

July 2, 2019
Arlington County Civic Federation
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to Order at 7:13 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Sandy Newton, Allan Gajadhar, Sarah Shortall, Allen Norton, Dennis Gerrity, Mike McMenamin, Stacy Meyer and Chanda Choun. Others attending included Jackie Snelling (Public Service Committee Chair); Burt Bostwick (R&E Committee POC); John Seymour (Environmental Committee Chair); Tina Worden (Cultural Affairs Committee Chair); Duke Banks (Parks & Recreation Committee Chair); Jerry Auten (Transportation Chair); Carol Russo (Encore Stage & Studio); Sarah McKinley (Columbia Heights) and John Vistadt (Tara-Leeway).

1. Meeting Agenda

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

2. June Board Meeting Minutes

Dennis Gerrity objected to the draft minutes saying that Item 4(c)(4) did not adequately explain the extent of the cleaning discussed.

A motion to approve the minutes as amended for the June 4, 2019 Board Meeting was made seconded and approved without exception.

3. Update on presentation to the County Board regarding Boat House - Duke met with the County Board. They will give full consideration to our Boat House Resolution.

4. Treasurer's Update

Sarah reported that a \$1,400 bill came in from the Career Center (\$2,100 total cost this year), the banquet came out about even and she has the information needed to do a year-end report. Our biggest expenditures appear to be the reporting of the meetings by the Arlington Career Center, the Banquet and Constant Contact (\$66.50 per month). We may have to dip into our funds depending on how many organizations join this year. The annualized report should be done by the August Board meeting. She also pointed out that videos of Membership Meetings were watched by a small number of people.

Note: Sarah prepared a comprehensive description of the Contact Information, Organization Certification and Dues Payment requirements to be sent to the Member Organizations. Jackie made a friendly amendment to the letter and it was accepted.

A motion to send the letter out was made, seconded and approved without exception.

5. Email updates - Mass-emails were sent to all 450 delegates and alternates (addresses came from the June Sign-In Sheets) in late June to remind them that the annual Contact Information/Organization Certification/Dues payment effort started July 1st. 29 emails bounced back (21 Organizations). - The Secretary will contact the Organizations and ask for the correct email addresses.

6. Website development meeting - Sarah said the June 15th meeting had gone well. General theories of how the Web site would be used were discussed. The sense of the committee was that the Home page of our Web site should be simplified to make it more usable. The Front page, the Tabs and their drop-down menus were discussed.

The next meeting will be on July 13th at 2:00PM at the Firehouse.

7. Program development:

a. September Candidates forum. Who will moderate? - Mike

1. Assignments. - Every Board member will get an assignment for the Candidates Forum.

Note: Duke suggested we have two September meetings. The first, Candidates Night, would be focused on the Candidates. The second, two weeks later on the 17th, would have a full presentation.

Sandy will ask the Hospital whether the date is available.

2. CEP Presentation - John Seymour said that **if** there was a second meeting he could do a presentation, but it would be difficult to get a resolution introduced and reviewed by committee by then.

b. October - Gangs and Human Trafficking - Sandy and Jackie

Jackie: In some ways Human Trafficking is a broad topic of exploited children. In many cases the two are gang related. Nationally it is an FBI issue. Arlington does not have a Human Trafficking unit. They do have a Gang unit and try to approach the problem that way.

Sandy pointed out that the problem is in Arlington now. Sandy and Jackie want to have the outline of a plan For CivFed by August. It is intended that a presentation be made at the October meeting.

1. The FBI Gang Taskforce is the correct group to talk to about this, but Jackie hasn't found a POC for them yet. When a POC is found Jackie will set up a briefing for her, Sandy and the Schools Committee Chair.

c. Suggestions for Future Programs

1. John Vihstadt suggested we do a program on a new Arlington program called "Housing Arlington".

It is a multi-pronged initiative to boost housing and density in the county. They are looking at new land use tools such as: zoning, housing conservation districts, ADUs, lifting the cap on bonus density, etc. And at new financial tools such as: special taxes, housing bonds, greater developer incentives for affordable and middle-market housing, etc. Also, consideration is being given to scrapping the concept of single-family zoning. As the project is on a fast track, he suggested we do the program by December.

2. Tina Worden suggested a program on Professional Development.

8. Career Center filming - Do we want to continue using them?

Duke: Right now the videos of each one of our meetings on the Web site are only viewed by 40 - 60 people.

We started doing this about four years ago. It has been generally well received, the schools love it, but we don't get as many viewers as we would like. We should advertise more. We do get a good deal

from the Career Center (~ \$2,500 per year) but might want to re-negotiate it. We could also raise the dues \$25 and pretty much cover the cost.

Sandy: Everyone should think about whether we want the Career Center to continue filming each meeting or only doing certain ones. It will be brought up at the August meeting.

New Business

1. Presentation to County Board (July 13) regarding North Highland boundary changes.
 - a. Ben Keeney has not found a person to make the presentation - Sandy will do it.
(Our letter has already been sent to them, but taking copies of it would be prudent.)
2. Representation at Arlington County Fair

Sandy: Bryna Helfer told us there is a space for us at the County Fair to promote the Civic Federation if we choose to use it. She did not mention if there was a fee. Supposedly the location would be close to the Arlington County Government area.

Duke: We have not been at the County Fair for a couple years and it has always been a challenge to find people willing to man the booth for three days.
3. Chairman and Vice Chairman selection

Sandy: We need to do this. Contact her if you are interested. It will be brought up at the August meeting.
4. Sandy is hoping that all the Committee Chairs stay. Michael Beer wants to step down from Schools when a replacement is found. A Delegate is interested and Sandy will talk to her.
5. A list of all current ACCF representatives serving on Arlington County Commissions was handed out. Duke said it was a first draft so there might be errors.

Old Business

1. Certification - Sarah - Proposed Bylaws Amendment

Sarah will write a Pro Amendment argument and Allen will write an Against Amendment argument. The presentation and vote could take place on either September meeting.
2. Cherry Valley-Allan G. - In Work
3. Boundary changes for Green Valley-

Jackie: Columbia Heights CA has written a letter to the Green Valley CA indicating the list of areas they think should be clarified. It is likely that they will both select representatives for a meeting. A Multi-Family Dwelling in the contested area may complicate things. Once the residents of the contested area have stated their preferences the two CAs will work on an agreement.

The next meeting will be August 4th at Firehouse #2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.
Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton