



**Minutes**  
**October 20, 2019**

**Arlington County Civic Federation (“ACCF”)  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Call to Order at 6:05 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Sandy Newton, Allan Gajadhar, Burt Bostwick, Allen Norton, Stacy Meyer and Eric Cassel. Others attending included Ron Haddox ( Legislation Committee Chair ); Juliet Hiznay ( Member of Legislation Committee ); Bernie Berne ( Buckingham ) and John Vihstadt ( Tara-Leeway ).

**Minutes:** September Board Meeting minutes accepted as written.

**Membership Request:** “Arlington Neighborhood Villages Friends” is interested in joining the ACCF. Their email went to the Membership Committee which will not be available until next month. The Secretary sent them a copy of the application submitted by another organization to show them what types of information we request.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Have a balance of \$21,073. O & D Insurance paid ( \$845 ). Working through transition with Sarah. Just need to complete PayPal ( which has been difficult ). Will do a thorough review of where we are and what we will need to do over the next year. About a quarter of the Organizations have paid dues.

Note: It was suggested we start calling organizations for delinquent dues.

**Legal:** Mike Webb has asked the ACCF for a Waiver for Process of Service for an ongoing lawsuit. The Board decided that we wouldn’t give him one..

**Programs and Structure:** Need a dedicated timer for meetings and a map of time management. Need to make the rules clear.

Note: It was suggested that we put the rules on screen or on papers taped to the wall.

**November Program:** Legislators and Constitutional Officers.

Legislators will describe their plans for the upcoming Assembly. There will then be questions.

Constitutional Officers will explain their jobs. There will then be questions.

The Stormwater Flooding resolution introduced in October will be voted on.

**December Program:**

Presentation by County Manager Mark Schwartz.

Presentation by Acting Superintendent of Schools Cintia Johnson.

Possibility of presentation on Livability “Beyond Amazon”. (Representatives of 3 Civic Assn. and a County staff person would make the presentation.)

Note: A Resolution on Livability may be introduced.

Note: A Resolution on Data Privacy may be introduced.

**January Program:** The Board decided to have Two general meetings in January.

#1. Meet with County Board in their chambers. Discussion with the Board with questions from the Committees.

#2. Presentation on Data Collection by the Legislation Committee. ( Hazel Auditorium on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> )

**February Program:** Presentation on Rent Issues.

Note: A Resolution on Renters Rights may be introduced.

**March Program:** Presentation on Human Trafficking.

**April Program:** Livability follow on. Perhaps School Board and County Manager.

Note: Bernie Berne's Bonus Density Resolution ( introduced at the October meeting ) will not be taken up at the November meeting due to lack of time. It has been referred to the Housing Committee for review and will be taken up at a later meeting.

Note: At one of the meetings a Resolution on the Juvenile Detention Center may be introduced.

**New Committee:** The Board decided to create an Ad-Hoc Livability Committee. It's precise responsibilities were not fully defined, but will generally cross the boundaries of existing committees.

**Banquet - Location & Date:** The consensus was that it be at Ft. Myer. ( subject to security arrangements )  
The consensus was that it be on a Friday in April.  
It was **not** determined **which** Friday in April.

**Chairs needed:** Need an Awards Chair for the Banquet.

Need a Housing Chair. ( Eric Brescia is moving )

( Did need an Environmental Chair, but Mary Glass said she would do it. )

**Filming of Meetings:** The Career Center charges about \$2,000 a year to film all ten meeting and they are rarely watched. Burt suggested we cut it to five at the board's discretion. We will take it up and make a decision at a later meeting.

**Communications:** Mr. Vihstadt suggested that we should have still photos taken of participants at the meetings. They would be sent to the participants as a courtesy and would be available for press releases, articles and Facebook. He also suggested we have more big maps of Civic Associations. Chanda Choun ( Communications Chair ) suggested that we request a weekly or monthly column from ARLnow. Sandy will look into it.

**New Business:** There was none.

The November Board meeting will be held on November 24<sup>th</sup> at Firehouse #2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton