



[Due To The Current COVID-19 Virus This Was A Virtual Meeting]

Minutes

April 21, 2020

Arlington County Civic Federation (“ACCF”) Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Federation Acting-President Gajadhar noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Acting-President Gajadhar led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A Treasurer’s report for March was not submitted.

Meeting Format: The meeting was held using Zoom. Acting-President Gajadhar was the Administrator to begin with and then shared the duty with Board Member Tina Worden. The meeting Waiting Room URL was listed in the email newsletter along with the password. Acting-President Gajadhar controlled entry into the meeting itself. Two Resolutions were voted on using Constant Contact emails sent to the Delegates.

Member Attendance: Ms. Worden kept roll as the Members and Observers were allowed into the meeting. There were 53 Total Attendees with 47 Members. There were representative from 34 Organizations. 12 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: Arlington Forest CA; Arlington Historical Society; Arlington Ridge CA; Arlington Tree Action Group; Aurora Highlands CA; Bluemont CA; Buckingham Community CA; Crystal City CA; Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks; Little League; Madison Manor CA; Maywood Community Association and the Tara-Leeway Heights CA.

Note: The March meeting was canceled so Member Attendance information for the **February 18th, 2020** meeting could not be given. There were 45 Delegates and/or Alternates representing 33 Organizations at that meeting. 9 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: Arlington East Falls Church CA; Arlington Forest CA; Arlington Tree Action Group; Bluemont CA; Madison Manor CA; Maywood CA; NoVa Norml; Opera NOVA and the Tara-Leeway Heights CA.

Report and Vote on the Livability Resolution:

The Resolution (with Whereas clauses) was read to the Delegates.

Resolution only:

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; and 2. Calls on the County to acknowledge the creation of the Livability Framework and recognize the viability of the Livability Framework for tackling development challenges with holistic strategies based on shared livability themes to maintain and create better, more livable areas.

Stacy Meyer made a motion to approve it as written.

There were a number of questions from the Delegates: Were all the Whereas statements facts? The County does have planning and comment processes so why is the resolution needed? There are almost no references to schools or children in the document – why? Is it intended that this resolution apply anywhere in the County? Did the discussion with commercial entities extend beyond 22202?

The motion was seconded and a Constant Contact Voting email was sent to the Delegates. Their votes were sent to the Constant Contact Survey system for tabulation and a report was sent to the administrator.. There were 47 responses. 39 voted For the motion, 4 voted Against and 4 Abstained. The motion **passed**.

Report and Vote on the Revenues & Expenditures Committee Resolution on the County Auditor:

The Resolution (with Whereas clauses) was read to the Delegates.

Resolution only:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Arlington County Civic Federation asks the County Board and County Manager to identify additional funding and/or staffing resources (for example, adding a forensic accountant or a compliance officer) to support the County Board Auditor's ability to complete audits and follow-up reviews within the established audit workplan's time-frame and to increase overall audit capacity, in order to deliver timely, independent analysis to the County Board and assure Arlington County taxpayers that revenues and fees are being used in the most effective and efficient way possible.

Burt Bostwick made a motion to approve it as written.

There were a number of questions from the Delegates: Given the current situation, is this the right time to send this resolution to the County Board? Is it really the case that there is only one auditor and no staff?

The motion was seconded and a Constant Contact Voting email was sent to the Delegates. Their votes were sent to the Constant Contact Survey system for tabulation and a report was sent to the administrator. There were 43 responses. 36 voted For the motion, 2 voted Against and 5 Abstained. The motion **passed**.

Delegate Input/Discussion:

Why is APS providing free lunches at only 7 schools? The sites really should be within walking distance of any kid that needs them.

The Smithsonian Earth Optimism Summit, which had been canceled, will be done online.

Please send us (the Board) comments on our online meetings and suggestions on how we can make them better.

Can I make a resolution right now related to the school lunches or will it need to go through the Schools committee? (It was noted that this issue really couldn't wait a month and should be brought to the Board.)

Arlington County and the Tenant-Landlord Commission has sent out a factsheet concerning the responsibilities of tenants and landlords in the current situation.

Old Business:

The minutes for the February 18th, 2020 Membership Meeting could not be approved the normal way. A Constant Contact Voting email was sent to the Delegates.

New Business:

The Board Resolutions approved electronically on April 9th were read. They each pertain to ACCF operations.

BR 2019-20-1 – "Remote Participation"

The Board of Directors authorizes Remote Participation (to include e-mail and teleconferencing) for its members with appropriate notice.

BR 2019-20–2 "Standing Committee Membership"

Whereas, "Chairs of Standing Committees appoint members of their committees, who, in accordance with Section 4.2 of the Bylaws "shall be composed only of Voting Members, Alternate Members, and/or other members of Member Organizations."

Therefore, be it resolved that " *Such members may apply to Committee Chairs for inclusion, and if not accepted, may appeal to the President and the Board of Directors.* "

BR 2019-20–3 - "Resolutions and Motions"

- 1) *Resolutions will normally be considered at the next available meeting, except in an emergency. Emergency consideration of a resolution requires a 2/3 vote of the membership.*
- 2) *The presiding officer has the right to:*
 - a) *Accept the proposed resolution as appropriate business for ACCF;*
 - b) *Refer the proposed resolution to the appropriate committee(s) for review, report and recommendation;*
 - c) *Schedule or re-schedule the date for consideration of the resolution by the full membership;*
- 3) *Members presenting resolutions should take care to:*
 - a) *Document/footnote sources of factual information*
 - b) *Refrain from personal, partisan or inappropriate statements*
- 4) *Members may amend or withdraw their resolutions prior to consideration by the full membership;*
- 5) *Resolutions and accompanying reports should be posted on the ACCF website at least 7-10 days prior to consideration at a membership meeting, except in the event of an emergency.*

There was a comment on these ACCF operations Board Resolutions from a Delegate:

If they are not time sensitive, please consult with the membership before voting on any more of these Resolutions.

Parks Committee White Paper:

Duke Banks - 19 people have participated in creating this document. There will be a Resolution as well as a White Paper. It should be ready to be presented at the May meeting.

A Delegate noted that the Rouse Property question may be time-sensitive one. It will up for sale soon.

April Board of Directors Meeting: Acting-President Gajadhar announced that the April Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:00 PM on April 26th. It will be a **Virtual** meeting.

May 2020 Membership Meeting: Acting-President Gajadhar announced that the May 19th, 2020 Membership Meeting will be a **Virtual** meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Entry to the meeting Waiting Room will start at 6:30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton