



Minutes – October 2, 2007 ACCF Membership Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:08 pm by Larry Mayer, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Terry Serie of the Bluemont Civic Association.
2. Agenda approved as submitted.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the September 4, 2007 membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.
4. Treasurer's Report: Full report is available on Civic Federation website. Balance on hand is \$5,259.10. Fifty-seven (69.5%) of the member organizations have paid their dues.
5. Committee Reports and Announcements:
 - Donations were encouraged to both the 9/11 and Teacher Scholarship Fund
 - Delegates were urged to supply email contact information
 - A chair is needed for the Bylaws Committee
 - Kathryn Scruggs (Chair, Housing Committee) announced the Housing Forum on October 27.
 - Gerry Auten (Chair, Transportation Committee) noted that the new draft of the Master Transportation Plan (MTP) will be open for public comment on October 23 and before the Planning Commission on October 29.
 - October 23 is the deadline for the County's free tree distribution
 - Bike-sharing will be presented on October 23 by BikeArlington
6. The "What's My Sign" initiative for the year was presented by Burt Bostwick. Full information appears on the Civic Federation website at <http://www.civfed.org/flyersigntimes.pdf>
7. Police District Realignment was presented by Deputy Chief M.J. Farr, head of the Operations Division. The Police Department will be reducing the number of Districts from four (4) to three (3) and reallocating a current position to become a Patrol Section Commander. Because of the reduction of districts from four to three, this will allow for a consolidation of resources within the District Teams. Full information, with maps, appears on the Police Department website: <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/police>.
8. County Treasurer Frank O'Leary presented County programs to manage the impact of increased property taxes on residents with fixed incomes: tax exemption, tax deferral, homeowner grant, reverse mortgages. Civic Associations may schedule presentations on these programs through Crystal Dade, Customer Service Manager, Arlington Treasurer's office, 703-228-4016, cdade@arlingtonva.us
9. Tim Wise (Chair, Legislation Committee) presented the 2008 Legislative Package and led the discussion of each item. The full package appears at <http://www.civfed.org/leg08draft.pdf>. All eligible delegates voted on the package. [NOTE: results of the voting appear at <http://www.civfed.org/leg08firstvote.pdf>. All items received a majority of votes cast.]

Four additional items were presented from the floor:

- 1) Ensure the recommendations in the recently issued JLARC report on licensed psychiatric services are thoroughly evaluated and supported with adequate financial resources.
- 2) Enact legislation to allow workforce housing to be included as part of the construction of state and local government facilities.
- 3) Enact legislation to permit building affordable housing over publicly owned property, such as community centers, interstate and other highways and parking areas.
- 4) The Federation endorses the adoption of Instant Runoff Voting for elections in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

At the November Civic Federation membership meeting these items will be presented by the authors and discussed. A ballot will determine their inclusion in the "final" ACCF 2008 Legislative Package.

10. There was no new business or other action. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Submitted:

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Secretary