

# ***Arlington County Civic Federation***

John T. Hazel Auditorium, Arlington Hospital

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## **Minutes - November 9, 1999**

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM.
2. Approval of the Agenda: Approved without change.
3. Approval of the Minutes of the October 5, 1999 Meeting: Deferred.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Frances Finta, reported that 58 of the 73 member organizations had paid their 1999/2000 dues, but that most member organizations had not yet submitted current Delegate and Alternate lists. She reported that the combined Checking and Savings account balance was \$4,664.23 (with an additional balance of \$209.97 available in the U.S. Postal Service bulk mail account).
5. Executive Committee Report: Deferred until later in the meeting because the Executive Committee Chair, Jim Pebley, was attending a meeting of his own Association. Meeting concluded without report.
6. Announcements: President Randy Swart announced that: 1) there would be a public hearing on the siting policy for county facilities to be held on November 18, 1999 and that Federation members should already have received a copy of the meeting notice and current procedures and possible changes, and 2) the first meeting of the "Arlington Coalition for Sensible Transportation" would be held on Tuesday, November 16 from 7-9PM at the NRECA Conference Center, 4301 Wilson Boulevard.
7. Scheduled Program:
  - A. On behalf of the Federation's Legislation Committee, Chair, Nancy Graham presented the "2000 Legislative Package" [previously distributed in the Federation's November Newsletter] as well as a written "1999 Legislation Committee Report".
    - A.1. On behalf of the Executive Committee, President Randy Swart introduced a "Special Rule". The Special Rule would provide for a three stage vote by the Federation:
      - 1) A vote on the unanimous items in the Committee's Report;
      - 2) A vote on each non-unanimous item in the Committee's Report individually; and
      - 3) A vote on the one additional item submitted in advance by a Federation delegate as per the Newsletter text.

A motion was made to amend the Special Rule by adding a vote on the (unwritten) item noted by a delegate present as the Special Rule was being discussed. Amendment failed by voice vote. The unamended Special Rule was moved. Passed by voice vote.

A.2. After a lengthy discussion, including a few editorial 'friendly amendments' were accepted by the Committee Chair, the unanimous portion of the Legislative Package passed by voice vote.

A.3. Non-unanimous items from the Legislation Package:

*Approved*

1. Sale and Use of Fireworks: Failed by a vote of 22 to 25.
2. Persons Convicted of Child Molestation (Second Conviction): Passed 29 to 9.
3. Persons convicted of Rape (Second Conviction): Passed 23 to 22.
4. Red Light Cameras: Amendment: to add an additional defense 'proof that the car was stolen'. Passed by voice vote. Motion as amended: passed by voice vote.
5. Arlington House: Amendment: to add a request for Federal funding. Failed 24 to 17. Motion, with friendly amendment regarding funding accepted, passed by voice vote.
6. Transportation and Highway Safety: Motion: to table until next year's Report failed by voice vote. Motion: to amend as follows: "Opposes any changes to Route 66 unless such changes are part of a regional transportation plan and are made with community consensus." Passed by voice vote. Amended motion: passed by voice vote.
7. Integrity of Public Water System: Passed by voice vote.
8. Unconcealed Weapons: Passed by voice vote.

A.4. Separately submitted Delegate addition. Gay Marriage: Passed by voice vote.

\*\* The Committee and its Chair received a round of applause from the audience.

B. On behalf of the Federation's Transportation Committee, Adriene Pilot (Bluemont) and Miriam Rollins (Madison Manor) presented a draft Resolution (previously approved in principle by the Executive Committee at its October ?, 1999 meeting).

B.1. There was a motion to add a new last paragraph to the Resolution [to make it consistent with the previously adopted language in the 2000 Legislative Package]: "The Federation opposes any changes made to Interstate 66 unless such changes are part of a comprehensive regional transportation plan and are made with community consensus." This amendment passed by voice vote.

B.2. There was a motion to strike the Committee's last paragraph in the Resolution [beginning with "We further deplore..." and ending with "...involving the U.S. Government"] This amendment passed by voice vote

B.3. There was a motion to reinsert the just stricken paragraph with editorial changes [e.g. adding "attempted" before unilateral] to its text. This Amendment failed by voice vote.

B.4. The Resolution, as amended, passed by voice vote.

8. Old Business: None

9. New Business: Because of the lateness of the hour, the Executive Committee Report was deferred until the Federation's December meeting.

10. The meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 9.50PM.

Recorded by Robert Atkins, Acting Secretary