

# The Civic Voice

## The Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation May 2024 | Volume 108 | Number 09

# **May General Membership Meeting**

**Location:** Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center

Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

**Invitation:** Delegates, Alternate Delegates, others associated with member organizations, and the public are invited to attend this meeting.

**Delegates:** All requests for delegate swaps with alternates must be submitted to the <u>secretary@civfed.org</u> by Sunday <u>May 12th</u> at 12 noon. No exceptions.

### Options for attending the meeting:

- **1. In-Person** (Delegates, Other Guests): No registration is needed to attend inperson.
- **2. Facebook Live** (Other Guests): No registration is needed to watch the live stream which can be found on the <a href="ArlCivFed Facebook">ArlCivFed Facebook</a> page.
- **3. Zoom** (Delegates): Registration is required (<u>link</u>) by Monday <u>May 13</u> at 12 noon. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. The Zoom passcode is 123456, but if you use the links provided after you register you will not have to enter it.

## **Meeting Agenda**

- 7:00 7:05 p.m. Opening and approval of April minutes
- 7:05 8:45 County Board Candidates Forum
- 8:45 9:00 Other business and adjourn

Reminder: Parking passes will be provided. Meetings are held in the 'Conference Center' depicted on the map below.

#### \*\*\*PARKING AND ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS\*\*\*

The VHC Director of Security has advised CivFed that we should begin to park in Parking Garage C (map below). You can then walk across to the Oncology entrance and gain admittance until 8 p.m. **After the meeting, you MUST EXIT via the Women's and Infant lobby.** 

**ENTER (until 8 p.m.):** Zone C Ground floor Oncology entrance (only open until 8 pm, Monday-Friday)

- Sign into the visitor kiosks (**need driver's license each time**)
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- Take a left at the single door and continue down the hall toward a set of double doors
- Go through double doors and go right
- Conference center auditorium is directly ahead

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# **President's Message**

Your Civic Federation May 14 membership meeting will feature a candidates' forum for the single County Board seat that will be on the ballot in November. According to our information, six candidates have formally declared for this seat so far – five Democrats and one Independent. CivFed is committed to impartiality in the conduct of its business and all six will be present at our meeting.

Over the past couple of years, I have discussed with many previous candidates for countywide office our fora and how we might improve them. One particular recommendation came from most, as well as from a couple of incumbent Board members: They urged us to offer an opportunity for our members to get to know the

candidates on a more personal level, in addition to their enunciating their views on the key issues of the day.

We aim to do that at our May meeting and will include questions that will enable our members to have a better idea of the candidates' connection to Arlington and how they enjoy our county.

But I and other CivFed leaders will also still devote most of our attention to issues like the county budget, housing policy, land use, planning and zoning and others we hear most about from our members. We do hope you will be able to join us in person next Tuesday, but as usual we will also offer a Zoom option for those attending remotely.

We will also make sure to include opportunities for questions from the personal and virtual audience – as always within our stringent time parameters.

I want to take this opportunity to solicit from our members your interest in and willingness to help us with two organization-building efforts that are coming up in the next few months.

The first is the annual Arlington County Fair, running from August 14 - 18 at the Thomas Jefferson Community Center on South  $2^{\text{nd}}$  St. We now have our own dedicated booth at the fair, and it is one of the best ways we have to get our message out to a large, curious audience. To do this best, we need help from our members in manning our booth and being available to respond to visitors' questions.

If you can help this year, please get in touch with our Fair chair at bod.member2@civfed.org.

The second CivFed-wide event is a family picnic we are tentatively planning for a weekend afternoon in September or October. As we are all continuing to emerge from the isolation of the COVID years, your CivFed Board of Directors has been working to establish a new tradition for our organization — a family picnic in the autumn to offer a fun event for members and to also provide another opportunity for networking.

Our successful April banquet underlined for us the personal and networking importance of such organization-wide events, but as with our efforts at the county fair, we need help in planning and organizing the picnic. Please contact <a href="mailto:bod.member2@civfed.org">bod.member2@civfed.org</a> if you have ideas or can help with this important effort.

In our committee reports below, you'll see more evidence of an organizational renaissance that we hope to build upon with events like the fair and the picnic. Please help us to help you!

Finally, I want to highlight CivFed's annual elections at the June 11 membership meeting that will wrap up the formal part of our 2023-24 operating year. If you're interested in serving on the Board of Directors, as an officer or as a committee member, please reach out to the addresses listed below.

See you next Tuesday!

Best, John

# **April General Membership Outbrief**

CivFed sponsored a discussion on 'Arlington Wellbeing: Equity in Arlington Health and Access to Green Space'.

Jackie Snelling (CivFed Vice Chair of the Board) kicked off a discussion on equity across Arlington. The discussion included two related topics and panels of three speakers each.

#### First Panel: Arlington Well-being: Equity in Health

- 1. Dr. Rueben K Varghese MD, MPH; Director, Arlington County Public Health, presented: "The "Body" Arlington: Population Health, Well-Being, and Equity', [PDF, 1,4 MiB]. Dr. Varghese's presentation looked at life expectancy by civic association and found some significant disparities. Some areas had life expectancies as high as 83-88 years, whereas others had life expectancies as low as 78-81 years. Dr. Varghese's presentation explored the potential reasons for the disparities, these included social/institutional policies, living conditions, risk behaviors, and disease/injury.
- 2. Janeth Valenzuela, President of the Arlington Schools Hispanic Parents Association, provided a pre-recorded presentation (see video link below). Ms. Valenzuela indicated that they created the organization to give a voice to people in the community. She discussed the inequities being felt by immigrants to the US, and she spoke about the strategies on how to reach out to the community regarding public health, through trusted partners, non-computer methods such as paper and a cell phone app, and locations that are best for outreach and services.
- 3. Lesley E Daigle, CEO, Arlington Free Clinic, presented: 'Arlington Well-Being: Equity in Health', [PDF, 1,1 MiB]. Ms. Daigle's presentation discussed the Arlington Free Clinic, and its mission. Lesley discussed Arlington's current state of health and wellness. A key point of her presentation was that the abundance of resources in Arlington hides the great need some individuals have, for example, upwards of 10,000 people in Arlington are ineligible for health insurance or cannot afford insurance. Lesley went on to discuss health-related lesson's that were learned from the Coronavirus Pandemic and some potential solutions.

## Second Panel: Equity in Arlington County Open Public Spaces

- 1. Jon Huntley, Senior Economist at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, presented: 'Equity in Arlington County Open Public Spaces', [PDF, 696 KiB]. Mr. Huntley opened with a definition of Open Public Space (OPS), looked at race, residence type, income and related those to inequities in terms of access to tree canopy. Jon's presentation identified geographic areas within Arlington with the lowest OPS access and demographics of lowest access including lower income and multi-family elevator buildings and he discussed ways to increase "Equity" of access to open green space and trees.
- 2. Caroline Haynes, former County commissioner for parks, natural resources, public spaces, and biophilic design, and founding member of the Arlington Regional Master Naturalists discussed 'Biophilic Arlington and Equitable Access to Nature', [PDF, 29.0 MiB]. Ms. Haynes' presentation discussed the multi-factor human connections to the natural world, including health, and how biophilic design can connect people with nature and the benefits. Caroline discussed Arlington's participation in 'Biophilic Cities Network', <a href="https://www.biophiliccities.org/">https://www.biophiliccities.org/</a>, which advocates for expanding biophilic planning and governance to create publicly accessible urban projects which help to provide equitable access to nature. Caroline's

presentation offered some fabulous photos of biophilic projects across Arlington, and she encouraged citizen participation in County planning to help make Biophilic Arlington and equitable access to nature a reality.

3. Shruti Kuppa, Chairperson of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT) Board, Vice Chair for the Arlington Parks and Recreation Commission, discussed the implementation side of getting green space equity. She discussed the NVCT (Northern Virginia Conservation Trust (NVCT)) and focused on how a conservation easement worked, noting that easements typically require that no further development occur on the land, in exchange the landowner tax benefits.

Meeting Video Link: Arlington Cty Civic Fed [ACCF] (vimeo.com)



**Dr. Reuben Varghese** Arlington Director of Public Health



Janeth Valenzuela Community Advocate and President of the Arlington Hispanic Parents' Association



**Lesley Daigle** Chief Executive Officer of Arlington Free Clinic



Jonathon Huntley Senior Economist at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, joint author of the ACCF Parks Committee 2021 White Paper on Green Space Equity



Caroline Haynes
Served on County
commissions on parks,
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She is a founding member
and active in the Arlington
Regional Master Naturalists.



Shruti Kuppa
Chairperson of the Northern
Virginia Conservation Trust
(NVCT) Board, and the current
Vice Chair for the Arlington
Parks and Recreation
Commission

# CivFed Awards Banquet Returns, Celebrates Civic Engagement

 $by\ Nicholas\ Giacobbe,\ Banquet\ Chair$ 



Arlington County Civic Federation president John Ford (left) with Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service inductees Jackie Snelling and Adam Henderson. (GazetteLeader photo)

After a five-year hiatus, the Arlington County Civic Federation hosted our 108th anniversary banquet and awards ceremony on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Patton Hall on Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. Over 100 people joined the festivities, which included a presentation by Patrick Phillippi and Brian Stout from Amazon's Public Policy Team discussing the company's plans as it becomes a major player in the Arlington community and the region. Their wide-reaching presentation and question and answer session made news, especially when discussing philanthropy and the performing arts (see link).

The awards portion of the evening celebrated commitment and engagement by a number of community leaders, including our Board Chair and Vice Chair, Adam Henderson and Jacqueline Snelling, who each received the Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service (see <a href="mailto:press coverage">press coverage</a>), and President John Ford, who received the GazetteLeader Cup from the GazetteLeader's Scott McCaffrey. John's receipt of the Cup was covered by the GazetteLeader, see <a href="mailto:link">link</a>.

Community Impact Awards were granted to Kim Haun, Jean Henceroth, Ginger Brown and Sandi Chesrown, and Livability22202, the coalition of the Arlington Ridge, Aurora Highlands, and Crystal City Civic Associations. President's Awards were presented to Anne Bodine and Matt Hall, David Smith, and Nicholas Giacobbe.

For a full list of awardees that includes a description of the efforts that were recognized, <u>click here</u>.

For a gallery of photos from the event, please click here.

# Nominations Now Open for CivFed FY25 (July 2024 - June 2025)

Election of CivFed officers and directors are held each year at the annual meeting. The 2024 annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2023. The ACCF bylaws

require a 3-7-person nominating committee selected by the general membership each year. The following individuals are serving on this committee: Alex Sakes, Bryan Coleman, David Smith, Lois Koontz, Sandi Chesrown.

All positions (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, at-large seats on the Board of Directors) are open.

Please note: all nominees must be in good standing with their CivFed member organization and be designated as an alternate or delegate to CivFed. We will request that each nominee fill out an <u>online form</u> which requests additional information, to include the candidate's civic leadership experience, a short response on the candidate's goals for advancement of diversity, equity, belonging, and inclusion as well as an optional 100-word candidate statement. This information will be made available to the membership prior to the June election.

While we encourage advance nomination, the CivFed bylaws permit nominations from the floor at the annual meeting.

If you have questions about running for a position, please contact nominating@civfed.org.

#### **Form of Government Report**

by Dave Schutz, Form of Government Subcommittee Chair

This session of the legislature did not provide any enacted legislation responsive to the Form of Government changes advocated by Civic Federation. The most optimistic gloss here is that several bills made progress, and that the process may have made passage more likely for similar efforts in years to come.

Please contact Dave Schutz at formofgov.chair@civfed.org for more information.

#### **Schools Committee**

by Todd Truitt, Schools Committee Chair and Dave Schutz, Form of Government Subcommittee Chair

CivFed sponsored a School Board candidates' night on April 24 at Lubber Run community center. The forum included all four Democrat candidates: Chen Ling, Kathleen Clark, Larry Fishtahler, and Zuraya Tapia-Hadley. The independent candidate, Dr Vell Rives, did not attend.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the single transferable vote ranked choice format to be used, which is pretty much identical to that used in the recent County Board primary won by Susan Cunningham and Maureen Coffey, and which contrasts with the preferential block format which the Democrats used in their two-nominee caucus four years ago. Each of the candidates made statements of candidacy and then each answered a series of questions posed by our moderator (Todd Truitt) based on input he had received from CivFed and Schools Committee members, and questions from the floor. Subjects included criteria for boundary adjustment, long-term budget needs, and difficulties in recruitment.

Please contact Todd Truitt at toddetruitt@yahoo.com for more information.

#### **Arts and Culture Committee**

# **Enhancements and Discussions on Arlington's Cultural Future**

by Tina Worden Arts and Culture Committee Co-Chair

The Arlington County Arts Grants Program has successfully secured a substantial funding increase, with \$150,000 in recurring funds and a one-time grant of \$100,000, elevating the total to \$365,810. This is the first major funding boost since 2006 and comes at a critical time as the community addresses the upcoming closure of the Crystal City Underground, a key cultural space. Concerns have been raised about inadequate communication from the property managers regarding the closure, prompting a need for greater transparency.

The Arts + Culture Committee will convene on September 12 at the Museum of Contemporary Art (MoCA) - Arlington. The meeting, attended by Adam Green, Chair of the Arlington Commission for the Arts, and other notable guests, aims to listen to community concerns and engage in productive discussions about sustaining and enhancing Arlington's cultural landscape. This session is crucial for strategizing the future of local arts and addressing current community challenges.

For more information, please contact: Co-Chairs Sandi Chesrown and Tina Worden at <a href="mailto:arts.culture.chair@civfed.org">arts.culture.chair@civfed.org</a>.

#### **CivFed Environmental Affairs Committee**

by Mary Glass, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

#### Updates on the New Tree Canopy Study & FY2025 County Budget

Environmental Highlights of Adopted FY25 County Budget. The County Board adopted funding to enhance the natural environment and address climate change. Here are some highlights:

- Increase to one-time Climate Fund commitments from \$1 million to \$3.5 million to support enhanced cross-department coordination to accelerate achieving results and other goals.
- Increased Forestry and Landscaping programs by 19% over FY 24. Added one additional urban forester. Ongoing support for contractor tree maintenance \$750,000 (previously \$300,000) and one-time support of \$100,000 for other related expenses.
- Programs for removing invasive species received an additional \$300,000 in one-time funding (previously \$100,000 in FY 24).
- An additional \$250,000 funding for the Tree Canopy Fund operated by Ecoaction Arlington. This can only be used on private property with most previous funding coming from private developers to compensate for trees removed for development projects.
- The County Nature Centers received one-time trial funding of \$150,000 to increase staff hours from 3 days per week now to the pre-pandemic levels of 6 days per week.

No supplemental funding was allocated for other priorities cited in the new Arlington Forestry and Natural Resources Plan adopted last November including more public tree planting (Vienna had a supplemental initiative of \$250,000) or for a tree inventory and analysis tools to optimize efficiency.

**County Funds New Tree Canopy Assessment.** In March, the County awarded a \$53,906 contract to the Davey Resource Group with an optional additional task of \$13,000 for the study and report. The data to be used by Davey has been contracted

with the Surdex Corporation at a cost of \$40,855 for a total cost of about \$95,000 to \$108,000. According to project documents, the work has already begun with a kickoff meeting identifying actions, a timeline, data collection, and initial analysis. The final report is expected to be delivered in October of this year.

In March 2021 ACCF adopted a resolution requesting an immediate tree canopy assessment to inform drafting of the new Forestry and Natural Resources Plan. The County declined but citizens moved forward funding an independent study by nationally recognized experts resulting in the 2023 <u>Urban Tree Canopy Assessment of Arlington County Virginia</u>: An Analysis of Forest Cover and Benefits. The study provided land cover, tree canopy, heat island, neighborhood maps, public meetings, and reports for less than 20% of the cost of the new assessment. Noteworthy in tight budget times.

**PLEASE JOIN the Environmental Affairs Committee!** As Arlington continues to grow, environmental awareness will be critical. We need your opinions and energy to address these topics. Delegates and Alternates are especially important to this work, but any members of ACCF member organizations are welcome to participate.

If you have questions or want more information, please contact the Committee Chair Mary Glass at <a href="mailto:environmental.affairs.chair@civfed.org">environmental.affairs.chair@civfed.org</a>.

#### **CivFed Housing Committee**

by Anne Bodine, Housing Committee Co-Chair

# Housing Committee Meeting May 16 at 6:30pm - Taxes and tracking housing needs

The Housing Committee will discuss key resolutions on taxes and better tracking of housing needs, zoning, and delivery of housing units. In light of the recent adoption of a significant tax increase, the committee will discuss the impact on housing. The draft housing tracking resolution focuses on calling for tracking that would show housing potential and goals and track progress toward goals.

In June we hope to host the Housing Association of Nonprofit Developers (HAND) which is rescheduled from March. They will track an innovative new housing production tool that will be adopted by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG) for the Greater DMV area. HAND is a nonprofit membership collective working across the private, public, and social sectors to collaborate in the production and preservation of affordable housing in the Capital Region.

#### Register for the Thursday, May 16 meeting at this link

https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsfqpqzoiHNDaGpwmNm7RaentbRJW739v

Please email housing.chair@civfed.org for more information.

# **CivFed Planning and Zoning Committee Update**

by Brian Harner, Planning and Zoning Co-Chair

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet Thursday, May 23 at 7:00. The meeting will focus on further consideration of how to achieve both a

healthy ecosystem of housing options and an environmental ecosystem of green space and trees. Send your suggestions for discussion to Brian Harner at plan.zone.chair@civfed.org.

Please register at <a href="https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcu-gpzotG9R3opyLkSG21qzvhvuDR617">https://uso6web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMlcu-gpzotG9R3opyLkSG21qzvhvuDR617</a>.

## **CivFed Public Safety Subcommittee**

by Mike McMenamin, Public Safety Subcommittee Chair

#### HOLD THE DATE

Tuesday May 28, 2024; 6 – 8:45PM Fairlington Community Center Room 118

In-Person Registration Link: <a href="https://forms.gle/MH4QBSGYYp3foGSU8">https://forms.gle/MH4QBSGYYp3foGSU8</a>





The ACCF Public Safety Committee is pleased to announce a Community Policing Workshop sponsored by the Arlington County Civic Federation in partnership with the Arlington County Police Department. Join us for an opportunity to learn about neighborhood public safety and contribute to neighborhood-level plans. We will also introduce a new data tool that supports analyzing crime by location to inform planning.

#### Topics will include:

- New Crime Data Tool
- Crime Data and Challenges
- Community Policing

Please email Mike McMenamin <u>public.safety.sc.chair@civfed.org</u> with any questions.

# Spotlight on Civic Associations – Request for your information on Officers and Directors Insurance

We have received requests from civic associations for referrals to firms that provide Officers and Directors insurance to other CAs. This is an opportunity to help each other on this critical topic. If your civic association has a policy for this type of insurance, please send Jackie Snelling an email (vice.chair@civfed.org) with the name of the insurer and the name of the agent. We'll compile a list as a reference for other civic associations.

# **Library Co-creation Workshop**

by Cory Giacobbe

April 25, 2024

Attendees: Library staff, Accenture staff, County staff, civic leaders by invitation

Cory Giacobbe attended the Library Co-Creation Workshop as a rep for CivFed. A year ago, County Manager Mark Schwartz called for libraries to engage the public in envisioning the future of our libraries. The purpose of the 3-hour workshop was to brainstorm a vision for the library of the future, what community needs it should meet and how it should meet them. Ten pre-formed groups completed various facilitator-led tasks to brainstorm, envision, refine and prioritize elements of a future Arlington library. Groups were given opportunities to collaborate, define and expand on their vision of the library of the future.

Ideas explored included Library as Town Square, Flexible Library Spaces for Community Generated Needs, Welcoming Areas for Community Gathering, Latest Technology for Professional Development, and many more.

Many participants wished for longer hours, more child and youth activities, more opportunities for creative and collaborative endeavors and more programs and services for residents with special needs. The overwhelming sense of the workshop was that Arlington residents crave more time and space for coming together for relaxation, creation and recreation. The term used for this type of space was "The Third Place". After Home (first) and Workplace (second), we crave a community meeting place, that was historically fulfilled by the town square, the pub, the plaza, the coffeehouse or the marketplace. Planners and visionaries are looking to the public libraries to fill this function in society.

Accenture staff collected all brainstorming materials (sticky notes, vision collages, implementation schema, etc.) and will process the community input, send it back out to the participants and report back to the County Library leadership. Based on the ideas generated on the workshop, as well as interviews and site visits, a digital survey created by Accenture will be distributed in early May. Flyers with a QR code will be displayed at all library locations.

Please contact secretary@civfed.org if you have any questions or comments that you would like relayed to Cory.

## Gun Buyback Intended for Early June If Sufficient Funds Are Raised

Arlington PD in conjunction with other County offices intend to hold a gun buyback in early June. At a buyback, unwanted guns are exchanged anonymously for gift cards in an amount appropriate for the type of gun relinquished. Guns are received, dismantled and destroyed. \$25,000 must be raised by May 1 to defer the cost of the gift cards and make this a viable event. Since funding was not built into the county budget it must be raised by concerned citizens.

The Arlington Community Foundation has set up a website to process donations.

https://arlcf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit id=4894

# **Build a Resilient Community** with Arlington Unites!

Arlington Unites: Moving Beyond Conversations on Wellness for Children, Youth, and Families. On Saturday, May 18, join Arlington's commitment to becoming stronger and more resilient. Caring community members will help others learn about adverse childhood experiences(ACEs) resilience initiatives, safe spaces for youth, and making Arlington more prepared and adaptable to challenges.

The event will be at W-L High School and childcare and lunch will be provided to those who register!

From the Arlington DHS Bulletin, provided by Jackie Snelling, Mental Health Sub Committee. This is a critical issue in



Arlington and nationally impacting our entire culture. This event is a great opportunity to learn more about the wide range of issues and community work under way. If you are interested in working with the committee, please email Jackie at mental.health.sc.chair@civfed.org.

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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 John Ford if you are interested in participating on ACCF committees.

#### **Link to Committee Website**

# Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate?

The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has 80+ 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 its 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.

#### joinus@Civfed.org

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

# CivFed Calendar FY2024

#### May

- Tuesday, 5/14: General Membership Meeting
- Thursday, 5/16: Housing Committee
- Sunday, 5/19: Board Meeting
- Thursday, 5/23: Planning and Zoning Committee
- Monday, 5/27: Deadline for June Newsletter Input
- Wednesday, 5/28: Public Safety Community Policing Workshop

#### June

- Tuesday, 6/11: General Membership Meeting
- Sunday, 6/23: Board Meeting

#### **July - August**

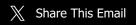
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