



Minutes

December 1, 2019

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

Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Sandy Newton, Allan Gajadhar, Burt Bostwick, Allen Norton, Stacy Meyer, Eric Cassel, Mike McMenammin and Chanda Choun. Others attending included Duke Banks (Parks and Recreation Committee Chair) and Anne Lancaster (Waycroft-Woodlawn).

Minutes: October Board Meeting minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer’s Report: Have a balance of \$20,620. Our PayPal account has dues money in it, but cannot transfer it to our account at Wells-Fargo yet. PayPal is the hold-up and they have been difficult to work with. About a third of the Organizations have paid dues.

Resolutions and Status:

Flood Mitigation, Jackie Snelling (passed at November meeting):

Letter to Board written, but not sent yet. Jackie wants supporting letters from some of the Civic Associations.

Juvenile Detention Center, Ron Haddox and Juliet Hiznay:

Referred to the R & E and Public Service committees. R & E’s Suzanne Sundberg asked if this resolution was premature as a current study on the JDC is not finished yet.

Bonus Density, Bernie Berne:

Referred to the Housing Committee. There is no Housing Chair right now, but John Vihstadt has expressed interest in the job. He was approved unanimously by the Board so will be asked to take the job.

Widening of the WO&D Trail, Duke Banks:

Referred to the Environmental Affairs and Parks & Recreation committees.

December 17th Meeting:

Richard Stephenson will represent the County Manager (Mark Swartz cannot attend) and make a presentation. Duke Banks will Moderate.

Stacy and Eric will do an introductory program on Livability with Mike Mattauszek (County Planning Dept.).

January Meeting, the 2nd in Chambers and the 21st at Virginia Hospital Center:

2nd: The County Board will start the meeting at 6:00pm, but the CivFed will not join them until 7:30pm.

21st: The School Board has been asked to come to this meeting, but we don’t know if they will.

Note: Stacey would like to do a longer program on Livability in February, March or April.

New Business:

Hotbox Suggestion (Burt Bostwick): Burt: We need to raise our profile. Some Possibilities:
Our Facebook page: Request Topic information from Member Organizations. Ask ARInow to carry our schedule. Have Door Prize. Have Hidden guests. Explain what “ Hotbox “ means.

Mike: Do we do anything with the Chamber? Why not?

Burt will circulate requests for Hot Box issues.

Michael Beer’s suggestion: Travel to Richmond on MLK day and go to the Assembly.
The Board decided against funding bus rental. Members can carpool if they choose to go.

Civic Association conversion to 501c:

Yorktown and Cherrydale are interested in doing it. They have been told to contact Duke Banks.

Civic Conversations – A new idea to stimulate conversations without the formality:

Sandy would like to have informal meetings (“ Civic Conversations “) with Civic Associations and others to discuss issues of interest – whatever they want to talk about. They could be held at the Woman’s Club.

Libby Garvey’s “ Role of CivFed “ question: Libby Garvey met with Sandy and asked her about the structure of the Civic Federation, would it last, what it’s future role would be and had its time passed. As CivFed sets its own role the question is – what is her reason for asking? The Board requested that Sandy send a polite letter to Libby asking what her goal is.

Note: It was pointed out that it is getting harder to get County representatives to come to meetings.

Chanda Choun is resigning (running for a seat on the County Board)

A Nominating Committee will be formed to find a replacement.

Banquet Announcement: April 17th at Joint Base Myer-Henderson.

The Board approved the date. Don’t have a Speaker. Are looking for one. Sandy is talking to Leah about Security (ease of entry for guests).

Career Center: Should we have them Video record the January Meetings?

The Jan 2nd meeting will be Video recorded by the County. The Career Center will be asked to Video record the Jan 21st meeting.

Board Picture: Duke Banks took a picture of the Board. It will go on the CivFed Facebook page.

The December Board meeting will be held on December 22nd at Firehouse #2 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52
Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton