



Civic Association Priorities?

Continuing November's poll of members' concerns at the December meeting, neighborhoods raised issues including:

- Infill development, undergrounding utilities, Dominion Power preparation for storms;
- Walkable neighborhoods, speed enforcement, traffic calming; public emergency warning systems, police staffing;
- Pavement conditions, street improvements, traffic from new developments, traffic on arterials, traffic management, enforcement of residential permit parking program;
- Affordable housing, aging in place;
- Videotaping meetings to make them accessible;
- Civic association longevity;
- Tree canopy, loss of green space, stream erosion;
- Recreation center condition;
- County spending on new projects;
- Impact of new school on existing school site, installation of playing field lights;
- Failure of County to notify when neighborhood gateways are changed, Neighborhood Conservation program has caused conflict between neighbors, impact of McMansions;
- Aircraft noise;
- Park improvement;
- Infill, rezoning of commercial and residential properties to complement existing development; and
- Noise of drunks late at night.

Based on our prior success, we are again putting out a call to those Civic Associations that could not attend in November and December to share their issues one last time. We plan to spend the first 15 minutes of the meeting hearing from you. A complete list of Priorities from the November, December and January meetings will be placed on the web following our meeting this month. The next step in this process will be a Civic Federation written survey of member's priorities, perhaps as soon as February.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, January 7, 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?
- 7:50 Schools Superintendent
- 8:25 County Manager
- 9:00 Announcements
- 9:05 Old Business
- 9:10 New Business

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

Happy New Year!

We are going to start 2014 off with programs by the Arlington County School Superintendent, Dr. Murphy, and the County Manager, Ms. Donnellan. After their presentations, there will be time allowed for questions and answers. So please come and hear what their plans are in the coming year.

I would like to thank Vice President Carla de la Pava for stepping in and running last month's meeting. She efficiently ran last month's program of continuing to understand Civic Federation member's priorities and the Dr. Varghese presentation that was an overall success.

For one last time, we will take 15 minutes at the beginning of the meeting to hear your priorities, so if your community has issues that we can help address, please come.

Finally, the filling of vacancies of Committee Chairs is a still a top priority, as we currently have vacancies on the Audit, 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

Terri Prell, Acting-Chair terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on December 15, 2013, to plan the agenda for the January 7, 2014 general meeting and discussed future meetings. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm). The Executive Committee will meet again on January 12, 2014, 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 .

Awards Committee

Pursuant to subsection (ii) of Section 7 of Article VII of the Federation's By-laws, the Federation shall elect five delegates to serve as the Awards Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to seek and make recommendations for persons, committees, or members to receive the Sun Gazette Cup and Certificates of Appreciation. Election shall be by ballot from nominations from the floor and a plurality shall elect. Should there only be five nominees, voting may be by voice.

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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School Superintendent Program

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy has been Superintendent of Schools since July 1, 2009. Dr. Murphy is an Arlington County resident and has been an educator since 1988, serving the Fairfax County Public Schools for 19 of the intervening years in a variety of instructional leadership positions. During the final four years, he served as assistant superintendent for accountability, where he was responsible for testing, research and evaluation, and division- and school-based strategic planning.

The Superintendent will give a 20 minute presentation. Upon completion of the presentation, the moderator will ask him several prepared questions that have been submitted by the Schools Committee members. Following prepared questions, federation and alternate delegates may ask questions.

Delegates are reminded that questions may be up to 30 seconds in length and may not be position statements. No follow-up questions will be allowed. In the interest of time and fairness, member delegates may only ask 1 question. This is a 30 minute program.

County Manager Program

Ms. Barbara Donnellan is County Manager of Arlington County, Virginia.

Ms. Donnellan was named County Manager in October, 2010, becoming the first woman named County Manager in Arlington. She began her career with the County in 1983.

Under Ms. Donnellan's leadership, Arlington County has successfully implemented nationally-recognized Smart Growth planning policies

and continued the sound financial policies that have earned the County its triple-AAA bond rating for many years.

The County Manager will give a 20 minute presentation. Upon completion of the presentation, the moderator will ask her several prepared questions that have been submitted by the Federation Committee members. Following prepared questions, Federation and alternate delegates may ask questions.

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Tribute to Bob Atkins

As many of you know, Bob Atkins suddenly passed away on December 9, 2013. Bob was the true definition of a civic activist.

The Arlington County Civic Federation has suffered a tremendous loss and I look forward to celebrating his life on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. at the Arlington Central Library, 1015 N Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22201.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to [VORA](#) (Va. Organizations Responding to AIDS) at VORA—Main Office, PO Box 4780, Woodbridge, VA 22194, or to the Animal Welfare League of Arlington at [Animal Welfare League of Arlington](#), Attention: Development Manager, 2650 S. Arlington Mill Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22206.

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2014

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

February 4th- County Board

March 4th- (“Tentative” Arlington County Board Special Election Debate) and 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	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Bylaws	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
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
Public Services	Jackie Snelling (POC)	jackie@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Chair(s) needed, Burt Bostwick (POC)	burt@civfed.org
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