

Arlington County Civic Federation

President - Patrick Smaldore, Vice President - Anne Fisher
Executive Committee Chairman - Burt Bostwick
Treasurer - Frances Finta, Secretary - Tim Russo

Minutes from the Meeting of -- Tuesday, March 1, 2005

President Smaldore called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by Max Scruggs.
2. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from February 1st were approved with two changes.
4. Treasurer's Report. Balances: Checking \$1,716.60, Savings \$1,877.84, Combined \$3,594.44, Reserved for 9-11 Scholarship Fund \$864.97, Net Available \$2,729.47, Separate US Postal Bulk Mail Account \$203.53. Dues have been paid by 77 out of 85 member organizations.
5. There was a proposal to extend the Property Tax Relief Review Panel. President Smaldore is to represent the Civic Federation on the panel.
6. Solid Waste Franchising Feasibility Study update - Scott McDonald
 - There is currently contracting by the county for the commercial and multi-family sectors.
 - It is hoped that the program will increase recycling.
 - H.B. 2168 Hinders Arlington from extending franchising in this way by adding 3-4 hurdles.
 - The Study will be completed in 2005.
 - There will be a public forum on March 28th
7. 7:52 Arlington Commissioner of the Revenue's Presentation - Ingrid Morroy
 - What the Commissioner of the Revenue Office does.
 - Elaborated on new program of touring parking garages to find unregistered vehicles.
 - Answered questions from Civic Federation
8. Arlington Treasurer's Presentation - Frank O'Leary
 - What the Treasurer's Office does.
 - Elaborated on the use of a new "tag reader" that Arlington has begun using and CBS will feature in a future report.
 - Answered questions from Civic Federation
9. 8:51 Committee Reports
 - Transportation - Announced meetings concerning I-66 plans March 18 and April 7. Also announced that the Master Transportation Plan for the county is being revised by a panel of 24 appointed Feb. 24, 2005.
 - Revenues and Expenditures - Meeting Sunday at Randy Swart's house to review the county budget. Proposed that the budget to be proposed at the April meeting be either passed or failed in its entirety.
 - Parks and Recreation - Met on February 21st and discussed Columbia Forest conservation project. To discuss the Public Spaces Master Plan and the siting of the Boat House at their next meeting on March 18th.
 - Community Outreach - Promoting Emergency preparedness outreach.
 - Executive Committee - Changed meetings to the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., still at hospice. As part of the Arlington Fitness program, encouraging Civic Associations to participate in "Walk Arlington" - 3.8 miles across the county.
 - Housing and Zoning Committees - Joint meeting and will prepare a letter to the County Board on March 28th. Regarding Lot coverage, these committees reported that the County Board will advertise more broadly than the Civic Federation recommended in its resolution. The committees considered 2 resolutions to be presented for votes at the March meeting.
10. Resolutions
 - Resolution to Revise Form-based Code - Advocated by John Antonelli. Proposed that the Civic Federation request (1) citizen review on a per-project basis and (2) affordable housing to be included in new construction. After discussion until 9:30, the measure failed. Vote: Yes 2 No 40.
 - 9:55 Draft Open Space Master Plan Resolution - Advocated by Jay Wind. Proposed that the official report incorporate the task-force sub-committee report. The measure was referred to the Executive Committee due to time constraints.
11. 10:08 Meeting Adjourned.