



**Agenda and Minutes for Arlington County Civic Federation Meeting, Tuesday  
November 1, 2005**

7:30 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance (formal start of the meeting)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of October 4, 2005
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Housing Committee – Summary of the Affordable Housing Roundtable Outcome (10 minutes)
6. Parks and Recreation Committee – Committee Report and Resolution (15 minutes)
  - a. Resolution on the final draft of the Public Spaces Master Plan, to be introduced this evening and voted on at the December meeting.
  - b. Draft letter to the County Board and Planning Commission on development of the property at 1101 Lee Highway reaffirming resolution approved on June 1, 2004
7. Program – ACCF Legislative Package Legislation Committee (95 minutes)
  - a. Special Rule (5 minutes)
  - b. 7 Additional Items (9 minutes per additional item)
  - c. Balloting (1 minute per additional item)
  - d. Main Package (20 minutes)
8. Committee Reports
9. Unfinished Business
10. New Business/Announcements
11. Adjournment

Patrick A. Smaldore Jr.  
President, Arlington County Civic Federation

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President Smaldore called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

1. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Officer Rich St. Clair of the ACPD
2. Approval of Agenda. Kathryn Scruggs advised that the Housing Committee's resolution pertaining to support for the Affordable Housing Roundtable was being pulled

since the Roundtable had issued its report and the proposed resolution was now moot. The agenda was then approved.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the September 6, 2005 were distributed for approval, and approved as presented. Subsequently a motion was made and approved to include vote totals in the minutes; and, Jackie Snelling requested that the comment in paragraph 3, page 3 of the minutes be changed to reflect that Arlington has no official evacuation policy, but that it is recommended to 'shelter in place', except when in imminent danger.

4. Treasurer's Report. Balances: Checking \$2434.05, Savings \$1881.27, Combined \$4315.32, Reserved for 9-11 Scholarship Fund \$864.97, Net Available \$3450.35. US Postal Bulk Mail Account \$142.73. Dues for the current fiscal year have been paid by 61 out of 82 member organizations.

5. Kathryn Scruggs made a report on the deliberations of Affordable Housing Roundtable, which had reached a compromise agreement.

Max Scruggs introduced a motion calling for ACCF to support the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Roundtable. Several members noted that they had not had the opportunity to review the full text of the compromise agreement, and therefore a motion was introduced and passed to defer consideration of the motion, and refer it to the Housing Committee.

6. Larry Finch read a proposed letter to the County Board concerning a proposed new development at 1101 Lee Hwy. The Federation had passed a resolution in June opposing the development, and the letter would reinforce that resolution. A motion to send the letter was approved by voice vote.

Larry also introduced as new business a resolution developed by the Parks & Recreation Committee that would support the draft Public Spaces Master Plan with emphasis on certain priorities. The proposed resolution will be debated and voted on at the December meeting.

8. Committee Reports: Jackie Snelling made several announcements concerning emergency planning. The first was a meeting to be held November 17 on the "Lessons of Katrina". The other pertained to deliberations of the Arlington Response to Katrina ("ARK").

7. Tim Wise, Chair of the Legislation Committee led the discussion of the proposed ACCF Legislative Package and the ground rules. The results were as follows:

- a. Vote on the 'main package' of resolutions: approved by a vote of 18-4
- b. Proposal to allow automatic restoration of voting rights for felons released from prison: failed by a vote of 21 against, 18 for.
- c. Proposal to prohibit use of cell phones while driving: approved 38-5.

- d. Proposal to allow governors to serve two successive terms: approved 31-10.
- e. Proposal to support property-tax relief for homeowners: approved 25-9.
- f. Proposal to restrict eminent domain: approved 37-3.
- g. Proposal to ask the County Board to study ways to better match real estate assessments with the start of the State fiscal year: approved.

The proposal to support the affordable housing compromise was declared moot and withdrawn due to the agreement reached by the Affordable Housing Roundtable.

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

Submitted: Burt Bostwick, Secretary