

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

Draft Minutes

December 15, 2020

Arlington County Civic Federation (“ACCF”) Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Federation President Gajadhar noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. President Gajadhar led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Format: The meeting was held virtually using Zoom. President Gajadhar was the Administrator to begin with and then shared the duty with Vice President Tina Worden. The meeting registration URL was listed in the email newsletter and posted on the ACCF Facebook event page. Dennis Gerrity managed member and guest attendance for the meeting and voting process. Voting was done using Constant Contact by electronic ballots issued to voting members in attendance.

The Treasurer’s report for November was in the December Newsletter. The minutes for the November 17th Membership Meeting were submitted and a voting email was sent. The vote was: **41 For, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions and 2 Did Not Respond.** The November Minutes were approved.

Member Attendance: Mr. Gerrity kept roll as the Members and Observers entered the meeting. There were 115 Total Attendees with 90 Members and 25 Guests. There were representative from 52 Organizations. 27 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: American Association of University Women, Arlington East Falls Church CA, Arlington Heights CA, Arlington Historical Society, Arlington Little League, Ashton Heights CA, Arlington Tree Action Group, Aurora Highlands CA, Ballston-Virginia Square CA, Barcroft School & CL, Bluemont CA, Boulevard Manor CA, Buckingham Community CA, Clarendon-Courthouse CA, Columbia Heights CA, Crystal City CA, Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks, Glencarlyn CA, Green Valley CA, Maywood CA, NoVa NORML, North Rosslyn CA, Shirlington Dogs II, Tara-Leeway Heights CA, Waverly Hills CA, Westover Village CA and Yorktown CA.

Board Candidates Introduction: There are two open Board positions.

The candidates, Nicole Merlene (NORML) and Jesse Boeding (Green Valley), gave short speeches about their accomplishments and what they wanted to do on the Board.

Jennifer Caterini (Waverly Hills) made a **motion** that we vote on the Slate of Nominees. Julius Spain (NAACP) seconded it.

An email vote was taken (46 Ballots). The vote was: **41 For, 0 Against, 4 Abstentions and 1 Did Not Respond.** Ms. Nicole Merlene and Ms. Boeding were elected and are now members of the Board.

Airport Noise Mitigation Study: – Joe Pelton (Airport Noise Subcommittee Chair) opened the presentation.

In a pre-recorded video, Libby Garvey and Matt De Ferranti gave a short talk on the issue.

Richard Roisman (County Staff) gave a presentation on the Noise Study and then, with the assistance of Jim Allerdice and Jason Schwartz (abc Consultants), took questions.

Will there be flight path changes proposed? Have you experienced or do you expect to see opposition from any other localities to what the report might yield? What is the wrap-up deadline for the study? What more can be done to encourage if not mandate quieter, more environmentally friendly aircraft? Is it possible to have all military and police helicopters fly at altitudes that limit the noise? Did most of the noise complaints come from those living in single-family homes or from those in high rises in the Crystal City area? Has the increasing building heights in Rosslyn further restricted options and flexibility? Can the consultant discuss whether NEXGEN changed the angle of ascent and higher flying altitudes through at least points north of Rosslyn? Can it be a contributing to the dramatically increased noise in Arlington Ridge?

Joe Pelton asked for members to join the Aircraft Noise Subcommittee (contact airport.noise@civfed.org).

VHC Trauma Center:

Virginia Hospital Center's Trauma Program Manager, Mindy Carter, gave a presentation on the new VHC Level II Trauma Center and then both Ms. Carter and Dr. Megan Quintana, Trauma Medical Director took questions.

With an existing Level 1 at INOVA Fairfax and 3 more in DC, what caused VHC to pursue this designation this year? Will you have an agreement for mutual support with Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall and other Defense facilities? Will for both support and training exercises? Given long wait times in the ER even prior to the pandemic, how will this impact wait times for all patients? Does having the certification increase the money or state/federal/insurance compensation? Will local cases continue to go to other Centers until you get your certification? How does the COVID pandemic impact the trauma units? Does this mean that traffic around VHC will increase as a result of patients being transferred to the facility?

Old Business:

Governance Task Force: Member Slate and Election

The slate of nominees are the same as in November, but had more thorough bios in the December Newsletter. The first meeting will be in January and the meetings will be open

Who were in the group that helped you select these names? Why is an elected official on the Task Force slate? If folks want to provide feedback/requests to this group in future, what is the method? One applicant was not selected – can we make that person an alternate?

Tina Worden (Shirlington Dogs II) made a **motion** that we approve the slate of nominees for the Governance Task Force. Jennifer Caterini (Waverly Hills) seconded it..

An email vote was taken (46 Ballots). The vote was: **35** For, **5** Against, **4** Abstentions and **2** Did Not Respond
The slate was elected.

New Business:

Tina Worden announced that Dennis Gerrity will be stepping down from being the Newsletter editor after the January edition. A search is under way for a replacement.

December Board of Directors Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the December Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:00 PM on December 20th. It will be a **Virtual** meeting.

January 2021 Membership Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the January 4th, 2021 Membership Meeting will be a **Virtual** meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Entry to the meeting Waiting Room will start at 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

Video of the meeting is on Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/492272768>

Members of the Task Force in Governance and Election (TIGER) Approved 12-15-20

Name	Affiliation
Nancy Tate	League of Women Voters (former President)
John Vihstadt	Arlington County Board (former)
Michael Beer	ACCF Schools Committee
Dave Schutz	Ashton Heights CA
Chanda Choun	Buckingham Community CA
Sangita Sigdya	FairVote
Keith Fred	Barcroft/Shirlington Dogs
Sharon Valencia	Ballston/Virginia Square CA
Beth Grossman	Arlington Tree Action Group
Kris Brown	Brady: United Against Gun Violence
Kevin Appel	ACDC Chair (former)
Whytni Kernodle	Black Parents of Arlington
Tannia Talento	Arlington County School Board
Duke Banks	ACCF President emeritus
Chris Wimbush	Crystal City CA