

## Minutes

### Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital

April 2, 1996

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

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

2. **Minutes** of the March 5, 1996, meeting were approved as presented.

3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer John Nicholas): Current balance is \$2,199.90, with a recent payout of \$816.94 toward Banquet expenses. Encouraged sponsorships for the Banquet. Only 1 membership organization has not paid this year's annual dues.

4. **Executive Committee Report** (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta): At the March 20th meeting, the Committee discussed tonight's meeting, upcoming meetings, and the annual banquet; and heard report from Awards Committee. County Superintendent Anton Gardner will attend the May 16 Executive Committee Meeting. Next meeting: April 18, 8:00 p.m. (Full report attached to Secretary's files.)

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

- ♦ Reminded delegates to plan to attend Annual Banquet on May 11. Invitations will be in mail within a week.
- ♦ Baseball Commission will hold community forums on April 9, 7:30 p.m., at Gunston School; and April 30, 7:30 p.m., at the County Board Room. Decision on making application for siting a major league stadium in Arlington is May 15.

6.. **Program I: General Assembly Report**. President McGeary introduced state legislators **Senator Janet Howell, Delegate Judy Connally, and Senator Patsy Ticer** who presented an informal wrapup of the 1996 General Assembly activities. After brief opening statements from the guests, a number of questions were asked from the floor.

**6. Program II: Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes** (Business postponed from February meeting). Bill Gearhart, Chairman of ACCF's Planning and Zoning Committee, presented the remainder of his Committee's Resolution. County staff members Luis D. Araya and Sakura Namioka assisted Mr. Gearhart.

**\*MOTION** (by Planning and Zoning Committee): To adopt Resolution. (Full resolution on file with Secretary's minutes.)

It was **voted to divide** the two parts of the Resolution.

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

(Item 1 was the original Resolution's Item 2; part (d) of the Resolution had been added by Stonewall Jackson Delegate Bernard Berne and accepted as a friendly amendment)

1. That the Federation endorses the proposed addition of a unified residential development subsection to the zoning ordinance in the staff document dated January 29, 1996, provided that this subsection:

- (a) contain a site plan review component, to ensure that a forum is available in which the neighborhood, the developer, the County staff, and Site Plan Review Subcommittee members might review and propose appropriate changes to the plan;
- (b) make clear that lot size calculations shall be exclusive of land dedicated to street right of way, to ensure that lots are not reduced to substandard size after street dedication;
- (c) make clear that the Site Plan Review Subcommittee, Planning Commission, and County Board, in reviewing the plan, are to take into account such elements in the plan as compatibility of bulk and scale and placement of the proposed dwelling units in relation to dwelling units in the adjacent neighborhood; and
- (d) prior to consideration of a plan submitted under the subsection, require that notice of the proposal be posted on and near the site at issue to notify the public of the request for subdivision.

**\*\*\*Item 2 of the Resolution FAILED (12 in favor; 15 opposed)**

(Item 2 was the original Resolution's Item 3 and read: That the Federation endorses the goals of the proposed changes to street right-of-way dedication in the staff document dated September 14, 1995, which is to allow narrower cul-de-sac streets, so as to allow dwelling units on cul-de-sacs to be located closer to the center line of the street so as not to force them back toward rear lot lines, but the Federation believes that before any reductions in widths of cul-de-sac streets are approved, provision must be made for parking for guests in excess of the minimum two spaces per dwelling unit, to ensure that neighboring streets do not become regular spillover parking areas. A minimum of one guest space per unit on the cul-de-sac generally would be appropriate.)

**7. New Business**

- ♦ Announcement was made that the Arlington Citizens' Crime Prevention Council and the Arlington County Police Department will hold a Town Meeting on the subject of "Gangs" on April 30, 7:30 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson School.
- ♦ John Nicholas (Boulevard Manor) reminded delegates that automobile lights should be on when driving in bad weather.
- ♦ Sherwin Landfield (Donaldson Run) inquired if the Federation would be having a discussion of the proposed baseball park. President McGeary responded that this was a possible subject for the May meeting.

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

  
Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_