

Minutes
Arlington County Civic Federation
John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital
November 14, 1995

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:50 p.m. by President Scott McGeary.

1. There was **no emergency business** to consider; the **Agenda** was approved as presented.

2. **Minutes** of the October 3, 1995, meeting were approved as presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer John Nicholas): Balance as of 10/3/95: \$3,591.33. Paid memberships: 56; unpaid 12. (Complete report on file with Secretary's minutes.)

4. **Auditor's Report.** Frances Finta presented the Auditor's Report for the Federation for FY July 1, 1994, to June 30, 1995. (Report prepared by Frances Finta and William C. Munson.)

****MOTION: To adopt the Auditor's Report as presented. PASSED** (Report on file with Secretary's minutes.)

5. **Executive Committee Report** (by Executive Committee Chairman Frances Finta): Reported business of the October 19 meeting of the Committee which included planning for upcoming Federation meetings, discussion of possibility of obtaining a special Postal cancellation to commemorate the Federation's 80th anniversary, and agreement that Tim Wise will present the Federation's Resolution on the Human Services Commission Report (passed by delegates at the October 3 meeting) to the County Board at its Nov. 18 meeting. Next meeting of the Committee is Thursday, November 16, 8:00 p.m.

6. **Announcements** (by President McGeary):

- Noted favorable coverage of Federation in the newsletter of Stonewall Jackson Citizens' Association.
- ACCF's Community Relations Committee planning "outreach" programs.
- Urged delegates to volunteer to serve on Federation committees.

7. **Program I: Federation's 1996 Legislative Package** (Note: Program order was changed from that on Agenda to accommodate late arrival of Parks & Recreation Chairman Nester due to the inclement weather.)

*** MAIN MOTION:** (presented for the Legislation Committee by Chairman Amy Appelbaum): To adopt the proposed 1996 Legislative Package. (It was decided that the Package would be discussed section by section. Package as proposed is on file with Secretary's Minutes.)

1. **Education:** Under A. Funding, the word "**proportionately**" was **deleted** (**accepted as editorial amendment**).

2. **Transportation.** No changes made.

**** 1. Education and 2. Transportation approved with above change (PASSED by voice vote)**

3. **Housing and Human Services.**

***AMENDMENT 1:** (by Bill Nolden, Delegate, Parkway) In 3.C Consolidated Services for At-Risk Youth, replace the word "new" in the second sentence with the word "coordinated."

****AMENDMENT 1 PASSED** (without objection)

***AMENDMENT 2** (moved by Susan Zajac, Delegate, American Assoc. for Univ. Women): In Item 3.C, To insert in the second sentence, after "judicial system" and before "resources," the words "recreation and Extension."

****AMENDMENT 2 FAILED** (voice vote)

*** *3. Housing and Human Services approved as amended** (by voice vote)

4. Fiscal and Tax Policy

***AMENDMENT 3** (moved by Bernard Berne, Delegate, Stonewall Jackson): **To delete** Item 4.D, Income Tax Study (remaining item to be relettered).

****AMENDMENT 3 PASSED** (19 in favor; 17 opposed)

***AMENDMENT 4** (moved by John Antonelli, Delegate, Columbia Heights) **To add** Item to Section 4 that the Federation requests that the Virginia General Assembly enact legislation to require the County Manager Form of Government (to wit Arlington County) place a meals tax before the voters for approval by December 1, 1996. Should the citizens not approve said meals tax, collections will cease on January 1, 1997.

****AMENDMENT 4 FAILED** (voice vote)

5. General Government

***AMENDMENT 5** (moved by Lee Stinnett, Delegate, Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance) **To add** Item reinstating the language from the 1995 Legislative Package calling for the relaxation of the Dillon Rule.

****AMENDMENT 5 FAILED** (12 in favor; 24 opposed)

***AMENDMENT 6** (moved by David Foster, Delegate, Donaldson Run). **To delete** Item 5.F County Government Program Evaluations.

****AMENDMENT 6 PASSED** (voice vote)

(Note: At this point in the debate, the delegates voted to extend the time allowance for the Legislative Package portion of the program by 30 minutes.)

***AMENDMENT 7** (moved by Michael Hendricks, Delegate, Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance). **To delete** Item 5.C Initiative and Referendum.

****AMENDMENT 7 FAILED** (16 in favor; 21 opposed)

***AMENDMENT 8** (moved by John Antonelli, Delegate, Columbia Heights). **To add** Item that the Federation requests that the Virginia General Assembly enact legislation to reform the County Manager Form of Government to require three Board members be elected by district (South, Central, and North) to ensure local representation (members would be required to live in their respective districts). The Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected at large. All members would be elected for four year terms, with the district representatives elected en masse in the year before the Presidential election and the at-large seats elected en masse in the year after

the Presidential election. For purposes of this legislation, the South district is defined as extending from Route 50 south; Central District extends from Route 50 to Lee Highway; and the North District will extend from Lee Highway north.

****AMENDMENT 8 FAILED** (voice vote)

***AMENDMENT 9** (moved by Bernard Berne, Delegate, League of Women Voters). **To add** Item that the Federation supports state motor-voter legislation to permit Virginia voters to register to vote at Department of Motor Vehicle offices.

****AMENDMENT 9 PASSED** (20 in favor; 14 opposed)

6. Environment

***AMENDMENT 10** (moved by Rebecca R. Gray, Delegate, Arlington Ridge). **To amend wording** of Item 6.H Environmental Protection Programs so that it reads: The Federation strongly recommends that the state restore environmental programs to either pre "rollback" levels or to current and/or new EPA standards, whichever are more stringent, and that funding be restored to accomplish this.

****AMENDMENT 10 PASSED** (voice vote)

(Note: At this point in the debate, the delegates voted to extend the time allowance by 10 minutes to debate pending amendments to the Legislative Package.)

9. Miscellaneous

***AMENDMENT 11** (moved by John Antonelli, Delegate, Columbia Heights) **To delete** Item 2 under A. Gun Control.

****AMENDMENT 11 FAILED** (voice vote)

***AMENDMENT 12** (moved by David Jones, Delegate, Arlington Ridge) **To change wording** of Item H Aggressive Panhandling as follows: Change "fifteen feet" to "one hundred feet"; add after "teller machine," the words "within one hundred feet of a posted public transit (bus or taxi) stand, within two hundred feet of ports of ingress or egress to Metro Rail Stations"; and change "in a roadway median" to "within any county, state or federal right-of-way."

****AMENDMENT 12 FAILED** (voice vote)

*****MAIN MOTION to adopt the Federation's 1976 Legislative Package as amended PASSED** (voice vote) [Legislative Package as approved in on file with Secretary's Minutes.]

7. Program II, The Boathouse Project (Informational)

Robert Nester, Chairman of ACCF's Parks and Recreation Committee presented a brief report on the proposed boathouse project on Arlington's riverfront being recommended by the County's Water-Based Recreational Facility Task Force. He provided delegates with an informational package including a proposed Resolution on the matter to be presented for consideration at the Federation's December meeting.

8. New Business

- ♦ John Antonelli, Columbia ^{Heights} Ridge Delegate, inquired about the Federation's policy on political advocacy in media or public forums by delegates identifying themselves as representatives of member organizations. The inquiry was referred to the Federation's Membership Committee.
- ♦ Rebecca Gray, Arlington Ridge Delegate, requested that the Federation consider and take a position on the Sludge issue in the near future. President McGeary said that the issue is currently under consideration by the Federation's Environmental Committee.

9. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.


Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: _____