



THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

June 2011

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, June 7, 2011
7:30 p.m.
Hazel Conference Center
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N. George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22205
www.civfed.org

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Agenda

- 7:30 Call meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Adopt agenda
Officer reports
Member delegate announcements
- 7:40 Election of Civic Federation officers and Executive Committee Members.
- 8:00 Public Services Committee informational program:
 - Arlington County Fire Department
 - Arlington County Police Department
 - Arlington County Office of Emergency Management
- 9:00 Housing Committee informational program about neighborhood engagement on affordable housing
- 9:45 Unfinished Business
- 10:15 New Business
- 10:20 Adjourn

Executive Committee

Mark Antell, Chair mark@civfed.org

Gary Barbee passed away on May 9th. Mr. Barbee was a Civic Federation delegate from the Nauck Civic Association and Vice-Chair of the Civic Federation Executive Committee. In addition to his many accomplishments, he was a founding member of the Nauck Revitalization Organization. The funeral service was held on May 18th at Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

The Executive Committee will meet on June 13th at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Boulevard (Fire Department Station 2 in Ballston) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs, and organize the September Civic Voice newsletter.

Civic Federation member delegates adopted resolutions at the May 3rd Civic Federation meeting supporting affordable housing and energy sustainability.

Agenda Details

Civic Federation Election

The Civic Federation member delegates Mike Kerley, Larry Mayer, Peter Owen, Jim Pebley, and Terri Prell were elected to serve on the Civic Federation Nominating Committee at the April 5th Civic Federation meeting. While nominations for all positions will be taken from the floor, the committee will propose the following slate of member delegates be elected as officers and Executive Committee Members at the June 7th Civic Federation meeting:

President	James Schroll Ballston-Virginia Square
Vice President	Terri Prell North Rosslyn
Secretary	To be determined
Treasurer	Peter Olivere Glencarlyn
Executive Committee	Burt Bostwick Old Glebe
Executive Committee	Portia Clark Nauck
Executive Committee	Larry Finch Donaldson Run
Executive Committee	James Lantelme Lyon Village
Executive Committee	Amy Levin Aurora Highlands

The newly elected officers and Executive Committee Members will take office immediately following the adjournment of the June 7th Civic Federation meeting. The new Executive Committee will meet on June 13th at at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Boulevard (Fire Department Station 2 in Ballston).

Public Safety Chiefs

Sal D'Itri sal@civfed.org

The Civic Federation Public Services Committee will lead an informational program with the chiefs of the Arlington County public safety departments as guest speakers:

- Jack Brown, Director Arlington County Department of Emergency Management,
- Douglas Scott, Chief, Arlington County Police Department, and
- A senior officer from the Arlington County Fire Department (*please note that Chief James Schwartz has a longstanding schedule conflict*).

The program will be structured with:

- 20 minutes for guest speaker remarks
- 20 minutes for committee prepared questions, and
- 20 minutes for member delegate questions and comments.

Affordable Housing Neighborhood Engagement

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Kathryn Scruggs kathryn@civfed.org

The Civic Federation Housing Committee will lead an informational program about affordable housing neighborhood engagement with guest speakers:

- Ken Aughenbaugh, Arlington County Housing Director,
- Richard Tucker, Senior Planner, and
- Claude Williamson, Comprehensive Planning Supervisor.

The program will be structured with:

- 25 minutes for guest speaker remarks and
- 20 minutes for member delegate questions and comments.

Committee News

Community Relations

Sharon Rogers sharon@civfed.org

After a thorough discussion, Civic Federation member delegates adopted two resolutions at the May 3rd Civic Federation meeting:

1. The motion supporting preservation and creation of affordable housing in Arlington (www.civfed.org/resaffhousing1105.pdf), and
2. The motion on endorsing the Arlington County Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force Report (www.civfed.org/resenergy1105.pdf).

Housing

Kathryn Scruggs kathryn@civfed.org

The committee is preparing to lead an informational program about neighborhood engagement on affordable housing in Arlington County at the June 7th Civic Federation meeting.

Membership

Mileva Hartman mileva@civfed.org

\$50 membership dues notices will be sent to the treasurer or president of Civic Federation member organizations in June. Please be sure to pay promptly and update your list of member delegates.

The committee expects to receive two new Civic Federation membership applications from neighborhood civic associations. Organizations with at least 20 members and whose primary object and principal work promotes safety, beautification, general welfare of its community, or the development of civic spirit, shall be considered a civic organization and be eligible to be considered to become a Civic Federation member organization.

Public Services

Sal D'Itri sal@civfed.org

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Civic Federation officers participated in the Arlington County Police Department Peace Officers Memorial Ceremony held on May 11th in the Courthouse Plaza. The Civic Federation presented a wreath to honor law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives serving in Arlington.



Civic Federation president Mike Kerley noted that the solemn ceremony reminded him of the bravery and professionalism with which members of Arlington's law enforcement community serve our community.

Arlington County Cable Administrator Rob Billingsley will conduct Comcast franchise focus groups June 20th to 23rd. Please contact Mr. Billingsley on 703.228.3195 or Rbillingsley@ArlingtonVa.US to sign up to participate in the discussion about the upcoming Comcast franchise renewal and help determine the future Public-Educational-Government TV access resources, community and educational benefits, and broadband communication services to be provided by Comcast.

Special Events

Peter Olivere peterolivere@civfed.org

The committee will be signing up volunteers to participate at the Civic Federation's Arlington County Fair booth. The Fair will be August 10th to 14th. Arlington residents may learn about the importance of participating with their Civic Federation member organization.

Unfinished Business

A motion for resolution that was introduced at the May 3rd Civic Federation meeting that calls for political parties to refrain from endorsing Arlington Public Schools Board candidates will be ruled as not in order by the chair because it goes beyond the scope of the Civic Federation bylaws (www.civfed.org/bylaws.htm). The bylaws define the Civic Federation as being a non-partisan and non-political organization. The motion has not been assigned to a committee and will not be considered by Civic Federation member delegates.

A motion introduced by Mark Antell (North Rosslyn) at the February 1st Civic Federation meeting and originally considered by member delegates at the March 1st Civic Federation meeting will be considered at the June 7th Civic Federation meeting. Member delegates voted on March 1st to postpone consideration of this motion until the June 7th meeting. A committee report from the Civic Federation Planning and Zoning Committee is expected.

The motion for resolution, as introduced by Mark Antell and referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee, is listed below:

Whereas, Arlington County grants additional bonus density, building height and similar concessions to builders in exchange for providing community benefits such as affordable housing, traffic mitigation or meeting energy efficiency standards,

Whereas, builders can often meet these requirements by a payment of cash rather than by direct provision of the community benefit,

Whereas, the community benefit or cash payment in lieu of the community benefit may be used anywhere in the community rather than in the neighborhoods most immediately affected by the bonus density,

Whereas, no public accounting is made after-the-fact of the how the community benefit requirements have been met,

Whereas, it is good public policy for government to inform civic associations, interested citizens and the press to be information about the outcomes and effects of government decisions about economic development, and

Whereas, in some cases, there have been reports that builders have not actually met the terms of the community benefit requirements.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Arlington County Civic Federation requests that the County Manager provide a list with specific information about community benefits provided to the County in exchange for a specified increase in density for development projects in the County for the last five years including:

A description of the community benefit provided,

If the requirement is met by a payment of cash, the amount of such cash payment and its use by the County,

The location of the community benefit provided (i.e., whether it is within the same neighborhood area such as within 3-blocks, or the specific location if it is not provided within the same neighborhood),

The amount of additional density in square feet and or building height above by-right requirements, and above the site plan for projects subject to site-plan rules,

In cases where the county staff has prepared an estimate of the cost to the builder of providing a community benefit met in kind (such as on-site affordable housing units, meeting energy efficiency standards, etc), the county staff estimate should be provided, and

If available, the current rental rates per square foot for retail/commercial space and the average rent for apartments, and monthly condo fees when applicable.