

# ***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, April 5, 2005**

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance led by David Hern of Alcova Heights Civic Association.
2. Approval of Agenda. The agenda was approved.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from March 1<sup>st</sup> were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report. Balances: Checking \$5,973.25, Savings \$1,877.84, Combined \$7,851.09, Reserved for 9-11 Scholarship Fund \$864.97, Net Available \$6,986.12, Separate US Postal Bulk Mail Account \$58.91. Dues have been paid by 79 out of 86 member organizations.
5. Nominations were taken for the nominating committee. Since only 5 members were nominated and the committee can be up to 5 members, all members were approved by acclamation. The members will be: Robert Atkins, Tim Wise, Jim Pebley, Amy Applebaum, and Larry Finch.
6. Sarah Stodt, Parking manager for Arlington County, gave a brief presentation concerning new developments in the parking office. These included the publication of a brochure detailing where there are available parking spaces, an impending review of the residential parking zone program, upcoming County Board consideration of parking at their June meeting, and that public comments are needed by April 12<sup>th</sup> and can be sent to [park@arlington.va.us](mailto:park@arlington.va.us).
7. Jan Goldstein, the coordinator of Walk Arlington, gave a brief presentation on this event to be held June 4<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned that Arlington was named the Most Walk-able City in America.
8. 7:55 The Revenues and Expenditures Committee presented their budget recommendation for review by the federation
  - Resolution 1: That the County Board should adopt a balanced budget with a 6.4% increase (\$46.3 million) to \$64.8 million. This is far less of an increase than is currently proposed by the County Board.
  - Resolution 2: Procedural improvements in the presentation of the county budget.
  - Resolution 3: That the County Manager should issue a mid-year review, use proposed budget contingents as early as possible in the review process, and prepare a base budget proposal which provides a continuing level of services regardless of real estate assessment changes.
  - Resolution 4: That the President of the Federation should be authorized to transmit approved motions to appropriate parties.
  - These resolutions were voted as a package. Yes 55 No 8 Abstain 2
  - The Revenues and Expenditures committee was divided on the issue of forming a task force to study the Homeowner's Grant Program. Voted separately. Yes 28 No 28 Abstain 3. Tie vote broken by the vote of the President - measure passed.

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## 9. 9:27 Unfinished Business

- The Parks Committee presented their resolution requesting that the County's draft Public Space Master Plan incorporate the task force subcommittee reports and that there should be public hearings before a final report is issued. Passed by voice vote.

## 10. Announcements

- There shall be a presentation on the potential widening of I-66 including several points of view on April 7 in the Hazel Auditorium of Arlington Hospital.
- There shall be a public forum followed by a Civic Federation special meeting concerning the Lot Coverage proposal to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1 – 4 p.m. in the DHS building at 3033 Wilson Blvd. There will be a survey taken after pro and con presentations are completed and there is time for questions to be answered. The County Board will vote on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

## 11. Committee Reports

- The Public Services Committee
  - Met to review the selection of a new Public Health Director.
  - Reported that the National Night Out will be held on August 2<sup>nd</sup> this year.
  - Will be holding a meeting concerning high-rise building issues. They are seeking input from members and the public as to what this should entail.

## 12. New Business - Parks Committee

- The boathouse resolution continues to develop. There are pictures of each site on [www.parkswatch.com](http://www.parkswatch.com).

## 13. 10:07 Meeting Adjourned.

*The Civic Voice of Arlington*