



## Minutes – December 1, 2009 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Mike Kerley, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Portia Clark of Nauck Civic Association and Chair, Public Services Committee. Opening the meeting, the agenda was approved as submitted; minutes for the November 10, 2009 membership meeting were distributed and approved as submitted; and treasurer's report was approved; several announcements were made.

The 2010 Awards Committee will be Portia Clark, Stan Karson, Martha Moore, Randy Swart and Tim Wise.

The two invited speakers proceeded as outlined in the agenda: Acting County Manager Barbara Donnellan and Arlington County Public Schools Superintendent Patrick Murphy. Copies of their presentations appear on the website.

In unfinished business, after time had been extended twice, the resolution on helicopter traffic was postponed (moved by Mark Antell; seconded by Jackie Snelling; hand vote of 23 yes to 19 no) to the January 5 membership meeting after the following actions:

- (a) a hand vote (26 yes; 16 no) supported Larry Mayer's motion (seconded by Beer) to amend the first resolved clause to add "except for necessary measures in the interest of counter terrorism in the Capital Region" at the end of the sentence;
- (b) Rick Barry's (seconded by Karl Veit) motion to add "and requests MWCOG to review this policy and community reactions to it one year following its implementation" to the first resolved clause was accepted without objection;
- (c) added a second "resolved" clause by transferring the following language (moved by Jerry Auten; seconded by Joe Pelton): "Recommends that the two goals developed by the Helicopter Work Group to address the safety concerns of residents and the impact on their quality of life from low-flying military helicopters over residential areas (see Attachment A) be adopted by the MWCOG APC:

1. Require routine military helicopters to fly the routes designated on the FAA Helicopter Route Chart that are primarily over highways and the Potomac River.
2. Require routine military helicopters to fly no lower than 1,200 feet above ground level (AGL) when their mission mandates that they fly over residential areas unless air traffic control authorizes a lower altitude. Police and Medivac helicopters would be mostly exempt from this requirement."

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Submitted:

Sharon J. Rogers  
Secretary