



## Minutes – June 3, 2008 ACCF Membership Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Larry Mayer, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mileva Hartman, Lyon Village Civic Association.

2. Agenda approved as submitted.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the May 6, 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 \$2,451.37.

5. Committee Reports and Announcements:

- Annual reports from committees appear on the ACCF website
- Sign-up sheet is distributed for Arlington County Fair participation at ACCF booth

6. The slate for 2008-2009 elections was distributed in the June 2008 newsletter. There were no nominations from the floor. The following slate was elected by acclamation:

President:	Frances Finta
Vice-President:	Stan Karson
Secretary:	Sharon J. Rogers
Treasurer:	Eileen Williams
Executive Committee:	Jerry Auten, Larry Finch, Mike Kerley, Wayne Kubicki, Peter Owen

7. Information on activities and responsibilities of the Arlington Information Technology Advisory Commission (ITAC) was presented by Joe Pelton, Chair. Additional presentations were made by Jack Belcher, Arlington County Chief Information Officer and Bob Griffin, Director of the Arlington County Office of Emergency Management. All presentations appear on the ACCF website, [www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org).

8. Accessory Dwellings: The proposed resolution was divided into 3 parts: Family Suites, Accessory Dwellings, Enforcement.

- Family Suites: language amended to read "up to 2, one of whom is a caregiver. Approved with no objection. Passed unanimously.
- Accessory Dwellings: amendment to support only interior ADs defeated -- 23 yes to 28 no. Original language approved – 39 yes, 15 no, 4 abstentions
- Enforcement: passed 45 yes, 9 no

### **Arlington County Civic Federation Resolution on Accessory Dwellings**

#### **Family Suites**

WHEREAS the Arlington County Civic Federation has addressed proposals to amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow Accessory Dwellings (ADs) at three meetings and surveyed its members on many aspects of various AD proposals; and

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WHEREAS 76% of the Arlington County Civic Federation delegates responding support amending the Zoning Ordinance to enable caregivers to live in Family Suites, which currently may be occupied only by 1-2 relatives [Survey Item 1]; and

WHEREAS 82% of delegates responding support the goal of enabling live-in eldercare and 80% of delegates surveyed support the goal of enabling live-in caregivers providing support services (e.g., au pairs, cooks, drivers) [Survey Item 2];

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arlington County Civic Federation conveys to Arlington County staff and the Arlington County Board:

\_ That the Civic Federation supports amending the Zoning Ordinance provisions for Family Suites to enable up to two live-in persons who are not related to the homeowner, one of whom is a caregiver.

### Accessory Dwellings

WHEREAS 73% of delegates responding expressed concern about the County's willingness and/or ability to enforce AD rules, 62% expressed concern about changing the character of single-family neighborhoods and encouraging more intense development of single-family lots, and 61% expressed concern about making parking and maneuvering out of driveways more difficult [Survey Item 3]; and

WHEREAS 50% of delegates responding support amending the Zoning Ordinance to enable Interior ADs and 11% support amending the Zoning Ordinance to enable Exterior ADs [Survey Item 1];

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arlington County Civic Federation conveys to Arlington County staff and the Arlington County Board:

\_ That there is only minimal support for Exterior ADs and while support for Interior ADs is mixed, there is insufficient support to amend the Zoning Ordinance to enable any form of AD at this time.

### Enforcement

WHEREAS 70% of the delegates surveyed indicated that the Civic Federation should address current Code Enforcement in this resolution [Survey Item 12];

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Arlington County Civic Federation conveys to Arlington County staff and the Arlington County Board:

\_ That the County demonstrate that it has legal and practical methods for enforcing the current Zoning Ordinance and Building Code rules related to dwellings and occupancy.

### 9. Old Business:

- Bernard Berne, Buckingham Community Civic Association, presented a substitute motion on exotic animals that was referred to the Environmental Affairs Committee.
- The resolution as presented by Delegate John Antonelli was originally referred to the Legislation Committee. Subsequently referred back to the Excom (as Policy) – The President (with concurrence from Excom and By-laws Committee chair) have ruled that **this resolution was inconsistent with our By-laws and therefore had to be ruled "out of order"** (By-laws, Article II) It will not be further considered by the ACCF.

8. New Business: Larry Mayer was recognized for two years of service as ACCF President.

9. The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Submitted: Sharon J. Rogers, Secretary