



**ARLINGTON COUNTY  
CIVIC FEDERATION**

## Agenda for May 3, 2011

7:30 Call meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance of the United States

Adopt agenda

Officer reports

Civic Federation member delegate announcements, comments, and questions

7:40 Planning and Zoning Committee Informational Program - The Civic Federation Planning and Zoning Committee will lead an informational program structured to capture Civic Federation member delegate input to the Arlington County Sign Ordinance revisions.

8:30 Environmental Affairs Committee Informational Program - The Civic Federation Environmental Affairs Committee will lead an informational program about about the work of the Arlington County Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force.

9:20 Unfinished Business: **MEMBER DELEGATE VOTES ANTICIPATED**

1. Motion for resolution to Endorse the Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force Report ([www.civfed.org/resenergy1105.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/resenergy1105.pdf)).
2. Motion for resolution about Maintaining and Increasing Affordable Housing in Arlington ([www.civfed.org/resaffhousing1105.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/resaffhousing1105.pdf)).

9:50 New Business *(Introduction of business to be considered June 7, 2011)*

10:00 Adjourn *(The next Civic Federation meeting will be June 7, 2011)*

## **Civic Federation Treasurer's Report for April 22, 2011 - Eileen Williams:**

Checking Account Balance on March 21, 2011		\$13,949.40
Income:		
• Donation	\$ 130.00	
• Banquet reservations	<u>\$2,315.00</u>	
	\$2,445.00	\$16,394.40
Expenses:		
• Newsletter print & mail (reimburse Mileva Hartman)	\$ 188.60	
• Banquet program printing (printing company)	\$ 69.93	
• Banquet special event (hotel company)	\$3,238.02	
• Banquet deposit/downpayment (reimburse Pete Olivere)	\$ 300.00	
• Donation to Arlington Scholarship Fund for Teachers	<u>\$ 200.00</u>	
	\$3,996.55	
Checking Account Balance on April 22, 2011		\$12,397.85
Savings Account Balance on March 21, 2011		\$855.41
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## **Secretary's Report - Draft Minutes from the April 5, 2011 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 Rick Barry, Williamsburg Civic Association. Opening the meeting, the agenda and time organization rules were approved as submitted. The minutes of the March 1, 2011 meeting were and adopted as submitted; the Treasurer's report was accepted; several announcements were made. Mike Kerley, Larry Mayer, Peter Owen, Jim Pebley, and Terri Prell was elected were elected to the Nominating Committee. The Civic Federation election for officer and Executive Committee positions will be held at the June 7th Civic Federation meeting and the Nominating Committee will prepare a slate of candidates.

Special Rule for Budget and Tax Rate Program - "Civic Federation member delegates will hear reports from the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee about their studies of the budgets proposed by the County Manager and Superintendent. The reports will be combined for discussion by Civic Federation member delegates but voted on separately. Following past precedent and due to the complexity and length of the budget proposals, the separate reports will not be subject to motions to amend and after discussion will be put to Civic Federation member delegates for two up or down votes to adopt the reports as a Civic Federation resolution. Additionally, the committees may provide separate items for member delegate discussion and vote." The special rule was adopted by a vote of 49 yes and 4 no.

Budget and Tax Rate Program -The Civic Federation Revenues and Expenditures Committee presented an analysis of the County Budget followed by questions and discussion from other Committee Chairs and delegates. The first of two resolutions presented by the R&E was:

"Whereas, the Revenues & Expenditures Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation has reviewed the County Manager's Proposed FY12 County Budget and has issued a report to the Federation commenting thereon, which report proposes certain changes to the proposed FY12 budget; Therefore, be it resolved that the Federation accepts and adopts the report of the Revenues & Expenditures Committee on the Manager's Proposed FY12 County Budget and directs the Federation President to transmit the report to the Chairman of the County Board as the

official position of the Federation on the FY12 County Budget." This resolution was accepted with a vote of 55 yes and 11 no.

The second R&E resolution was: "Whereas, the Revenues & Expenditures Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation has reviewed the County Manager's report to the County Board dated March 17, 2011 on the Mid-year Review of Fiscal Year 2011 and has issued a report to the Federation commenting thereon, which report proposes a recommended method of disposition of extra revenues and expense savings as detailed in the Manager's report; Therefore, be it resolved that the Federation accepts and adopts the report of the Revenues & Expenditures Committee on the Manager's Mid-year Review of Fiscal Year 2011 and directs the Federation President to transmit the report to the Chairman of the County Board, as the official position of the Federation." This resolution was accepted with a vote of 48 yes and 17 no.

The Civic Federation Schools Committee presented an analysis of the School's Budget followed by questions and discussion from delegates. The first of two resolutions presented by the Committee was: "Whereas, the Schools Committee has reviewed the School Superintendent and School Board's proposed budgets for FY11, and has issued a report to the Federation commenting thereon, which report proposes certain changes to the proposed budget; Therefore, be it resolved that the Federation accepts and adopts the report of the School Committee, and directs the Federation President to transmit the report to the Chairmen of the County Board and the School Board." This resolution was accepted with a vote of 36 yes and 23 no.

The second Schools resolution was: "Whereas, the Schools Committee has removed the Planetarium from its proposed budget because it is not a integral part of the school education program when compared to other needs; and Whereas, the Planetarium is a valuable community asset; Therefore, be it resolved that the Federation votes to recommend that future funding for the Planetarium come from the County budget. Moreover, the Federation directs the Federation President to transmit this recommendation to the Chairmen of the County Board and the School Board." This resolution was not adopted with the vote of 22 yes and 35 no.

Unfinished Business - The Executive Committee submitted a report on the motion from the Fairlington Citizens Association to reduce the boundaries of its association from those currently reflected by Arlington County to match those reflected in the Association's by-laws. The report recommended that the Civic Federation "1. Indefinitely postpone consideration of the motion to amend the boundary, and that 2. The Fairlington Citizens Association continue to include all residents in the current boundary while it discusses ways to increase resident participation." Although Fairlington withdrew their request, a vote was taken to "Indefinitely postpone consideration" of the request and passed with a vote of 45 yes and 0 no.

New Business - Two motions for resolution were introduced:

Kathryn Scruggs introduced and was referred to the Housing Committee: "Whereas Arlington prides itself in its human diversity; and Whereas the availability of affordable housing both encourages and maintains diversity, It is therefore resolved that: The Arlington County Civic Federation supports the general goal of maintaining and increasing the stock of affordable housing in our community. And, In order to reverse the trend of significant loss of affordable units in Arlington, the Arlington County Civic Federation calls upon the County Board to take all measures possible to include all Arlington neighborhoods in the application of County policies and practices designed to preserve and create affordable housing."

Larry Finch introduced and was referred to the Environmental Affairs Committee: "Whereas, A Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force was appointed by the County Board in 2010; and Whereas, the Task Force included representatives of government, business, non-profit organizations, and civic organizations; and Whereas, on March 11, 2011, the Task Force unanimously approved a Report to the County Board; and Whereas, strategies and recommendations in the Task Force Report are directed toward three goals: ensuring economic competitiveness, providing energy supply security, and protecting the environment; and Whereas, the goals, recommendations, and strategies in the Task Force Report are not yet policy, but establish a vision and basis for detailed implementation plans and future policy development; Now, therefore be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation endorses the CES Task Force Report and urges the County Board to accept it."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 until the next membership meeting on May 3, 2011.

**Submitted by Peter Olivere**