

# ***Arlington County Civic Federation***

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, Arlington

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## **Minutes – May 6, 2003**

1. The President called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance. The formal meeting began with recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved as written.
4. Approval of Minutes. Minutes from the April 1, 2003 meeting were approved with one change.
5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Frances Finta's written report shows a combined checking and savings accounts balance of \$5,318.69 less a 911 Scholarship Fund balance of \$1,031.92, leaving a Federation balance of \$4,286.67. The report was accepted. Eighty of 84 organizations have paid their current dues. In addition, the Treasurer's report included a report on the annual banquet showing \$5,084.30 of income and \$3,993.53 of expenses.
6. Community Hero. Richard Tucker, a county employee, was presented a certificate for his efforts on the revitalization of Columbia Pike and in implementing form-based code.
7. Committee Reports: The Transportation Committee introduced their resolution on the replacement of the Spout Run Bridge. A motion to table the resolution indefinitely was made by Jim Pebley, and seconded by Steve Bauer; the resolution to table passed 28-27. By-Laws Committee introduced their proposed resolution requiring members of the Executive Committee to be delegates or alternate delegate of the Federation. The resolution passed with only two or three nay votes. The Nominating Committee announced they will present the following slate at the June meeting (President – Dan Krasnegor, Vice-President – Patrick Smaldore, Treasurer – Frances Finta, and Secretary – Tim Wise; Executive Committee – Nancy Graham, Kim Johnson-Smith, Ken Marcus, Randy Swart, and Barbara "Bobbie" Wallace). Other committees making announcements included the 9-11 Scholarship Committee, the Public Service Committee, and the Airports Committee. Nancy Graham announced final plans for the community forum on May 17, 2003 about the balance between the USA PATRIOT Act and Bill of Rights.
8. Program. The program was devoted to the issue of a baseball stadium in Arlington. It began with a 10 minute presentation from each of five speakers ("pro" speakers included Virginia Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, Brian Hannigan, VBSA, and economist Stephen Fuller of GMU; "con" speakers Sarah Summerville, NoArlingtonStadium.org, and Jim Bast, economist, NoArlingtonStadium.org). Presentations were followed by Q&A. Members then debated a resolution. Three resolutions were presented (pro, neutral, and con). A resolution opposing the use of public funds for stadium construction passed as the substitute resolution with more yea than nay votes. A motion to end debate then passed. Finally, there was a roll call vote on whether the substitute resolution opposing the use of public funds should be the position of the Federation; it passed 75-27.
9. New Business. A resolution regarding curbside dropoff boxes at the Central Library was referred to the Public Service Committee.
10. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10 p.m.

Recorded by Timothy Wise, Secretary