



Minutes – February 4, 2014 **ACCF Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Mike McMenamin at Hazel Auditorium. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President McMenamin. The agenda was approved as submitted. New delegates were introduced. Minutes for the previous membership meeting were approved. The Treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$20,877.02.

President McMenamin announced that the Executive Committee will meet on February 4, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work and plan future meeting programs.

Program:

County Board Visit

Board members included Chairman Jay Fissette, Vice Chair Mary Hynes, Libby Garvey, Walter Tejada and Chris Zimmerman. Themes included progress in transit-oriented development, continued strong support for Arlington's schools, affordable housing (6,600 units/15% of housing stock), no net loss of affordable housing along Columbia Pike, challenges in the business competitive environment, initiative to become a hub of the innovative high-tech sector, transit-oriented development along Columbia Pike featuring the new streetcar, environmental sustainability, zero waste (90% recycled) in 25 years

Question responses covered neighborhood preservation, challenges and advantages of the Silver Line, job competition, revitalization of financial controls in lieu of an independent inspector general, capital spending priorities including schools needs will be clear in the new CIP due in May, the Long Bridge Park aquatic facility is being re-examined for budget reasons and the alleged increase in operating costs is not as severe as rumored. Four Mile Run plan preparation will begin in 2015 when staff resources are available. Expansion of schools raises neighborhood issues, requiring balance between fully functional athletic fields vs. noise and light problems. There is a need to address further some maintenance capital needs, including streetlights. Lee Highway planning is beginning, sparked by the Lee Highway civic association presidents group.

Noise Control Ordinance Revisionsa

Gary greene presented. Police officers Capt. Franz Desamour, Brian -----, Allen Lowry and Rick Rodrigues attended as resource people. Police get more calls than code enforcement. The new ordinance will revise standards and measurement techniques. There is a new exemption for generator noise during power outages. Maximum idling time for commercial vehicles is limited to ten minutes. Yard maintenance machine noise and barking dog standards have been revised. Civil penalties are included. There are many other changes.

The Planning and Zoning Committee is pushing for a single point of contact within County staff for reporting noise ordinance violations. Many of the issues raised by the Committee have been resolved, but some issues remain: (1) Restriction of protections to only some R districts; (2) Clarification of where measurements will be taken; (3) Definition of holidays and holiday eves. Staff responded with possible refinements of the ordinance draft. P&Z had prepared a resolution incorporating those three points. It was referred back to P&Z.

There was no old business and no new business.

Awards Committee: Michael Beer, Joe Pelton, Randy Swart Jesse Boeding, Mike McMenamin

On March 7 the Housing Committee will meet at Kathryn Scruggs' house.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47pm

Respectfully submitted: Randy Swart, Secretary