

Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington

Minutes - March 5, 2002

1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Approval of Agenda: Approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes from the February 2002 Meeting: Approved as written.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Frances Finta's written report, dated March 5, 2002, shows that 70 of the 78 member organizations have paid their 2001/2002 dues, including one which has paid through 2002/2003. In addition, the report shows the combined Checking and Savings account balance of \$2,824.89 with a \$0.00 balance in the U.S. Postal Service bulk mail account.
5. President's Report. As a result of the large attendance, President Jim Pebley kept his report very brief.
6. Committee Reports. Bob Atkins, R&E chair, mentioned that the committee is drafting a rule for use during debate of the FY2003 budget. Kim Smith, Banquet chair, reminded delegates about the upcoming annual banquet, and highlighted the main activities. Roger Meyer, Schools committee co-chair, updated delegates on the Schools budget for FY03. Jean Mostrom, by-laws committee chair said that because of the heavy program at the March meeting, the proposed rule change would be deferred to the April meeting. Kim Smith and Jackie Snelling, co-chairs of the Public Service Committee provided a short summary of the emergency preparedness work that their committee has been doing.
7. Program: The first program item was a proposed resolution by the Planning & Zoning Committee regarding the question of a baseball stadium in Arlington County. Brian Hannigan, a representative of the Virginia Baseball Stadium Authority and an alternate delegate to the Federation, presented the pro-stadium side. After extended discussion, a motion offered by Mike Lane to postpone consideration of the resolution was defeated. A motion offered by John Antonelli to strengthen the resolution passed. A call for a division of the house vote resulted in passage of the resolution by a 59-23 vote. The second program item involved the Leeway Overlee/Highland Park-Overlee Knolls civic associations boundary resolution. Dan Krasnegor and Kim Smith presented the report of the executive committee as well as the main motion. Chips Johnson, president of the Leeway Overlee association presented their position. This was followed by Cliff McCreedy presenting the HP-OK position. After much debate, Leeway offered a substitute motion followed shortly by a call for the question. The substitute motion was defeated through a roll call vote: 67 nays, 11 yeas, and 7 abstentions. The main motion was then approved by a vote of 64-8. The third program item was a resolution on Metro expansion. An amendment offered by Peter Owen passed almost unanimously. After further discussion, the resolution passed by a voice vote. The final program item was a resolution regarding the Pledge of Allegiance. A resolution offered by Bernie Berne was defeated. The call for the question on the main motion passed 51-17 followed by the vote on the main resolution, which passed 41-22.
8. Unfinished Business. None.
9. New Business. A proposed resolution regarding construction of a bicycle and pedestrian bridge over Spout Run (aka Doubleday Bridge) will be referred to a joint Transportation/Parks-Rec committee.
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned just about about 11:12 p.m.

Recorded by Timothy Wise, Secretary