



Minutes – April 7, 2009 ACCF Membership Meeting

1. The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Larry Mayer, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Anthony, Fairlington Civic Association.

2. Agenda approved as submitted.

3. Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the March 3, 2009 membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report: Balance on hand is \$7,221.58. Seventy-five (91%) of member organizations have paid their dues and reminder letters have been sent to others.

5. Committee reports and announcements

6. Membership Committee recommended new membership for the Alliance for Housing Solutions (AHS). Approved by voice vote.

7. The Nominating Committee is Larry Mayer, Martha Moore, Jim Pebley, Terry Prell, and Randy Swart. Approved by voice vote.

8. Budget Package Report

Special Rules were adopted by a hand vote of 33 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

After presentation and discussion the following motion was adopted by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 3 opposed and 5 abstentions:

Whereas, the Revenues & Expenditures Committee has reviewed the County Manager's proposed budget for FY10, and has issued a report to the Federation commenting thereon, which report proposes certain changes to the proposed budget; and

Whereas, the Schools Committee has reviewed the School Superintendant's proposed budget for FY10, and has issued a report to the Federation commenting thereon, which report proposes certain changes to the proposed budget;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Federation accepts and adopts the reports of both Committees, and directs the Federation President to transmit the reports to the Chairmen of the County Board and the School Board.

9. Separate budget item: Cultural Center at the former Newseum location. Presentations by John Seal, Chair, Arlington Commission for the Arts and Wayne Kubicki, Chair, ACCF Revenues and Expenditures Committee preceded discussion by delegates that was extended for ten minutes by voice vote. The following motion was defeated by a vote of 13 in favor, 26 opposed and 6 abstentions:

Whereas, the Revenues & Expenditures Committee of the Arlington County Civic Federation has issued a report on the proposed Cultural Center for the old Newseum site in Rosslyn; and

Whereas, this report details certain facts about the proposed Center, and recommends that the County Board not proceed with the project and exercise the right of termination as provided in the lease; and

Now therefore, the Arlington County Civic Federation opposes the Cultural Center project in Rosslyn, and urges the County Board to exercise the termination rights under the existing lease for the property, using the approximately \$10M to be received by such termination for various one-time capital maintenance and other one-time uses as the Board sees fit.

An attempt to suspend the rules for another motion on the Cultural Center failed to achieve a 2/3 majority with 24 in favor and 15 opposed. Further action was referred to the Executive Committee. Further consideration of a suggestion to explore dealing with overlapping services between the County and the School Board was referred to the Public Services Committee.

10. New Business and other items: None

11. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon J. Rogers Secretary