

Minutes
Arlington County Civic Federation
John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital
February 4, 1997

The meeting was **called to order** at 7:35 p.m. by President Bill Nolden

- 1.. **Agenda** was approved as presented.
2. **Minutes** of the January 7, 1997, meeting were approved as presented.
3. **Treasurer's Report** (by Treasurer Ed McWethy): Current balance is \$3,579.21.
4. **Executive Committee Report** (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta): Business at the Committee's January 16 meeting was reported (full report is on file with Secretary's minutes).
Next meeting of the Committee: February 20, 1997.

Jim Pebly (Waycroft-Woodlawn) inquired of Chairman Finta if the Committee was planning to have an upcoming program on the new flight paths at National Airport. Chairman Finta replied that David Jones, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, is reporting on transportation issues, which would include such items as flight paths, to the Executive Committee at its February meeting.

5. Report of the Membership Committee (By Membership Committee Chairman Frances Finta):

****MOTION** (by the Committee): To accept the application for admission to membership in the Federation of **Friends of the Arlington County Public Library**.

***** PASSED** (unanimous voice vote)

6. Announcements:

- ♦ **Ed McWethy**, Chairman of the Revenue & Expenditures Committee, issued an invitation to interested delegates to join in the work of his Committee, which will be meeting weekly during February on the annual budget resolution to be presented at the March meeting of the Federation. Mr. McWethy urged wide participation in this important ACCF activity and suggested that those delegates who couldn't participate in the Committee but who have specific requests of items to be considered by the Committee should contact him. Sign-up sheets were made available. Mr. McWethy additionally announced that his intent for the Committee's resolution this year is to try to achieve an up or down vote from delegates on the whole resolution. In the event that amendments are made to the resolution, the Committee will request that delegates asking for changes that require a cost increase will provide an offsetting decrease.

* After some discussion, a **decision of the assembly was made, with advice from the parliamentarian**, that Special Rules, applying to the budget resolution, may be presented to the membership at the March meeting for consideration by the delegates.

- ♦ (by President Nolden): **Vice-President Larry Zaragoza**, who recently married, has moved to Fairfax County. To fill the office vacancy, **nominations from the floor and an election for Vice President will be held at the March meeting.**

7. Program I: Home-Based Business Draft Recommendations

Tanya Barvenik, of the County's Department of Economic Development, and Economic Development Commission (EDC) members **John McCracken** and **Richard Dowd** provided

background information on the ongoing efforts to increase flexibility in the regulations on home-based businesses, balancing community needs and economic development needs. Recommended changes to the zoning laws have been drafted by the EDC that would allow up to two nonresident employees to work in a home-based business. (Currently no nonresident employees are allowed.) **Bill Gearhart**, Chairman of ACCF's Planning and Zoning Committee, presented the following resolution for his Committee.

****MOTION** (by Planning and Zoning Committee): To adopt the following resolution on home-based businesses:

Resolved: That the Federation support an amendment of the zoning code that would permit home-based businesses in residential zones to have one nonresident employee at the site of the home-based business, provided that an on-site parking space is provided for such employee, as follows--

In R-5 and R-6 zones, by special permit running with the business in that location (and not with the land), with an initial review of the permit in 6 months and annually thereafter; and

In all other residential zones, by right.

****Amendment to Resolution** (by David Foster, Donaldson Run): To require a special permit without regard to zoning category in applicable cases (rather than R-5 and R-6) so that the resolution would then read:

Resolved: That the Federation support an amendment of the zoning code that would permit home-based businesses in residential zones to have one non-resident employee at the site of the home-based business, provided that an on-site parking space is provided for such employee by special permit running with the business in that location (and not with the land), with an initial review of the permit in 6 months and annually thereafter. (**Amendment accepted by maker of motion.**)

(***Motion to extend time of discussion on matter for 10 minutes FAILED** (22 in favor of extension; 28 against)

*****Resolution as Amended PASSED** (31 in favor; 15 opposed)

Program 2: Placement of Telecommunication Facilities (Monopoles)

Tom Miller, County Planning Staff, provided handout and background information on a set of proposed Interim Guidelines for placing telecommunication structures on county-owned properties. The County Board is to consider the Guidelines on February 22. **Bill Gearhart**, Chairman of ACCF's Planning and Zoning Committee, presented the following resolution on Monopoles for his Committee:

****MOTION** (by Planning and Zoning Committee): To adopt the following resolution on Monopoles:

Resolved: That the Federation--

(1) support the recommended staff guidelines for the placement of monopoles on County-owned property, with such guidelines to encourage the maximum feasible setback of such poles from streets and residentially zoned property, and to encourage the multi-use and grouping of poles;

(2) recommend that the County, by use permit, require the periodic testing of emissions from communications equipment of the kind that is placed on such poles; and

(3) recommend that the County allow such communications equipment to be placed, by right, on existing structures in highway medians and commercial areas, so as to discourage requests for new monopoles.

****SUBSTITUTE MOTION** (by Rohan Samaraweera, Ballston/Va. Square): That the County Board defer consideration of the Interim Guidelines until review by the Planning Commission.

***AMENDMENT TO SUBSTITUTE MOTION** (by Ben Winslow, Arlington Forest): To change "review by the Planning Commission" to "review by the Cable TV Advisory Committee."

****Amendment to Substitute Motion FAILED** (voice vote)

(Question called: Passed (voice vote))

****SUBSTITUTE MOTION PASSED** (voice vote)

Program 3: County School Budget

Roy Lowry, Chairman of ACCF's Schools Committee, provided information on areas within the proposed school budget where his Committee will be recommending changes. (Handout was provided and is on file with Secretary's minutes.) Discussion and question/answer period followed.

8. With no additional business, the **meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.**


Tommye Morton, Secretary

Date Approved: _____