



## January 4, 2021 Virtual ACCF Membership Meeting

On January 4, 2021, the ACCF will conduct a virtual Membership Meeting using Zoom, a video conferencing platform. Delegates, Alternate Delegates, others associated with member organizations, and the public are invited to attend.

**Advance Registration for the meeting is required and must be completed by 12PM on Monday, January 4, 2021.**

To register in advance for this meeting use the following link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJU1de6orzvG9NRM6U4wlCVOBbxucoGPNlbo>

A confirmation email will be sent with unique meeting log-in/phone-in details. We ask for your cooperation and strongly encourage early check-in, which starts at 6 PM.

To expedite the check-in process, please use your first and last name as your profile name, this will help our team ensure delegates receive their electronic ballots.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, here is a [link to information and instructions on how to register and participate in CivFed's January 4th, 2021 Membership Meeting.](#)

## January 4, 2021 Membership Meeting Agenda

7:00 Regular Business (Welcome, Pledge, etc.)

7:10 Arlington County Board

8:40 Old Business

8:50 New Business: Parks and Recreation Resolution

9:00 Adjourn

## President's Corner

Welcome and Happy Holidays,

I hope everyone is staying safe, and enjoying the holiday spirit. The holiday season is traditionally a time of giving and new beginnings. Even though 2020 has been a difficult, unusual year, our community has shown its resilience and strength as it has faced these challenges and come together to support each other and the most vulnerable among us. I am proud to live in such a caring, engaged community, and I applaud all your efforts to make it that way.

This month we will have our annual joint meeting with the County Board on January 4th, 2021. The County Board will begin the New Year with their organizational meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. It will be live streamed on the County Board website and in HD on Arlington TV's YouTube channel. The meeting also will be broadcast on Comcast Xfinity 25 or 1085 (HD), and Verizon FiOS 39 and 40.

The County Board will elect its 2021 Chair and Vice-Chair during this meeting, and Board

Members will lay out their priorities for 2021. The new Chair will succeed 2020 Chair Libby Garvey and will serve for one year. I would like to extend my thanks to Libby Garvey, the outgoing chair, for leading the County Board through this very trying year. It is a difficult job under 'normal' circumstances, and this has been one of the most trying in memory.

After the County Board has their organizational meeting, they will join our Civic Federation meeting via Zoom for a discussion. I have sent questions to the County Board that were submitted by our Civic Federation committees so that they and County staff can prepare answers in advance. They will go through these questions and responses, and if we have time, we will open the floor for questions from Delegates.

In Civic Federation announcements, I would like to welcome Jesse Boeding and Nicole Merlene back to the Civic Federation Board. They both bring a wealth of experience to the board, and I look forward to their active involvement with our affairs.

Also, we will soon form the Nominating Committee that will nominate Civic Federation officers and board members for the next year (beginning in July). Please email me directly if you are interested in being a part of the nominating committee.

The Task Force in Governance and Election Reform (TiGER) will hold its' organizational meeting in January. Their first task will be to form working groups, elect co-chairs, and determine scope and timelines. I will join the initial meeting and the task force will report back to the membership periodically with updates.

In closing, please remember that it is easy to get caught up in holiday festivities and in looking out for other people; and not take time for ourselves. In this spirit, I encourage everyone to take time over the holidays for reflection and for self-care and be ready for the many new beginnings that January will bring.

Warmly,

[Allan Gajadhar](#)

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## January Ballot

There are no items currently scheduled for voting on the January ballot.

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### **A Note about Civic Federation Emails:**

Please help us maintain our email distribution list for our members and community partners. Constant Contact is the service provider we use to manage all our digital communications.

Due to service provider limitations, member email addresses are being unsubscribed for lack of activity. We are working with Constant Contact to address this issue but this is not easy. We ask for your patience and understanding.

To ensure you receive our newsletters, announcements and e-ballots, please open all Constant Contact emails received from the Civic Federation.

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### **Communication Committee Meeting Announcement**

Attend this **important** organizational meeting: 11:00 am on Sunday, January 3, 2021. All are WELCOME!

Dennis Gerrity, our editor has stepped down after several years of dedicated service. We've been fortunate for his talent and leadership in managing the newsletter.

Please spread the word. We are in need of **RELIABLE** writers, proofreaders and other detail oriented humans that will commit a few hours over 3 days for ***all or some of these dates***: February 4-6; March 4-6; April 8-10; May 6-8; and June 3-5.

**When:** Sunday, Jan 3, 2021 11:00 AM (virtually via Zoom)

Advance Registration required:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqf--vqTkpHNPccCntu7nlNJ5E6ebxSg3B>

Need more details? Contact [Tina Worden](#), Communications Chair

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## **Parks and Recreation Committee Report on Equity and Proximity to Natural open space**

The Park and Recreation Committee is pleased to share a new [report](#) on equity and proximity to Arlington natural open space. The report uses publicly available data on Arlington park spaces and demographic information specifically along the lines of income, residence type, and race. A [resolution](#) is presented for consideration by the ACCF to draw attention to opportunities to support Arlington's equity aspirations as they relate to proximity to natural open space.

For more information, please contact committee chair: [Duke Banks](#)

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## **Ad Hoc Livability Committee**

Livability2202, a group of three Civic Associations, has released two major reports:

[Housing Affordability](#) This report reviews the housing history, data, and recommendations prepared by 2202 residents to address the need for diverse and affordable housing types in the area. A brief summary of the Livability2202 housing recommendations is [here](#) which are explained in detail in the [full report](#).

[Open Space](#): The report examines the principles for holistic planning needed to strengthen connectivity, natural ecosystems, and community-building in open space in the 2202 zip code area. View the [final report](#), the [Fact Sheet](#), and the [press release](#).

For more information, please contact us at: [info@livability2202.org](mailto:info@livability2202.org)

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## **2020-2021 Board of Directors**

### **Officers**

President, [Allan Gajadhar](#)

Vice President, [Tina Worden](#)

Secretary, [Allen Norton](#)

Treasurer, [Burt Bostwick](#)

### **Board of Directors**

Board Chair, [Eric Cassel](#)

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Member at Large, [Michael Cantwell](#)

Member at Large, [Mike McMenamin](#)

Member at Large, [Nicole Merlene](#)

Member at Large, [Stacy Meyer](#)

Member at Large, [John Vihstadt](#)

Voting delegates and alternate delegates who are interested to serve on the Civic Federation's Board of Directors should contact [President Allan Gajadhar](#).

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## 2020-2021 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES

Cultural Affairs – [Chair Tina Worden](#)  
Environmental Affairs – [Chair Mary Glass](#)  
Housing – [Chair John Vihstadt](#)  
Legislation – [Chair Ron Haddox](#)  
Parks and Recreation – [Chair Duke Banks](#)  
Planning and Zoning – [Chair Ben Keeney](#)  
Public Services – [Chair John Ford](#)  
Revenues and Expenditures – [Burt Bostwick \(POC\)](#)  
Schools – [Chair Michael Beer](#)  
Transportation – [Co-chairs Jerry Auten and Joe Pelton](#)

- Airport Noise Subcommittee – [Chair Joe Pelton](#)

## 2020-2021 ACCF SUPPORT COMMITTEES

Audit -- [Chair Jay Wind](#)  
Awards – Chair – TBD  
Bylaws and Rules – [Chair Allen Norton](#)  
Banquet – TBD  
Communications – [Chair Tina Worden](#)  
Membership – [Chair Dennis Gerrity](#)

Any Delegate, Alternate Delegate, or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee. Please contact the applicable Committee chair, point of contact, or [President Allan Gajadhar](#) if you are interested in participating on ACCF Committees.

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## LINK TO MEETING DOCUMENTS

[Approved November 22, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)

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### ***Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate***

*The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has more than ninety member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. The Federation membership reflects the broad array of interests and talents found in the County and is open and welcoming to all groups within Arlington, firmly believing that a broader range of groups creates better problem-solving outcomes for Arlington and its residents. Our purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.*

*Arlington County Civic Federation Delegates enjoy the full benefits of participation, voting and serving in Civic Federation leadership positions. If your organization is a member of the Civic Federation, ask if it has open slots for delegates. If it is not a member organization of the Civic Federation, encourage it to join. Here is a [link](#) to our website for more details.*

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### **Delegate Participation in Crafting Resolutions**

Amending and correcting resolutions can not be done during Virtual Meetings in a timely manner. To ensure opportunities to participate in crafting resolutions, offering comments, questions or changes proposed for consideration **by delegates, please** email

communications to the sponsoring committee's point of contact by 10 days in advance of the meeting. Please copy all correspondence to Tina Worden: [vicepresident@civfed.org](mailto:vicepresident@civfed.org). A confirmation email will be sent to acknowledge receipt.

All delegate communications including proposed changes will be considered by the sponsoring committee and documented with any action taken, if applicable.

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## ACCF Calendar FY2021

### January 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, December 19, 2020
- GENERAL MEETING: Monday, January 4, 2021 at approximately 7PM (after the County Board's Annual Organizational Meeting), via Zoom
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, January 24, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### February 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, February 4, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, February 21, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### March 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, March 4, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday 21 March 2021, 6p, via Zoom

### April 2021

#### April is Civic Month by Arlington County Board Proclamation

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, April 8, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, April 25, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### May 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, May 6, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, May 23, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### June 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Thursday, June 3, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: *TBD*

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