

**Minutes**  
**Arlington County Civic Federation**  
**John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital**  
**June 3, 1997**

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

1.. **Agenda** was amended, placing item #8 (Programs 1 &2) immediately after item# 3 (Special Elections) with all reports and other items to follow, and was approved as amended.

2. **Minutes** of the May 6, 1997, meeting were approved as presented.

3. **Special Order: Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Federation Officers and Executive Committee members for 1997-1998.**

Ernest Ragland, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the Committee's slate of candidates as follows: President, William Nolden; Vice President, Rebecca Gray; Secretary, Timothy Wise; Treasurer, Edward McWethy; Executive Committee--Robert Atkins, Jennie Davis, Pamela Fisher, Mileva Hartman, Ann Rudd.

\* **Election of Officers.** A nomination was made from the floor for **Randy Swart** to serve as Vice President. No nominations were made from the floor for the offices of President, Secretary or Treasurer.

\*\*\* **Election of President, Secretary and Treasurer by acclamation:** The Nominating Committee's choice of candidates for the offices of **President (William Nolden), Secretary (Timothy Wise) and Treasurer (Edward McWethy) were accepted by acclamation.**

\*\* \* **Election of Vice President by ballot:** Ballots were then distributed to qualified delegates for the election of Vice President. The President appointed the following Election Tellers: Jean Mostrom, Ernest Ragland, Nancy Graham, and Edwin Demoney. After counting the ballots, the Tellers reported that the number of votes cast was 83, with 42 (a majority) being the number necessary for election. Randy Swart received 53 votes; Rebecca Gray received 30 votes. **Randy Swart was elected Vice President.**

\* **Election of Executive Committee Members.** The following additional nominations were made from the floor for Executive Committee members (in order of nomination): **Frances Finta, Bill Munson, Rohan Samaraweera, Susan Johnson, Rebecca Gray.**

The nominees who were then presented to delegates for election to the five-member Executive Committee were (in alphabetical order): **Robert Atkins, Jennie Davis, Frances Finta, Rebecca Gray, Mileva Hartman, Susan Johnson, Bill Munson, Ann Rudd and Rohan Samaraweera.** (Note: **Pamela Fisher withdrew** her name from consideration.) All of the candidates present stood and gave a brief summary of their civic and Federation activities. Ballots were distributed to qualified delegates, who were instructed to vote for no more than five candidates to serve on the Committee. After ballots were cast, Election Tellers Mostrom, Ragland, Graham and Demoney retired to count the ballots.

\*\*\***Election of Executive Committee Members by ballot:** The Tellers reported that the following five candidates **were elected by plurality vote: Frances Finta, Mileva Hartman, Robert Atkins, Jennie Davis, Rebecca Gray.**

(Note: Complete Tellers' reports of the elections are on file with the Secretary's records.)

4. In the absence of Treasurer Ed McWethy, who was out of town on business, there was **no Treasurer's report.**

**5. Executive Committee Report** (by Exec. Comm. Chairman Frances Finta): Business at the Committee's May meeting was reported (full report is on file with Secretary's records). Next meeting of the Committee (a joint meeting of outgoing and newly elected Officers and Executive Committee members) will be held June 19, 1997.

**6. Program I: Reports on Traffic Calming and on Monopoles**

ACCF's Transportation Committee Chairman **David Jones**, who is also a member of the County's Traffic Calming Advisory Group and of the ACCF's Monopole Task Force, presented updates on these two current issues of vital interest to Arlington neighborhoods, using visual aids. An extensive question/answer period followed both reports.

**Program II: County's Capital Improvement Plan**

Vice President **Randy Swart**, substituting for Revenues & Expenditures Committee Chairman Ed McWethy, presented the Committee's Report on the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY 1998-2003.

**\*MOTION** (by the Committee): To adopt a **Special Rule**, that the Federation consider the recommendations of the Revenues and Expenditures Committee regarding the County's Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY 1998-2003 as a whole, and after appropriate questions and discussion, shall vote to accept or reject the Committee's recommendations without amendment. Should the recommendations of the Committee be voted down as a whole, the recommendations will then be considered individually, with each section open for amendment, with a final vote to be taken on the report as amended. (Note: Motion required 2/3 vote of acceptance by the body to pass.)

**\*\*\*MOTION to adopt Special Rule FAILED** (29 in favor; 24 opposed -- did not receive required 2/3 vote.)

Vice President Swart then presented background information on the Committee's report, working with visuals, including: time frame of the CIP process; defining CIP; major elements of the CIP; comparisons with last year's figures; list of major projects; sources of funds; planned bond issues; issued/retired bonds and outstanding debt; trends; ratio of general obligation debt to market value; ratios of debt service to general expenditures; and debt per capita (past, current, and projected).

**\* MAIN MOTION** (by the Committee): To adopt the Report of the Revenues and Expenditures Committee on the Proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY 1998-2003 (full report as presented is on file with the Secretary's records).

[Note: the body considered each of the five recommendations seriatim.]

**\*\*AMENDMENT #1** ( by Amy Appelbaum, Leeway; second from floor): To change wording in the first line of **Recommendation #1**, replacing "curb" with "slow the growth of" so that the first sentence reads "We recommend that the County slow the growth of its new capital spending." **Accepted by Committee as a FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.**

**\*\*AMENDMENT #2** (by John Antonelli, Columbia Heights; second from floor): To **add a new Recommendation** to delete the \$25 million for parks acquisition due to mounting bonded debt, the taking of the land from the tax rolls, and the inability of County Park's staff to care for and identify the land they currently control. **FAILED** (voice vote).

**\*\*AMENDMENT #3** (by Roye Lowry, Forest Glen; second from floor): To delete **Recommendation #1** in its entirety. **FAILED** (voice vote).

**\*\*AMENDMENT #4** (by Curran Tiffany, Dover Crystal; second from floor): To add the following paragraph to the **Report's Background Statement**, on page 1 of the Report: "Please note that our report's treatment of the capital expenditure process does not imply approval of the underlying assessments of functional need and extent of County services." **FAILED** (17 in favor; 18 opposed)

**\*\*AMENDMENT #5** (by Tim Wise, Courtlands; second from floor): To add to **Recommendation #2** a statement that the Federation will be forming an ad-hoc committee to review the need for the proposed DHS building; **WITHDRAWN** with the understanding that such an ad-hoc committee will be formed.

**\*\*AMENDMENT #6** (by Robert Nester, Bellevue Forest; second from floor): To amend **Recommendation #3** (Parks Operation Building) that would defer expenditure in CIP for FY 1998 for the Parks Operation Building to allow for reevaluation of the size and purpose of the building by **replacing a new recommendation to accelerate planning for the building**. **FAILED** (voice vote)

**\*\*AMENDMENT #7** (by Roye Lowry, Forest Glen; second from floor): To delete **Recommendation #4** (Schools Capital Budget) in its entirety. **FAILED** (10 in favor; 22 opposed)

**\*\*\*MAIN MOTION to adopt the Committee's Report as amended: PASSED** (voice vote)

[Note: Maurice Flagg, delegate from Friends of GMU, announced at the beginning of consideration of the Report that he would abstain from voting because he believed that someone from County staff should have been invited to present the staff's view.]

**7. Committee Reports:** The President announced that all Committee Chairmen and all Federation representatives to outside organizations were expected to present written final annual reports to the Secretary as soon as possible. Any chairman wishing to present an oral annual report was invited to do so. Bylaws Committee Chairman **Bill Munson** handed out a final report from his Committee to delegates and requested time to present three Bylaw amendments prepared by his Committee and earlier announced to members. The amendments had been rejected by a majority of the Executive Committee. Mr. Munson was informed that the amendments should be presented during Unfinished Business.

#### **8. Unfinished Business:**

**\*\*MOTION** (by the Bylaws Committee): To amend the Federation Bylaws, Article VI, The Executive Committee, Section 3; Article VII, Committee, Section 2; and Article VII, Committees, Section 7, subsection (vi) Certificates of Appreciation. (Full copy of proposed changes on file with Secretary's records. The stated purposes of the proposed changes were to "seek to clarify the duties of the Executive Committee, the voluntary nature of committee service, and the timing of the Awards Committee report.") [Note: Motion required 2/3 vote of acceptance by the body to pass.]

**\*\*\*MOTION FAILED** (14 in favor; 9 opposed -- failed to receive required 2/3 vote.)

**9. New Business.**

Bylaws Committee member **Jean Mostrom** announced a **Bylaw amendment to be presented to the membership at the September 1997 meeting.** (Full text of the proposed change is on file with the Secretary's records.) The amendment would amend Article IV, Officers, Section 2, changing the date of the annual election of the Nominating Committee from May to April in order to give the Nominating Committee time to meet and submit the slate of officers and Executive Committee members to the newsletter editor for publication of the slate to the members, as required, before the June meeting.

**10. Announcements**

- ♦ (by Randy Swart): The Federation will hold a Workshop for Associations on September 13.
- ♦ (by Timothy Wise): Appreciation expressed to delegates who brought copies of their organization's newsletter for sharing.

**11. With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:18 p.m.**

  
Tommye Morton, Secretary

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