



Minutes – May 5, 2015 ACCF Membership Meeting

President Michael McMenamin called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm at Hazel Auditorium. The meeting agenda, minutes of the previous membership meeting, and Treasurer's report showing a balance of \$23,221 were approved without objection. The President presented a President's Award to Terri Prell, chair of the Executive Committee. She announced the Executive Committee will meet at 7:30 p.m., May 10 at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work and plan future programs.

100th Anniversary Celebration

Joe Pelton circulated a sign-up sheet for three committees to help organize the Federation's 100th Anniversary Celebration in April 2016. He announced that the planning committee is seeking corporate sponsorships for some tables and asking member associations to sponsor a whole or half table at a maximum of \$50 per plate, minus corporate donations. He requested that one delegate from each organization ask their organization to purchase a table. Please contact joe@civfed.org to volunteer.

Affordable Housing Program

Arlington County Senior Housing Planner Russell Danao-Schroeder and Housing Division Director David Cristeal provided a briefing on the County's Affordable Housing Master Plan draft, and the dimensions of Arlington's affordable housing problem. Questions included geographic distribution, median income, use of park land, relationship to the Facilities Study, former cemetery land, housing above roadways, impact on schools, use of accessory dwellings and use of Virginia Hospital land swap land. The Federation will vote on a resolution at the June 2 membership meeting.

Legislative Program

Sen. Adam Ebbin, Sen. Barbara Favola, Del. Patrick Hope, Del. Alfonso Lopez and Del. Rip Sullivan briefed members on this year's State legislative session. Legislation mentioned included: child care facilities, sexual assault on college campuses, reporting of health care workers' disciplinary actions, gun safety, budget, Medicaid expansion, health care for mentally ill, free clinic support, compensation for victims of forcible sterilization, authorization for counties to hire an internal auditor, privacy, license plate readers, funding for analysis of stored rape case evidence, tax refunds, ethics, gift limits, Dominion Electric auditing holiday, utility refunds, solar energy, redistricting reform, hospital admissions, small business definition, small business tax filings, immigration, deadly weapons sales, powdered alcohol ban, affordable housing, cyber-stalking, tobacco child labor ban, environmental protection and rural energy. Questions were on utility regulation, transportation, Washington Blvd. bridge, charter schools, worker compensation, police handling of mentally ill, economic development and aging in place. The legislative delegation said the session was generally more collegial and businesslike than previous ones, in part because some legislation was bottled up by committee chairs.

Planning and Zoning Committee Update

Martha Moore, Planning and Zoning Committee chair, updated members on topics the Committee is examining, including accessory dwellings, noise control, neighborhood edge development, aircraft "one engine impaired" height restrictions, flight activity at Reagan National, zoning ordinance revisions and future issues including single family home coverage/one-floor living additions, stormwater management and restrictions on grandfathered properties where owners want to make changes.

Old Business: Michael Beer, Schools Committee co-chair, said consideration of the Committee's report and resolution was being postponed until the June 2 membership meeting.

New Business: Housing Committee Kathryn Scruggs announced that the Affordable Housing resolution will be considered at the June 9 membership meeting, probably with a friendly amendment submitted by the Barcroft School and Civic League calling for a strategy to address geographic distribution and school impacts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm until the next membership meeting on June 2, 2015.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Swart, Secretary