



DRAFT Minutes – February 7, 2012 **ACCF Membership Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President James Schroll. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jim Lantelme from Lyon Village Citizens Association. The agenda was approved as submitted. Minutes for the previous membership meeting were approved without amendment. The Treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$15, 860..

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee will begin its examination of the County's proposed budget on Sunday, February 19 at the Walter Reed Community Center. Please contact committee member Burt Bostwick (burt@civfed.org) if you are interested in shaping the Federation's response to the budget. There will be limited opportunity to incorporate your civic association's views during the final review of the budget response, so attendance at committee meetings is necessary.

Program:

County Board Annual Visit

County Board members Jay Fisette, Mary Hynes (Chairman), Walter Tejada and Chris Zimmerman attended. (The fifth position is vacant) Topics and questions covered Chairman Hynes' new Participation, Leadership And Civic Engagement (PLACE) initiative to improve County interaction with citizens, including open door meetings with Board members on Mondays, continuation of our AAA/aaa bond rating and savings due to it including the lowest bond refinancing rate ever, maintenance of debt service ceilings, developing new tools for affordable housing plans, Affordable Housing Investment Fund levels, Buckingham home ownership, bicycle boulevards, lights at Bishop O'Connell High School, the Capital Improvement Plan and maintenance needs, Schools and County agreement on facilities, support for Nauck community including Drew School, zoning issues at Pentagon Place, and State road maintenance. The schedule for Open Door Mondays can be found at <http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/countyboard/page84546.aspx>

Stream Health and Stormwater Management

Joe Pelton, assisted by Environmental Affairs members Sharon Jolly and John Seymour, introduced from the County's Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management Jeff Harn (Chief) and Aileen Winquist (Public Education and Outreach Team), as well as Jennifer Carlson from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality. Ms Winquist presented on Development Controls, New Stormwater Facilities, Watershed Retrofit Sites on "Green Streets," Outreach and Education, Planning and Research, Streamwater monitoring with online data available and What Citizens Can Do. The latter included rainbarrels, redirecting downspouts away from gutters, and reducing impervious areas. The County's StormwaterWise Landscape Program will visit homes and suggest changes, providing up to \$1,000 in funding for those who apply by February 29. Details: www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/epo/page83039.aspx

Artisphere's New Plan

Karen Vasquez of Arlington Economic Development and Chair of the Artisphere Task Force, presented the new plan for revitalizing the Artisphere venue. The budget has been increased to a realistic level, artistic focus revised, restaurant and retail shop plans scrapped, new revenue sources sought including rental for events, and a 501(c)3 tax exempt entity will be set up for fundraising. When the lease expires 13 years from now the County will face new decisions.

New Business

Don Clarke of Arlington Ridge Civic Association introduced a resolution to approve a change in ARCA's boundaries to encompass the Forest Hills Community Association. It included a letter from FHCA President Elaine Freeman welcoming the change. It was referred to the Membership Committee for action and could return for CivFed action as soon as the March 6 meeting

Joe Pelton introduced a motion on behalf of the Environment Affairs Committee supporting the County's efforts to improve and enhance stormwater management and the implementation of an updated stormwater ordinance, master plan and outreach to citizens. The motion will be considered at the March 6 meeting.

Duke Banks of the Waverly Hills Civic Association asked for help from any other association with experience on how to restart a civic association when all records and accounts have been lost. Please email him at duke.banks@gmail.com with suggestions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm until the next membership meeting on March 6, 2012.

Submitted by:
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