



**ARLINGTON COUNTY  
CIVIC FEDERATION**

## Agenda for December 7, 2010

7:30 Pledge of Allegiance of the United States

Adopt agenda

Officer reports

Civic Federation member delegate announcements, comments, and questions

7:40 Election of Civic Federation Awards Committee

*Bylaws Art. 7, Sec. 7 - Awards Committee: (i) 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. (ii) Election of the Awards Committee - At a regular meeting of the Federation no later than the December meeting, the Awards Committee consisting of five members shall be elected from the delegates. Election shall be by ballot from nominations from the floor and a plurality shall elect. Should there be only five nominees, voting may be by voice.*

7:50 Arlington County Manager and Arlington Public Schools Superintendent program:

- Ms. Donnellan's remarks (15 Minutes)
- Dr. Murphy's remarks (15 Minutes)
- Committee prepared questions (20 Minutes)
- Member delegate questions and comments (20 minutes)

*Ms. Donnellan will focus on countywide policy issues including the projected revenue forecast, size of the potential budget gap, size and impact of a potential tax increase, and strategy and process to recommend Arlington County service levels.*

*Dr. Murphy will focus on systemwide policy issues including the projected enrollment and expenses, revenue sharing agreement, size of the potential budget gap, and strategy and process to recommend Arlington Public Schools service levels.*

9:00 Legislation Committee program (proposed change to Virginia Tax administration) with guest speaker Ingid Morroy, Commissioner of Revenue

- Ms. Morroy's remarks (10 Minutes)
- Member delegate questions and discussion (10 Minutes)

9:20 Unfinished Business (anticipated member delegate vote):

The Civic Federation Legislation Committee will present a report on the Tax Administration motion that was introduced at the November 9, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.

9:40 New Business - Introduction of business to be considered January 4, 2010

9:45 Adjourn - The next Civic Federation meeting will be January 4, 2010

## **Civic Federation Treasurer's Report for November 15, 2010 - Eileen Williams:**

### **Checking Account**

Bank Balance on October 23, 2010		\$12,807.57
Income:		
• Membership dues	\$500.00	
	\$500.00	\$13,307.57
Expenses:		
• Mileva Hartman (reimburse newsletter print & mail)	\$143.99	
• Bank account service charge	\$ 2.00	
	\$145.99	
Balance on November 15, 2010		\$13,161.58

### **Savings Account**

Balance on September 30, 2010	\$855.29
Balance on November 15, 2010	\$855.29

## **Secretary's Report - Draft minutes from the November 9, 2010 Civic Federation Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mike Kerley, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Essig, Chair, Arlington County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission. Opening the meeting, the agenda and time organization rules were approved as submitted. The minutes of the October 5, 2010, meeting were distributed and approved; the Treasurer's report was accepted; several announcements were made.

Program - The Civic Federation Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee presented a program about the Arlington County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission with guest speakers Christopher Essig, Chair, and Mike Signer, Vice Chair, of the Arlington County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission. The presentation was followed by member delegate questions and discussion. The Civic Federation Cultural Affairs Committee presented a program about the Arlington County Public Library System with guest speaker Diane Kresh, Director, Arlington County Department of Libraries. The presentation was followed by committee questions and member delegate questions and discussion. There was a presentation of the Civic Federation records from 1996 through 2009 to Ms. Kresh to be archived in the Virginia Room. The Civic Federation Environmental Affairs Committee presented a program about the Arlington County Natural Resources Management Plan with guest speaker Greg Zell, Naturalist, and Jamie Bartalon, Landscape and Forestry Supervisor, of the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources. The presentation was followed by member delegate questions and discussion.

Unfinished Business - The Civic Federation Planning and Zoning Committee presented a report and recommendation on the Sign Removal motion (<http://civfed.org/reppzsigns1011.pdf>) introduced at the October 5, 2010, Civic Federation meeting. The Committee recommendation was not to adopt the following resolution: *"Be it resolved that, the Arlington County Civic Federation asks the County government to: 1. Amend the County's sign ordinance to minimize its ambiguity; 2. Amend the County code in a manner similar to the City of Richmond to reduce liability for citizens who remove illegal commercial signs from public right-of-way; and 3. Conduct periodic education programs to teach interested citizens and businesses about the forms and placement of signage in Arlington that are legal or not legal."* After delegate discussion, the resolution was not adopted (6 yes and 30 no).

New Business - Peter Owen (Legislation Committee chair) introduced a motion for resolution relating to proposed legislation regarding local tax administration. The motion was referred to the Civic Federation Legislation Committee. Member delegates will hear a report from the committee and consider the motion at the December 7, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.

**Submitted by Peter Olivere, Civic Federation Secretary**