

# CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

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## **Susan Ingraham Bell**

**Director, Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development**

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In recent years, the Civic Federation has taken an active role in many Planning & Zoning initiatives, such as Lot Coverage, Accessory Dwellings, Occupancy Rules, Code Enforcement, and Housing — and more recently the Sign Ordinance, the Noise Ordinance, and Neighborhood Edge Redevelopment. In each case, our success was dependent on getting access to Arlington County staff from Community Planning, Housing & Development, also known as CPHD. And in each case, we got not only access, but collaboration, which was fostered through the leadership of CPHD's Director, Susan Ingraham Bell.

Susan joined County staff in 1983, first working in Comprehensive and Current planning positions, and then becoming the County's Zoning Administrator for 10 years. Susan was named CPHD Director in July 1998, where she now oversees development review and approval, comprehensive planning, affordable housing, historic preservation, construction permits and inspections, and neighborhood-initiated capital projects.

Susan is a member of the Urban Land Institute and has served on the Executive Committee of the Washington District Council for several years. She also is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and a Lifetime member of Leadership Arlington.

Susan holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from George Washington University and a Bachelor's Degree in political science and American Studies from Dickinson College in Carlisle Pennsylvania. She and her husband and two daughters reside in Arlington's Lyon Park neighborhood.

We recently learned that Susan will retire in June. The Arlington County Civic Federation presents this Certificate of Appreciation to Susan Ingraham Bell in recognition of her fair, open, and effective leadership and the countless hours she has spent working with Arlington communities and organizations to build a better and safer Arlington.