

## Minutes

### Arlington County Civic Federation

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital

May 7, 1996

The meeting was called to order at 7:42 p.m. by President Scott McGeary

1. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
2. **Minutes** of the April 2, 1996, meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer John Nicholas): Current balance is \$2,019.90.
4. **Executive Committee Report** (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta): At the April 18th meeting, the Committee discussed tonight's meeting, upcoming meetings, and the annual banquet; and heard presentation by Mr. Michael McKenna of Metricom, Inc., on new technology for wireless communication being proposed to County officials. The Committee formed an Ad Hoc Committee comprising chairmen of various ACCF committees to prepare for tonight's Baseball Stadium discussion. The Committee agreed that proposed Bylaw changes would be presented at this meeting (May 7) with Federation action on changes expected at the June meeting. County Superintendent Anton Gardner will attend the next meeting of the Executive Committee, May 16, 8:00 p.m. (Full report attached to Secretary's files.)
5. **Bylaws Committee Report** (by Chairman Bill Munson): Handouts of proposed Bylaw changes presented to delegates for study. Action on changes expected at June 4 meeting.
6. **Banquet Committee Report** (by Chairman Jennie Davis): To date, 127 people have registered to attend the banquet; one more day to register. She handed over registration checks totaling \$3,645. to Treasurer Nicholas.
7. **Announcements** (by President McGeary):
  - ♦ Expressed gratitude to Sue Zajac for representing the Federation with the United Way Organization.
  - ♦ President McGeary will be unable to attend June meeting. Vice President Nolden will preside.
  - ♦ This being his final meeting, the President expressed gratitude to the Executive Committee members and all Federation committee chairmen and members for their assistance during his terms of office.
  - ♦ (by guest) The Olympic Torch Run will be in Arlington on June 20. Sponsors are being sought to contribute \$200 - \$500 for flyers to attract attendance to the event. Nine runners will participate in Arlington. For further information, phone Barbara Nash, 358-6409.
  - ♦ (by Rohan Samawareera) COR(Roslyn) Zoning Ordinance Amendment being considered by County Board on Saturday, May 11.
  - ♦ (by Bernard Berne) Tree ordinance will be considered by Board on May 11.
  - ♦ (by David Jones) County Board will hold public hearing on the baseball stadium proposal on May 9, 8:00 p.m.
8. **Special Order: Election of the Nominating Committee**

The following delegates were nominated from the floor to serve on the Nominating Committee: David Foster (Donaldson Run); Tommye Morton (Dover Crystal); Mileva Hartman

(League of Women Voters); Jim Charlton (Arlington Heights); Scott Allard (Barcroft); Ernie Ragland (Ballston-Virginia Square); Timothy Wise (Courtlands); John Antonelli (Columbia Heights); Roye Lowry (Forest Glen); Amy Appelbaum (Leeway).

Bylaws stipulate that the Nominating Committee consists of five members. Membership Chairman Frances Finta called the membership roll, and ballots were distributed to eligible delegates.

**\*\*Elected to the Nominating Committee** (by paper ballot): **Scott Allard, David Foster, Tommye Morton, Ernie Ragland, Timothy Wise.** David Foster, with the largest number of votes, is to convene the meeting of the Committee.

#### 9. Program I. Report from Capitol Hill.

President McGeary introduced guests **Congressman James P. Moran, Jr.** and **Senator John W. Warner.** Subjects covered by the gentlemen included downsizing of the government, the baseball stadium proposal, Wilson Bridge construction, the Washington Aqueduct, Lorton, and current issues before Congress including reducing the gas tax and increasing the minimum wage. Throughout the informal presentation, questions were presented from the floor.

#### 10. Program II. Major League Baseball Stadium Proposal

**George Varoutsos**, Chairman of the Board-appointed Baseball Stadium Committee, presented an overview of the Committee's charge from the Board and its work to date. The Committee's report to the Board has been completed and will be made public. The report is recommending that the County request the Baseball Authority to extend the deadline for submitting a proposal from the current May 15 deadline.

**\*\*Resolution presented** (by Timothy Wise for the Federation's Ad-Hoc Committee on the baseball stadium issue) with the following Resolve: **Resolved therefore**, the Arlington County Federation urges the Arlington County Board not to submit a proposal to construct a baseball stadium at the Twin Bridges site. The Federation opposes the use of taxpayer subsidies to fund the construction and operation of a baseball stadium at this or any site in Northern Virginia. (The complete Resolution as proposed is on file with the Secretary's minutes).

\* **Amendment #1:** (proposed by Jean Mostrom, AAUW) To strike in the last line of the resolve the words "or any site in Northern Virginia" and insert "site" after "this" in the last line.

**\*\*Amendment #1 FAILED** (voice vote)

\* **Amendment #2:** (proposed by Nancy A. Graham, AAUW) To strike the final sentence of the resolve.

**\*\*Amendment #2 FAILED** (voice vote)

\* **Amendment #3:** (proposed by Bernard Berne, League of Women Voters) To add the following Whereas: WHEREAS, other uses of the involved properties, such as buildings and community open space, may be more beneficial to the County than a stadium would be;

**\*\*Amendment #3 PASSED** (22 in favor; 19 opposed)

\* **Amendment #4** (proposed by David Foster, Donaldson Run) To add to the Whereas clause "WHEREAS, major league baseball in Virginia would provide entertainment" the words "rather than a vital public service;"

**\*\*Amendment #4 PASSED** (voice vote)

**\*\*\*Resolution as Amended PASSED** (voice vote; 1 "nay" noted)

10. **Unfinished Business**

- ♦ Treasurer John Nicholas urged more delegates to sign up for the banquet.
- ♦ Jean Mostrom expressed the gratitude of the delegates to President Scott McGeary for his outstanding and dedicated service as President of the Federation. (A standing ovation ensued)
- ♦ Chairman Bob Nester of the Parks & Recreation Committee reminded delegates that the County Board would be deciding on the Boat House issue as Agenda Item #7 on Saturday, May 11. (The Federation voted to oppose the Boat House at its December 1995 meeting.

11. With no further business, the **meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.**

  
Tommye Morton, Secretary

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