



## **!Important Notice!**

The January 2020 Civic Federation meeting will be held on January 2, 2020 in the Arlington County Board Room located on the third floor of 2100 Clarendon Boulevard. It will follow the County Board's annual organizational meeting that begins at 6:30. After the County meeting, we will break for refreshments and then have our joint meeting around 7:30. Light refreshments will be available in the lobby outside the County Board Room.

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## **President's Corner**

### **Happy New Year!**

Our organization is growing as new associations are getting their paper work in order to join our Federation. I want to thank our Ad Hoc Livability Committee for their presentation at the December meeting as well as Richard Stevenson for his budget presentation. You will find the livability resolution in this newsletter. I would like to stress that resolutions are great in themselves but they are also strategic planning documents that should be followed and provide benchmarks against which progress be assessed.

### **What are your issues?**

Our board is interested in learning more about the issues that each Civic Associations and member organizations has. I have been attending many member organization meetings, but there are too many to do an adequate job. It would be helpful to know when and where your association meets. If you would email this information, it would be appreciated since not all associations have a website.

### **Civic Federation Membership Dues for 2019-2020**

Please ask your president and treasurer to make sure they have paid your association's Civic Federation Membership Dues for 2019-2020 . Delegates and alternate delegates for organizations that have not paid their 2019-2020 membership dues by December 31st will not be able to vote or ask questions at General Meetings in 2020. Please ask the appropriate person to take care of this issue.

### **Upcoming CivFed Meetings**

#### **December 2019 Board of Directors Meeting**

The Civic Federation's Board of Directors will hold its December meeting on Sunday, December 29th at 6pm at Firehouse 2, 4805 Wilson Boulevard.

#### **January 2020 General Meeting**

Our first meeting in 2020 will feature members of the Arlington County Board. It will be held on January 2nd in the County Board Room on the third floor of 2100 Clarendon Blvd. It will follow the County Board's annual organizational meeting that begins at 6:30. After the County meeting, we will break for refreshments and then have our joint meeting around 7:30. We will not have a January 21st meeting due to school board scheduling issues.

On February 18, we will have our next regular meeting with the Arlington Public School Board in the Hazel auditorium of the Virginia Hospital Center. Following the School Board will be a Public Services panel to discuss mental health related to youth. For more detail, look under the Public Services Committee announcement.

### **Public Services Committee, Jackie Snelling Chair**

As announced at the last CivFed meeting, the Public Services Committee is starting a work group on mental health services and the relationship to county programs and services including law enforcement. The goal is to take a holistic view of the mental health and well-being in the county and the interface between mental health services and other programs and services such as those that address education, employment, housing, and safety. This is a complex and challenging topic that grew out of an initial review of the topics of human trafficking and gangs. Our current plan is to provide two presentations: 1.) a focus on Youth for the February meeting (same meeting as the school board presentation:) and 2). an overall view of conditions and services for the whole community at the March meeting. We have identified key people for interviews for information gathering and potential panelists and we will be completing interviews and selecting the panels in early January. We invite any interested members of CivFed member organizations to join us. Please pass this invitation on to your organization's members. We do expect the March presentation will be followed by related resolutions.

### **Ad Hoc Livability Committee**

Miriam Gennari, Delegate, Aurora Highland Civic Association introduced the following resolution the December General Meeting:

Whereas, Arlington County is pursuing a massive density increase in the 22202 area;

Whereas, the Livability Framework developed by the three neighborhoods adjacent to Amazon's proposed new Headquarters 2 may have some applicability and usefulness in other areas of the County;

Whereas, all areas of the County depend a lot on the revenue-generation from development in the 22202 area,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation:

1. Supports the development of the livability Framework as a tool for reviewing impacts holistically, including both the proposed building site and its neighboring communities;
2. Calls on the County to acknowledge the creation of the Livability Framework and recognize the viability of the Framework for tackling development challenges with holistic strategies based on shared livability themes to maintain and create better, more livable areas.

### **2020 Banquet**

A tentative date has been set CivFed's annual banquet in 2020. It will be on Friday, April 17th, at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. This date does not

conflict with spring break or Easter.

## **Something New!!**

When you sign in for the regular meeting, by sure to get a ticket to win a door prize. We will have this at each meeting.

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### **The Civic Federation's Website**

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#### **2019-2020 Board of Directors**

Sandy Newton, President  
Allan Gajadhar, Vice President  
Allen Norton, Secretary  
Burt Bostwick, Treasurer

Board of Directors Chair, Allan Gajadhar  
Board of Directors Vice Chair, Eric Cassel  
Member at Large, Vacant  
Member at Large, Dennis Gerrity  
Member at Large, Mike McMenamin  
Member at Large, Stacy Meyer

Here is a [link](#) to Board members bios to learn about their backgrounds.

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#### **2019-2020 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES**

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Transportation – Chair Jerry Auten - [jerry@civfed.org](mailto:jerry@civfed.org)

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Audit -- Chair Jay Wind – [jay@civfed.org](mailto:jay@civfed.org)  
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Any Delegate, Alternate or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee (Please contact the Committee

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Public Affairs Committee**  
**Flood Mitigation Resolution**  
**Transmittal letter**

**Ad Hoc Livability Committee**  
**Livability**  
**Extensive livability**

**Housing Committee**  
**Resolution on proposed density and heights**

**Legislative Committee**

**Resolution on Juvenile Detention Center**

Juliet Hiznay (Delegate, Columbia Heights) of the Legislation Committee introduced a draft resolution on the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Center at the General Membership Meeting on November 19, 2019. There is limited public awareness of the relationship between Arlington County and the jail since the jail is physically located in the Landmark area of Alexandria. The Arlington County Board appoints two of the five commissioners to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission that oversees the jail, including the current chair. Background information for the resolution has been extensively researched, including a jail tour, a public records review and outreach to court services unit, the chair of the commission, and the executive director of the jail. The jail has been under capacity since 2005 and was used for more than a decade for youth immigration detention. The draft resolution focuses on concerns relating to transparency and oversight. The resolution has been referred to the Legislation Committee, Public Services Committee, and Revenues and Expenditures. The Moss Group, a consulting group that focuses on criminal justice and corrections has been contracted by participating localities Arlington County, City of Alexandria and City of Falls Church to study whether the detention center should remain open, be converted another purpose or closed altogether. The results of the Moss Group study are due in January of 2020.

The Legislation Committee met on November 26, 2019, to discuss the draft resolution and determined that the committee should seek additional assistance from county staff to obtain commission and county records. This is needed since records provided to date do not afford a complete picture of the financial situation, the Commission's internal controls or oversight mechanisms. The Arlington County Board recently appointed Earl Conklin, Director of the Court Services Unit for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Commission. This appointment might signal an interest in exercising more oversight on the activities of the commission.

**Parks and Recreation Committee**

WOD resolution-tabled

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## **An Update on Efforts to Reduce Airport Noise**

Thank you for your interest and concern about airplane noise in Arlington. I am writing to provide an update on a few related issues.

As you know, over a year ago, we agreed to work with our neighbors in Montgomery County (MD) and jointly hire a consultant to help us get good information to advocate for effective noise reduction from flights out of Reagan National Airport (DCA). Coordinating with two different jurisdictions in two states proved much more time consuming than we had hoped, however we are finally very close to hiring that consultant.

Our request for proposals (RFP) for Consulting Services in Support of Study of Aircraft Noise Created by Reagan National Airport Air Traffic in Proximity to Arlington County, Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland and Recommendations for Mitigation, was issued on October 11, 2019 with a due date for proposals of November 13, 2019.

We received a very positive response to the solicitation and our multi-jurisdictional selection advisory committee has been reviewing the proposals received as expeditiously as possible. Although our goal was to complete the evaluation process by the end of the calendar year, the number of competitive proposals that were submitted and the interruption of the holiday season means the process will carry over into the first quarter of calendar year 2020, but not far into the quarter.

One of the selected contractor's first tasks will be to convene a public meeting to hear from both the Arlington and Montgomery communities about the aircraft noise problem, and their expectations for the study. We expect that meeting to happen during the first quarter of calendar year 2020, following contractor selection and award, contract execution, and issuance of notice to proceed. We will notify you, and the greater Arlington community as soon as we have a date for that public meeting. We appreciate your patience as we conclude the procurement process and move, finally, to formally kick-off the noise study.

There are no new significant accomplishments to report coming out of the DCA Community Working Group (CWG) and no new information on the proposed north-flow departure procedure for Prohibited Area 56 (P-56) avoidance from the Federal Aviation Administration and the United States Secret Service scheduled for implementation next month. As you may know, we believe the proper federal environmental reviews for that proposed new procedure have not been conducted, and we and Congressman Beyer have lodged protests with the FAA.

The next meeting of the CWG has not yet been scheduled but is expected to be on January 24, 2020.

On the national legislative front, on December 17, Congressman Beyer introduced the Cleaner, Quieter Airplanes Act in the United States House of Representatives. A companion bill was previously introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD). The text of the House bill may

be found at the following URL:

[https://beyer.house.gov/uploadedfiles/cleaner\\_quieter\\_airplanes\\_act.pdf](https://beyer.house.gov/uploadedfiles/cleaner_quieter_airplanes_act.pdf)

A press release from Congressman Beyer's office accompanying the House bill introduction may be found at the following URL:

<https://beyer.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=4681>

A press release from Senator Cardin's office from the Senate bill introduction may be found at the following URL:

<https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-legislation-would-accelerate-development-of-quieter-airplanes>

I hope this information has been helpful to you. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with this difficult and complex issue that affects so many of our residents.

I wish all of you a happy, healthy, and quiet holiday season and New Year.

Libby Garvey  
Vice Chair, Arlington County Board

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## **APS Update**

### **Upcoming Events**

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## **LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS**

### **December 2019 Treasurer's Report**

The December 2019 General Meeting Minutes and the December 2019 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes will be available on the Federations website in early January.

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## **Civic Federation Inclement Weather Cancellation Policy**

ACCF follows the decisions of the Arlington Public School System when cancelling its meetings due to bad weather. Here is a link to the APS [HOMEPAGE](#) for information when inclement weather is imminent.

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## **Free 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 people may have to take a ticket to enter the B/GOLD garage, the exit gate will be raised when you leave. If the gate is down, press the speaker button and the

security office will raise the gate remotely. The garage has abundant parking spaces. Please note, parking in any other lot on Virginia Hospital Center property is not free.

