



Minutes – February 6, 2007 ACCF Membership Meeting

1. Meeting Called to order at 7:30 pm by Frances Finta, Vice President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Linda LeDuc of the Columbia Heights West Civic Association.
2. Agenda approved as submitted.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the January 2, 2007 membership meeting were distributed and approved as amended.
4. Treasurer's Report: to be provided. Frances Finta advised that 65 of 84 organizations had paid their dues for the current fiscal year.
5. Announcements: Larry Finch of the ACCF Environmental Affairs Committee said his committee would meet 8 February at the Langston-Brown Community Center. County staff will also attend and make a presentation on 'green' buildings. Kathryn Scruggs reported that the Housing Committee had met to discuss the APS multi-site review committee. Jerry Auten advised that the Transportation Committee had met to discuss the Master Transportation Plan (MTP), and had also met with NCAC representative to discuss the issue of flexibility regarding the County's sidewalk policy. NCAC had sent a letter to the County Board on the issue; their position is consistent with that of ACCF. Jim Pebley said that the 9-11 Scholarship Fund had raised \$162,000 and was receiving CFC and United Way donations. To date, 14 students have been assisted by the program
6. Public Services Program: Amy Levin, Chair of the Public Services Committee, introduced the program participants: Robert P. Griffin Jr, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Chief of Police M. Douglas Scott, Chief of the Fire Department, James Schwartz, and Dr. Rueben K. Varghese, Director of Public Health. Questions and comments from the membership were addressed following a presentation on staffing and budget issues.
7. Old Business and Actions Jerry Auten, Chair of the Transportation Committee, offered a resolution for membership consideration on the draft Master Transportation Plan (MTP). Following discussion, the resolution was approved unanimously. As noted in Para 5 above, Jerry also provided an update on discussions regarding the County's sidewalk policy.
8. New Business: Martha Moore, Co-Chair of the Planning and Zoning Committee provided an update on the County Board's 1/27/07 advertisement of proposed changes to the C-R zoning district. It was noted that the changes might have a broader application than the project involving the Clarendon Baptist Church and that many of those who spoke at the meeting asked for additional time for the changes to be considered. The Board was scheduled to vote on the changes at its 2/24/07 meeting. Following discussion by the membership, a draft resolution was introduced by Bill Gearhart, Co-Chair of Planning and Zoning Committee, asking the County Board to defer consideration of the changes until the April County Board meeting.

It was noted that under ACCF's Standing Rules, a resolution could not be offered and voted upon at the same meeting, except "In an emergency, a resolution or communication may be acted upon by the Federation with the consent of a majority of the delegates present and

voting.” A motion was introduced and seconded to consider the offered resolution at the present meeting given that the County Board would meet before the ACCF membership could next consider the resolution. Following discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 17 for, 14 against.

The resolution was then considered. Randy Swart offered a friendly amendment to reduce certain ‘whereases’ in the resolution, which was accepted by Co-Chairs of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

John Antonelli offered a substitute motion to approve the County Board’s advertised zoning changes, which was defeated by a vote of 7 for, 23 against.

Peter Owen offered an amendment to the resolution which failed by a vote of 15 for, 15 against.

A vote on the original resolution, as amended by Randy Swart’s friendly amendment, was then taken. The resolution passed by a vote of 20 for, 12 against. The resolution, as passed, is posted on the ACCF web site (www.civfed.org).

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 PM.

Submitted: Burt Bostwick, Secretary