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Civic Federation Candidate Night Forum

The September 2 meeting, our annual Candidate Night Forum, is the start of the fall campaign season for those seeking public office in November. This is always one of the most popular meetings of the Civic Federation with a large number of non-members attending. It provides an opportunity for members of the Civic Federation to be able to interact with candidates. Because of the stature of the Civic Federation, we always have excellent turnout from the candidates.

Although only delegates and alternates may ask questions, the public is invited to see how the candidates respond to often very pointed questions. Be sure to invite members of your association to join us.

Program Order

The confirmed candidates for each race will appear as a group in the following order:

- County Board
- School Board
- Arlington County Treasurer
- U.S. Senate
- U.S. House of Representatives

Questions

Audience questions from Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates will be entertained through a drawing system.

Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may register to have their name drawn by signing up in the lobby at 7:00 p.m. Delegates and alternate delegates may register to ask a question for multiple panels.

In order for more delegates and alternate delegates to have an opportunity to ask a question, the forum moderator will give first priority to delegates and alternate delegates who have not yet had a turn. The forum moderator will draw a delegate or alternate delegate name and then call on them to ask their question.

Questions may be directed to one or more candidates. **Questions may be no longer than thirty seconds and may not be position statements.** Follow-up questions are not allowed. The Civic Federation's rules will be observed at all times.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

7:30 p.m.

Hazel Auditorium
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N George Mason Drive
Arlington VA 22205

Agenda

- 7:30 Meeting called to order
- 7:35 Program - Candidate Night Forum
- 9:10 Announcements
- 9:10 Old Business
- 9:30 New Business
- 9:35 Adjourn

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

As summer ends, we gear up again for another year. This is going to be an exciting year for the Federation with programs that are interesting and are relevant to the community. In addition, we will begin to act on the Federation's priorities in October. I look forward to the year ahead and all the important work we will do together to help with the issues that are important to our county.

But first we lead off with the event that begins the Arlington County campaign season. Come out and see the candidates for County and School Boards, Treasurer, U.S. House of Representatives and Senate. As always, these debates are insightful and enlightening and I encourage all of our members to attend.

News From the Executive Committee

Terri Prell, Chair Terri@civfed.org
The Executive Committee met on June 9, 2013, and on July 13, 2014 to plan the agenda for the September 2, 2013 general meeting and discussed future meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on September 7, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, and plan future meeting programs. Both current and newly elected officers and Executive Committee Members should attend. In addition, we would like for Committee Chairs to attend this meeting.

ACCF Dues Reminder

As of this newsletter going to press, a significant number of our member organizations have not paid their annual dues for July 2014 - June 2015. Please check with your Treasurer to determine if your organization has both paid and included the information to update our membership list. If you

have questions, contact ACCF Treasurer Peter Olivere peterolivere@civfed.org.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY

Save the Dates: September 22 and October 11

A forum to present the findings of the housing needs analysis will be held Monday, September 22 at Washington-Lee High School. This will be an opportunity to hear the values and priorities identified by the Working Group, obtain the results of the intensive research efforts carried out by the consulting team and the staff, and provide input to help set priorities for affordable housing in Arlington.

A more in depth workshop will take place Saturday, October 11 at the Fairlington Community Center from 9am to noon. The workshop will provide an opportunity for shaping the affordable housing policy.

Articles for the Newsletter

If you have information which should be included in the Civic Voice, send it to CivFed@gmail.com.



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Permit Requirements for Public Spaces

At its 7/19/14 meeting, the Arlington County Board approved revisions to the county’s Policy for Managing Special Events and Demonstrations in Public Spaces. These changes were prompted by the increase in pub crawls and the sometimes raucous behavior of their participants in public.

The new policy replaces the original 2012 version. In addition to redefining the meaning of “special event,” the policy also notes that the county will charge special-event organizers for “personnel and services on a 100% cost-recovery basis unless prohibited by law.” Permits must be obtained for ALL special events and demonstrations.

ACCF member organizations should also be aware that the term “demonstration” applies not only to protests but also to other gatherings, including vigils or religious services, in public areas:

The term “Demonstration” shall mean any picketing, speech making, marching, holding vigils or religious services and other like forms of conduct, in Public Spaces, which involves the communication or expression of views or grievances, is engaged in by one or more persons, and has the effect, intent or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.“ The term “Demonstration” shall not include the casual use of Public Spaces by Arlington County residents or visitors which use does not have the effect, intent, or propensity to attract a crowd or onlookers.

Therefore individual citizens or groups are prohibited from gathering or otherwise exercising first-amendment rights in public spaces without first obtaining the required permit.

Videotaping of Federation Meetings

Arlington Independent Media did a great job last March filming the County Board Candidates forum. I would like to again thank them, as they did this pro bono for the Federation.

In the past, the Federation Executive Committee noted some attendees filming via cell phone. Audio or video recording requires prior approval of the President or delegated Chair of the event per

Federation policy. Any individuals not in compliance will be asked to leave the meeting.

Draft Parkland Preservation Resolution Consideration at the October Meeting

WHEREAS, current County planning processes, including Capital Improvement Plans and “Public Land for Public Good,” propose to use current or intended publicly-owned park, open space, or recreation/community facility sites for other purposes, such as housing and schools; NOW

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Arlington County Civic Federation urges that no current or intended publicly-owned park, open space or recreation/community facility sites be utilized for any purpose other than park, open space or recreation/community facilities, now or in the future; and Arlington County Civic Federation urges Arlington County Board and Arlington School Board to cease any further actions in regard to selecting, planning, or otherwise using any current or intended publicly-owned park, open space or recreation/community facility sites for other purposes, such as housing or schools .

Casting Votes on ACCF Resolutions Consideration at the October Meeting

At the October 9, 2014, ACCF meeting, Federation delegates will consider and vote on Delegate Kathryn Scruggs’ proposed amendment to add the following language to Article III, Section 5 of the ACCF By-laws:

A member may vote on behalf of each organization for which the member is listed as a delegate or alternate.

The full text of Ms. Scruggs’ proposed amendment, which she submitted at the June 3, 2014, Federation meeting reads:

Whereas, there is discussion about the number of votes a delegate who represents more than one member organization may cast.

Whereas the By-laws state in Article III, Members:

Section 5. Each member organization shall be entitled to no more than four (4) votes cast by the delegates or their alternates. No

proxy votes may be cast.

*Whereas the By-laws state in Article IX,
Amendment to the By-laws:*

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Federation by a two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.

I move that the By-laws be amended to state, specifically, that a member may vote on behalf of each organization for which the member is listed as a delegate or alternate and, until the vote on amending the By-laws, the Chair will rule on the number of votes permitted members who represent more than one organization.

Article IX of the ACCF By-laws specifies that the Federation may amend the By-laws “at any regular Federation meeting by a two-third vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting.”

President Michael McMenamin referred Ms. Scruggs’ proposed amendment to the By-laws Committee, which will post its report on the proposed amendment on the Federation website and in the October “The Civic Voice.” Please contact Sarah Shortall, By-laws Committee chair, if you have any questions -- sarah@ciufed.org.

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2014 - 2015

Meeting are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except November)

September – Candidates Night.

October – What are our Civic Priorities based on the survey? County’s Housing Plan Program, Resolutions. County Bonds on the ballot.

November 12 – Public Land for Public Use Panel

December – County Manager and School Superintendant. Budget Priorities. This meeting will sound out members' budget priorities to feed into the County budget process. At this meeting Bylaws state that the Awards Committee must be elected from nominations from the floor.

January - TBD

February - County Board

March - School Board

April - Budget or other topic. Election of Nominating Committee.

(Note - Friday, April 4 - Civic Federation Award Banquet)

May - State Delegation

June - Election of officers

Arlington County Civic Federation

The ACCF is dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its 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.

Committees of the Civic Federation

The committees provide the basis for most actions of the Federation. We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Mike McMenamin at mike@civfed.org

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell	terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
Audit	Chair Needed	
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
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Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Membership	Kim Klingler	kim@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	Elected at the April 2014 membership meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore, Larry Mayer	martha@civfed.org larrymayer@civfed.org
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