



Minutes - November 9, 2010 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mike Kerley, President. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chris Essig, Chair, Arlington County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission. Opening the meeting, the agenda and time organization rules were approved as submitted. The minutes of the October 5, 2010 meeting were distributed and approved; the Treasurer's report was accepted; several announcements were made.

Program

The Civic Federation Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee presented a program about the Arlington County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission with guest speakers Christopher Essig, Chair, and Mike Signer, Vice Chair, of the Arlington County Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission. The presentation was followed by member delegate questions and discussion.

The Civic Federation Cultural Affairs Committee presented a program about the Arlington County Public Library System with guest speaker Diane Kresh, Director, Arlington County Department of Libraries. The presentation was followed by committee questions and member delegate questions and discussion. There was a presentation of the Civic Federation records from 1996 through 2009-2010 to Ms. Kresh to be archived in the Virginia Room.

The Civic Federation Environmental Affairs Committee presented a program about the Arlington County Natural Resources Management Plan with guest speaker Greg Zell, Naturalist, and Jamie Bartalon, Landscape and Forestry Supervisor of the Arlington County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources. The presentation was followed by member delegate questions and discussion.

Unfinished Business

The Civic Federation Planning and Zoning Committee presented a report and recommendation on the Sign Removal motion (<http://civfed.org/reppzsigns1011.pdf>) introduced at the October 5, 2010, Civic Federation meeting. The Committee recommendation was not to adopt the following resolution:

"Be it resolved that, the Arlington County Civic Federation asks the County government to:

1. Amend the County's sign ordinance to minimize its ambiguity;
2. Amend the County code in a manner similar to the City of Richmond to reduce liability for citizens who remove illegal commercial signs from public right-of-way; and
3. Conduct periodic education programs to teach interested citizens and businesses about the forms and placement of signage in Arlington that are legal or not legal."

After delegate discussion, the resolution was not adopted with a vote of 6 yes and 30 no.

New Business

Peter Owen (Legislation Committee chair) introduced a motion for resolution relating to proposed legislation regarding local tax administration. The motion was referred to the Civic Federation

Legislation Committee. Member delegates will hear a report from the committee and consider the motion at the December 7, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 until the next membership meeting on December 7, 2010.

Submitted by

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Approved December 7, 2010