



Minutes – March 4, 2008 ACCF Membership Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Larry Mayer, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ann Medlen of the Organized Women Voters of Arlington.
2. Agenda approved as submitted.
3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the February 5, 2008 membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.
4. Treasurer's Report: The full report is available on Civic Federation website. Balance on hand is \$4,254.03. Seventy-three (90%) of the member organizations have paid their dues as of March 4, 2008.
5. Committee Reports and Announcements:
 - Transportation: Neighborhood Traffic Calming Manual review due April 5.
 - Transportation: MTP Bicycle and Pedestrian Modal Element document is subject of work session on March 13.
 - Neighborhood Day is May 10. Jay Wind is ACCF contact.
 - Schools and Revenue and Expenditure Committee budget reviews continue through the end of March – see calendar or contact committee chairs via website.
 - Accessory Dwellings: Committee of 100 on March 12 and Community Forum on March 31.
 - Environmental: Glebe Road tree problems.
 - What's My Sign – please submit entries to Burt Bostwick.
 - Civic Federation Banquet is March 28. Information is on website.
 - Transportation is reviewing the impact of Blue-Yellow line metro changes on the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor.
 - If you haven't already, please submit email addresses to Sharon Rogers, Secretary
6. The overview of the Neighborhood College by Katie Brown-Henry appears at <http://www.civfed.org/ncolleetalk.pdf>.
7. The Public Service Program on Food Safety in Arlington was presented under the direction of Dr. Reuben K. Varghese, Chief of the Public Health Division, and Richard Cole, Supervisor, Environmental Health Bureau, Arlington County Public Health Division. Questions from the Committee were led by Eileen Williams, Stan Karson, and Robert Atkins.
8. A resolution on the Central Place Observation Deck was brought forward by the Public Services Committee. After a move to strike the second provision was defeated, the final motion was passed by a vote of 29 yes, 1 no, 2 abstentions:

PUBLIC ACCESS TO CENTRAL PLACE OBSERVATION DECK

Whereas, on May 5, 2007, the County Board approved the site plan for Central Place on N. Moore Street in Rosslyn, including an observation deck atop the proposed office building, which would provide a panoramic view of the surrounding area, and

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Whereas, Site Plan condition 83 states: "The applicant agrees that it will coordinate with the County Manager, Rosslyn Renaissance and Rosslyn BID operator, the Parks and Recreation Commission and representatives from the Rosslyn North and Radnor-Fort Myer Heights civic associations to develop a management and programming plan for the Observation Deck. The plan shall be reviewed and approved by the County Manager prior to the issuance of the final building permit, to include...fee structures for admission..."

Whereas, the applicant agreed to provide the observation deck "for public use and access" as a Community Benefit, valued at almost \$14 million, and

Whereas, part of Site Plan conditions 72b and 83 states: "the Observation Deck will be open to Arlington residents free of charge for at least 2 days a week...and on the 4th of July," and that "the developer will operate the Observation Deck as a non-profit facility,"
And

Whereas, in consideration of the extra height and density given to the applicant by the County Board on behalf of Arlington residents, these residents have a right to increased free access to this designated public space and community benefit,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation inform the County Manager of its support for the following:

Arlington residents and their families should have free admission to the Central Place Observation Deck 3 days a week --to include at least one weekend day-- which would amount to half the number of days open to the public, and

Active and retired members of the U. S. Armed Forces should have unlimited free admission during hours open to the public.

9. There was no New Business and no other announcements were made.

10. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Submitted:

Sharon J. Rogers
Secretary