



Civic Association Priorities?

The Arlington County Civic Federation is a Civic Association member-based organization and we want to learn your priorities, so that we can shape future meetings and advocacy around issues important to you. At the October meeting, Civic Federation members presented their priority issues for Federation action. Delegates from AGLA, Arlington Education Association, Arlington Ridge, Barcroft, The Chatham Condo, Douglas Park, Leeway, Long Branch Creek, Nauck, Old Glebe, Penrose and Waverly Hills made statements. Issues included:

- Preserving neighborhood sense of place
- Walkable urban villages
- Infrastructure and park maintenance
- Tree canopy preservation
- Single family housing without oversize infill
- Appropriate mixed use development along Columbia Pike and Lee Highway
- Control of redevelopment in Crystal City and Pentagon City
- Services for aging in place
- Access to County meeting rooms for events
- A legislative package to facilitate lobbying in Richmond
- Traffic management including “Smart Traffic”
- Adequate Metro trains and parking
- Code enforcement
- Inadequate permitting
- Affordable housing
- Rising housing prices
- Public safety issues
- Sound walls along major highways.

Based on last month’s success, we are again putting out a call to those Civic Associations that could not attend in November to come to the December 3rd meeting to share your issues. We plan to spend the first 25 minutes of the meeting hearing from you. This process will culminate with a Civic Federation written survey of member’s priorities.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, December 3, 2013

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 Civic Association Priorities?
- 8:00 Health: Dr. Varghese
- 9:00 Announcements
- 9:05 Old Business
- 9:15 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

I am happy to report that last month's program that sought the Civic Federation's priorities was a great success. In addition, the Lee Highway re-visioning program was extremely educational. It reflects the true "Arlington Way" when Civic Associations come together to ensure that future development reflects the community's needs and desires. We also passed the Wilson fields resolution. I hope you can join us this month for an informative health presentation by Dr. Varghese.

Finally, the filling of vacancies of Committee Chairs is still a top priority, as we currently have vacancies on the Bylaws, Cultural Affairs, Revenues and Expenditures Committees. We also seek a Co-Chair for the Transportation Committee. If you are interested in serving or know of someone who might be interested, please contact me at: mike@civfed.org.

News From the Executive Committee

John Vihstadt, Chair john@civfed.org

Terri Prell, Vice-Chair terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on November 17, 2013, to plan the agenda for the December 3, 2013 general meeting and discussed future meetings. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm). The Executive Committee will meet again on December 8, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. at **4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2)**, to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs. **In addition to officers and Executive Committee members, we ask Committee Chairs with business to come before the Federation soon 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 2013 - June 2014. 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 at peterolivere@civfed.org.

Articles for the Newsletter



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

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What Happens When You Have Less Parking?

Jerry Auten

In December 2012, the County Board appointed a Commercial Parking Working Group to examine the consequences of allowing developers to build less parking under the standard parking ratio in site plans for office buildings and to propose a standard methodology to mitigate those consequences. The group included developers, tenants of commercial buildings, County Commissions, County staff, and others with expertise in real estate and development.

Jerry Auten is representing the Civic Federation, along with Peter Owen who was also appointed to the working group. In the past, reduced parking was allowed in exchange for "community benefits" paid by the developer that varied widely and were not necessarily related to the costs of providing additional transit.

The working group developed a proposal for three levels of tiered payments that increase as fewer spaces are provided. The lowest level is a payment of \$7,250 (\$245 per year indexed for inflation) per parking space for modest reductions from "current practice." This level reflects the County's estimated annual costs per reduced space for ART and METRO subsidies and programs to encourage transit use.

The second level is \$12,500 (\$420 per year) for further reductions, since more costly measures would be needed to coax more drivers to use buses or bicycles. However, the top level is \$40,000 (\$1,333 per year), which is more than the estimated cost of building underground parking up to 3 levels, but less than the cost of building a 4th or 5th level underground.

Developers, however, would likely pay this only if those spaces were quite costly to build on the site.

Site plans for the majority of the County, under the three levels would start at 1 space per 630, 780 and 1,000 square feet. In a "typical" 300,000 square foot office building, payment

levels would apply to the number of parking spaces below 476, 385 and 300 spaces, respectively.

Under by-right, the developer would be required to provide 517 spaces. In a large Pentagon City area and in parts of Rosslyn and Crystal City, the levels would start at 1 space per 1000, 1200 and 1900 square feet. For the 300,000 square foot example, this would mean 300, 250 and 158 spaces. The County has little or no experience with parking reduced to these levels. The working group report recommended that the Pentagon City mitigation payments would begin at 1 space per 750 square feet. The rationale for this reduction is not known.

This plan is being presented to several County Commissions and is on the agenda for the December County Board meeting and would only apply to commercial properties. Hence, the County is planning to study residential and retail development in the future.

The Civic Federation and member civic associations have an interest in ensuring that the amount of parking provided is appropriate for the property and the surrounding area. The most common problem is parking spillover into the neighborhoods when too little parking is available or is too expensive for customers or employees (especially low-income workers) to use. Some associations have been concerned that too much parking in a project would unduly increase traffic in the area. It seems that the proposal is a good faith attempt to address the parking issue in a simple and understandable way. More complex solutions, such as considering area parking supply and demand, were discussed but proved too complex to include in the group's simplified approach.

For more information please see: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/Parking/page88037.aspx>

By-Law Bits

Burt Bostwick

In the interest of keeping members informed, we will periodically publish extracts from the Federation By-Laws. These and the 'Standing Rules' govern our operation, and take precedence over Roberts' Rules of Order, where there is any conflict.

This extract deals with membership...who can be a member, and their responsibilities.

Basically, 'any organization whose primary objective and principal work promotes safety, beautification, general welfare of its community, or the development of civic spirit, shall be considered a civic organization.

Such organization must have a minimum of 20 members....certified annually to the (Secretary of) the Federation.

Each organization may have (only!) 4 delegates and 4 alternates, but a maximum of 4 votes. Proxy votes are not permitted. Annual dues are \$50, due July 1."

The Health of Arlington's Population: What May Our Future Hold and Where Should We Go

Speaker: Reuben K. Varghese, MD, MPH, Arlington County Public Health Division Chief and Health Director

Arlington County completed its last public health strategic planning efforts in 2009 when the MAPP or Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnership process from the National Association of City and County Health Officials was conducted. As the County's Public Health Division starts to examine when and

how to conduct the next cycle of strategic planning, the Division welcomes input from Civic Associations and residents. Reuben Varghese, Arlington County's Public Health Division Chief and Health Director will provide an overview of the health of the Arlington population as well as current services provided by the Division. In addition, Dr. Varghese will provide his analysis of possible health needs of our community going forward, and wants to hear from delegates their impressions and understandings of the future needs of the community. Delegates are encouraged to talk with your civic organizations and come ready to participate in this discussion and with your questions about the potential population health needs in Arlington County. Some questions posed by delegates include:

- Are the County prenatal care services adequate and resulting in improved outcomes?
- Is the current restaurant inspection protocol adequate and frequent enough? With growth and economic role of food trucks and farmers' markets, do we need to reconsider inspection approach for new food delivery venues?
- How does the availability of clinics in Arlington compare to neighboring jurisdictions?
- Are sexually transmitted diseases a concern in Arlington population: what are the current trends and how is the County coping?
- How is Arlington doing on levels of childhood obesity? Is the County's holistic approach making progress?
- Is there sufficient availability of psychiatric in-patient services for Arlington?
- Are the public and private facilities and services providing healthcare resources meeting the needs of Arlington's 65+ population?

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2013 - 2014

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

January 7th- County Manager and School Superintendent

February 4th- County Board

March 4th- School Board

April 1st- Budget or other topic. Election of Nominating Committee.

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

May 6th- State Legislative Delegation

June 3rd - 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 McMenamain at mike@civfed.org

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	John Vihstadt (chair), Terri Prell (interim vice chair)	john@civfed.org terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
Audit	Bob Atkins	luddite2003@yahoo.com
Bylaws		
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
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Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
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