

Minutes - November 14, 2006 ACCF Membership Meeting

- 1. Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by David Remick of the Claremont Civic Association.
- 2. Agenda approved as submitted.
- 3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the October 3, 2006 membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.
- 4. Treasurer's Report: Not available. Sixty-one of 84 member organizations have paid their dues for the current fiscal year.
- 5. Special Rules for Consideration of Legislative Package: Following discussion and an explanation of the rules (previously published in the ACCF Newsletter), the rules passed unanimously.
- 6. Tim Wise and his committee presented the proposed Legislative Package for membership consideration, which was divided between the 'Basic Package' and 'Additional Items'. In accordance with the adopted special rules, the 'Basic Package' was considered on a straight 'up/down' vote and was approved by a vote of 29 for, 8 against.

Following questions and discussion on the 'Additional Items', a ballot was distributed to members and the results were as follow:

<u>Item</u>	Yes	No	<u>Abstain</u>
(Civic Federation Principle) Support funding for public education, public transportation, and human services.	17	20	3
Mid-Year Budget Rebalancing. Ask the County Board to study the most effective way to match the annual real estate assessments with the start of the state fiscal year so that that tax rates match the fiscal year.	26	10	5
A. 21-Day Rule. Urges elimination of the 21-day rule for consideration of potentially exculpatory evidence in all circumstances.	32	6	1
Ban on Smoking in Restaurants. Urges legislation extending to Arlington County the authority to ban smoking on the premises of any restaurant or other establishment open to the public in which prepared food is served for consumption, and then the immediate imposition by Arlington County.	29	11	0
Motor Fuels Tax. Supports legislation to permit Arlington County to levy a motor fuels tax as can cities in Virginia. Supports legislation to increase the motor vehicle fuel tax with revenue devoted to transportation and public transit.	27	12	1

Red Light Cameras. Urges the County to support legislation reinstating and expanding the Red Light Camera program.	25	13	2
Interstate 66. Opposes changes to I 66 inside the capital beltway unless such changes are part of a comprehensive regional transportation plan and are made with community consensus.	28	13	0
Homestead Exemption Support a Constitutional amendment to provide real estate tax relief in the form of a homestead exemption for owner-occupied residential properties.	34	5	1
Minimum Wage. Support an increase of \$1.00 in the state's minimum wage.	29	10	0

- 7. Joint Committee Resolution on Transfer of Density Rights (TDRs): Peter Owen, Bill Gearhart and Kathryn Scruggs led the discussion and answered questions on the proposed resolution. The resolution passed unanimously.
- 8. New Business and Announcements: Larry Mayer announced that the 'Neighborhood College' would be held Dec. 13; Eileen Williams announced that on Monday, December 11, the LVW would sponsor a Legislative Hearing with Arlington Delegates to the VA General Assembly; and, a representative from Arlington County has been invited to speak to the ACCF Executive Committee on December 11 concerning the Elder Care Task Force.
- 9. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted: Burt Bostwick, Secretary