

Minutes

Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital
February 6, 1996

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:50 p.m. by Executive Committee Chairman Frances Finta. (President Scott McGeary was on a business trip out of town; Vice President Bill Nolden, detained by business, was scheduled to arrive later in the meeting)

1. **Agenda** was approved as presented.

2. **Minutes** of the December 5, 1995, and January 2, 1996, meetings were approved as presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer John Nicholas): Current balance is \$3,265.50. Paid membership is 65 organizations.

4. **Executive Committee Report** (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Finta): Business during meeting on Jan. 18 included planning for Feb. 6 and future meetings of the Federation. Next meeting: Feb. 15, 8:00 p.m. (Full report attached to Secretary's files.)

5. There were **no announcements**.

(Note: Vice President Nolden arrived at this point in the business and presided for remainder of the meeting.)

6.. **Program: Proposed County Zoning Ordinance Changes.**

Bill Gearhart, Chairman of ACCF's Planning and Zoning Committee, gave a brief summary of the work of the Zoning Ordinance Review Committee (ZORC) and the changes being considered. He introduced James Snyder, Acting Planning Director of the County's Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, who in turn introduced four members of County staff who assisted him in presenting detailed information about the proposed changes. Assisting Mr. Snyder were Luis D. Araya, of the Planning Division of the Department of Public Works, and Carlton W. Gilbert, Sakura Namioka, and Susan A. Ingraham of the Dept. of Community Planning, Housing and Development.

Handouts were provided. (attached to Secretary's files)

***MOTION** (by Chairman Gearhart for Planning and Zoning Committee. (A three-part **Resolution** was presented; The body **voted to Divide** the Resolution for consideration. After discussion, **Question was called on Item 1 of the Resolution**: the body **voted to call the question.**)

***** Item 1 of the Resolution PASSED** (voice vote)

1. Resolved that the Federation endorses the proposed zoning ordinance amendments regarding accessory structures and side yards, and amendments concerning street setback requirements and air conditioning placement, in staff documents dated Oct. 20, 1995, and Sept. 27, 1995 respectively.

***MOTION** (from the floor, seconded): To postpone consideration of Items 2 and 3 of the Resolution until the April meeting of the Federation.

*****Motion to Postpone PASSED** (19 in favor; 12 opposed)

(copy of full Resolution as proposed attached to Secretary's files)

Amy Appelbaum
7. Committee Report: ~~Rohan Samawarcera~~, speaking for the Legislative Committee, informed delegates that Virginia Assembly House Bill No. 232 (offered by James Almand), relating to election and filling of vacancies on county board under county manager plan, would not be voted on by the Assembly this year. Should the Bill be proposed next year, the Committee will again discuss the matter. (Copy of House Bill No. 232, now withdrawn, is attached to Secretary's files.)

8. New Business

- Larry Zaragoza (Executive Committee member) had as a handout for delegates copies of the County Manager's proposed 1997 Fiscal Year budget and the budget calendar. (Attached to Secretary's files)
- Mr. Harold Forkois, delegate from Highland Park-Overlee Knolls, expressed concern about commuter parking (from the East Falls Church Metro Station) in his neighborhood. The matter was referred to the Federation's Transportation Committee.
- Rebecca Gray, delegate from Arlington Ridge, informed delegates that the Arlington County Board is "actively pursuing" siting a major league baseball stadium at the Twin Bridges Marriott site.
- Delegate Bill Munson (Waycroft-Woodlawn) was thanked by Vice President Nolden on behalf of the Federation for his diligent and successful work in obtaining a special U.S. Postal cancellation stamp to commemorate the Federation's 80th anniversary. The cancellation will be available at the Federation's May 11 annual banquet and for a month thereafter.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40.

Tommye Morton
Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: _____