



Minutes – April 1, 2014 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Mike McMenamin at Hazel Auditorium. After the Pledge of Allegiance, the agenda and minutes for the March membership meeting were approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$23,285.49. The Executive Committee will meet on April 6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work and plan future meetings.

Revenues and Expenditures Committee Report

R&E did not prepare a comprehensive report on the County budget, but reported on Tim Wise's resolution to cut the tax rate by 3 cents. The Committee supported the resolution. Three cents was selected as the reasonable cut to recommend. The Committee no longer analyzes the budget in detail, so cannot recommend specific cuts. The resolution passed 23-10-3. The full resolution is on the Civfed web site.

Schools Committee Report

The Schools Committee report was informational with no resolution for a CivFed position. It discussed budget issues, new programs and initiatives, new efficiencies and cuts, capacity issues, reserve funds and elimination of early release Wednesdays. Schools has not calculated the effect on the budget of a three cent reduction in the tax rate. The Committee recommended a return to the revenue sharing agreement, and said the actual percentage of County funds transferred to APS was 36.5%.

Housing Committee Report

The Committee expressed concern for the continued loss of Arlington's affordable housing stock. The report supported the County Manager's budget for the Affordable Housing Investment Fund, Housing Grants, Permanent Supportive Housing and the Comprehensive Homeless Services Center. Schools still funds the "live where you work" program, and 50% of Arlington's teachers live here compared to 25% of other County employees. Affordable housing units are all over Arlington, not just in South Arlington.

Zoning Ordinance Update program

Debbie Albert of the County zoning staff and Susan Bell (consultant) spoke on the status of an update to the zoning ordinance including adding elements to lot coverage definitions, defining terms, counting dormers in building heights, calculating porch and stair encroachments, eaves of accessory buildings, air conditioner placement and bay window encroachment.

Karen Rosenbaum is seeking members for the Cultural Affairs Committee.

A nominating committee was appointed: Jim Pebley, Randy Swart, Larry Mayer, Tim Wise and Burt Bostwick.

Sara Shortall asked the Executive Committee to develop written procedures for settling civic association boundary disputes. Referred to the Excom.

Lubber Run Community Center: Sal D'Itri presented a resolution on the redevelopment of the building. Referred to Parks, Environmental, Transportation and Housing committees.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm until the banquet on April 4 and the next membership meeting on May 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Swart, Secretary