordance with industry best practices, particularly given that the Arlington Electoral Board will have invested in new voting equipment; and*

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends that the County Board increase the management-level staff of the Office of the Registrar by one full-time equivalent position, in order to operate a satellite absentee-voting polling place ; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends that the County Board to work closely with developers to ensure that site plans include appropriate spaces for polling locations, and enforce those site plans; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board direct the Electoral Board and General Registrar to conduct a pilot risk-limiting audit and to provide the resources to do so.

President Banks said he would refer this resolution back to the Legislative Committee and to the Revenue and Expenditures Committee.

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Resolution on the Use of the 1101 Lee Highway Property: Bernard Berne, an alternate delegate representing the Buckingham Community Association, introduced a resolution on Arlington County's use of the 1101 Lee Highway property which states in relevant part that *the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board to immediately initiate the comprehensive public planning process that the County's 2014 news release regarding the County's purchase of the 1101 Lee Highway property described.*

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, to help assure that the County completes its public planning process for the property in a timely manner, the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends that the Arlington County Board ask the National Park Service to defer any further consideration of the use of the Upper Rosslyn Site for a boathouse support facility until such time as the County government has complete its public planning process for the property.

President Banks said he would refer this resolution to the Planning and Zoning Committee, the Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Parks and Recreation Committee.

April Board of Directors Meeting: President Banks announced that the April Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on April 7 at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

May 2019 Membership Meeting: President Banks announced that the May 7, 2019 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 will focus on electing the Federation's 2019-202 leadership team; a program on Open Data and Arlington County Government; and discussion and votes on three resolutions -- renaming the Nauck Civic Association; Election Security; and the 1101 Lee Highway property.

May Newsletter Deadline: President Banks reminded the meeting that April 25 was the deadline for submitting material for the May newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by Dennis Gerrity

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ACCF Treasurer's Report – March 1-31, 2019

Checking		
Beginning balance (3/1/19)		\$ 10,976.96
Deposits		
Banquet – 2019		
Checking	\$ 1,140.00	
PayPal	<u>\$ 1,488.97</u>	
	\$ 2,628.04	\$ 2,628.04
Expenditures		
Administrative		
Constant contact	\$ 66.50	
Banquet	<u>\$ 1,283.80</u>	
	\$ 1,350.30	\$ 1,350.30
Ending balance (3/31/19)		<u>\$ 12,254.70</u>
Savings		
Beginning balance (3/1/19)		\$ 4,426.35
Deposits		
Interest	\$.10	\$.11
Expenditures	\$.00	\$.00
Ending balance (3/31/19)		<u>\$ 4,426.46</u>
PayPal		
Beginning balance (3/1/19)		\$.00
Deposits		
Banquet - 2019	<u>\$ 1,540.00</u>	
	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,540.00
Expenditures		
Transfer to checking	\$ 1,488.04	
PayPal fees	<u>\$ 51.96</u>	
	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 1,540.00
Ending balance (3/31/19)		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Arlington Community Federal Credit Union		
Beginning balance (3/1/19)		\$ 10,068.54
Deposits		
15-month CD interest	\$ 8.68	
18-month CD interest	<u>\$ 10.16</u>	
	\$ 18.84	18.84
Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending balance (3/31/19)		<u>\$ 10,087.38</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$ 26,768.54</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Fund Balance		<u>\$ 26,768.54</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance		<u>\$ 26,768.54</u>

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Shortall, Treasurer

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2018-2019 Officers and Board of Directors Members

President – Duke Banks (duke@civfed.org)
Vice President – Position Vacant
Secretary – Dennis Gerrity (dennis@civfed.org)
Treasurer – Sarah Shortall (sarah@civfed.org)

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Board Member Rick Epstein (rick@civfed.org)
Board Member Sandy Newton (sandy.n@civfed.org)
Board Member Alexandra Bocian (alexandrab@civfed.org)
Board Member Mike McMenamin -- (michael@civfed.org)

2018-19 ACCF MEMBER STANDING COMMITTEES

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Environmental Affairs – Chair John Seymour --john@civfed.org
Housing – Chair Eric Brescia -- ericbrescia@civfed.org
Legislation – Chair Ron Haddox -- ron@civfed.org
Membership – Chair Stefanie Pryor– membership@civfed.org
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Planning and Zoning – Chair Ben Keeney – benk@civfed.org
Public Relations – Duke Banks (POC)– duke@civfed.org
Public Service - Chair Jackie Snelling – jackie@civfed.org
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Scholarship – Chair Lois Thomas Koontz – lois@civfed.org
Schools – Chair Michael Beer– michaelbeer@civfed.org
Transportation – Chair Jerry Auten - jerry@civfed.org

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.

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ACCF 2018-2019 Calendar

- Tuesday, May 7** **ACCF Membership meeting**
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium
1701 N. George mason Dr.
7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 19** **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.

Does your organization have events to include in the ACCF newsletter?
Send your news items by the Newsletter deadline to ACCFMembership@email.com

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Common Parliamentary Motions Applicable to and Used in the Deliberative Process

Motion (“I move”)	Purpose	Second re-quired?	Debatable?	Amendable?	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

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Announcements

Shirlington Dog Park Spring Clean-up and Fund Raiser: Mark your calendars: May 4 and 5 @ 10:00 am both days as the dog park will have its spring cleanup and fund raising weekend. Come show your support by participating in the cleanup. We'll also be collecting donations all day and will have dog park magnets available for purchase. Located: 2710 S. Oakland St. You can also make a donation anytime at our web site: <https://shirlingtondogs.org>

Make Your Mark 2019! Arlington Arts' Hands-On Festival of Creativity Saturday, May 18, 11-3p; FREE; Fun for the Whole Family (including those with 4-legs). Details: 703-228-1850; <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/makeyourmark2019/>

Arts Commission: The Arts Commission's May meetings will be on May 1 and May 22 held on Wednesday's, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Arlington Economic Development (AED) at 1100 N. Glebe Road, 15th Floor. **For any questions related to the Arts Commission, its members, or upcoming meetings, please contact Cynthia Richmond at 703-228-0840 or crichmond@arlingtonva.us.**

Tenant-Landlord Commission: The Tenant-Landlord Commission meets at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 8, 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. [Click here](#) for the commission's agenda. Public comment is welcome.

NCAC: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Thursday, May 9, in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Bld. For more information about this meeting, follow this [link](#) to the NCAC's webpage.

Transportation Commission: The Transportation Commission has scheduled May meetings on Thursday, May 2, and Thursday, May 30. Both will start at 7:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. For more information, follow this [link](#) to the Transportation Commission's webpage.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's May meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 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 Wednesday, May 8, starting 7:00 pm in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. For more information, follow this [link](#) to the Planning Commission's webpage.

Housing Commission: The Housing Commission's May meeting will be held on Thursday, May 9, starting 7:00 p.m. in Room 311 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd. For more information about these meetings, follow this [link](#) to the Housing Commission's webpage.

Arlington County Board: The County Board's May meeting will be held on Saturday, May 18, starting 8:30 a.m. [Click here](#) for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before May 18. The Board Recessed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21, starting at 3:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center, 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

Parks and Recreation Commission: The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a meeting starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 28, in Room 311 in 2100 Clarendon Blvd. [Click here](#) for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before May 28.

June Newsletter: The deadline for April CivFed newsletter articles is Tuesday, May 21. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before monthly meetings. [\(back to table of contents\)](#)

Guidelines for Participation in Q&A Periods and Member Comments at Membership meetings

To expand both diversity and breadth of engagement of Delegates and Alternates in discussions at Civic Federation meetings, the Board has developed some new guidelines:

- * Before discussion starts on a specific issue, we will ask how many Delegates/ Alternates want to ask a question or make a comment. This will help us determine how much time we can allow for each speaker and whether there will be any time for non-Delegates/Alternates to speak.

- * We want to invite new Delegates/Alternates and Delegates/Alternates who have not spoken before or recently to be the first to come to the microphone to speak.

- * To be respectful to all Delegates/Alternates who want to speak, each speaker needs to keep their questions and comments within the time allotted. Please be mindful of the timekeeper and remaining time.

- * Unless stated otherwise, speakers will have 30 seconds to ask their question or make a comment. To give as many Delegates/Alternates as possible an opportunity to speak, follow-up questions and comments are not permitted.

- * A Delegate/Alternate may speak only once on an issue unless all other Delegates/Alternates have had an opportunity to speak.

- Speakers are expected to follow the rules of civility.

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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.



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