

Minutes – October 7, 2014 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Vice President Stefanie Pryor at Hazel Auditorium. She led the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda, the minutes of the previous membership meeting and the Treasurer's report. She announced that the Executive Committee will meet on October 12, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work and plan future meeting programs. President McMenamin arrived during the first program item and conducted the meeting thereafter.

Affordable Housing – Mary Rouleau introduced County staffers David Cristeal and Russell Danao-Schroeder, who briefed the Federation on the recently-completed Affordable Housing Study. The County is working toward a new element in the Comprehensive Plan, and is seeking feedback.

ACCF Priorities Survey Results

Kim Klingler presented the results of the delegate surveys conducted to sound out priority issues. The response rate was 75%. Areas for improvement included: mission needs greater specificity, need more diversity. Top priorities: capital infrastructure, preservation of space and investment priorities, transportation. Other suggestions included organizing forums on issues, networking events, family events, campaigning for sidewalks, providing member organizations help to find event insurance and more. Detailed results are posted on the Civfed web site.

By-Laws Resolution

Sara Shortall presented Kathryn Scruggs' resolution to permit delegates who represent more than one organization to have a vote for each of the organizations they represent. The Bylaws Committee voted to recommended against it by 6-0-1, citing among other issues that Roberts Rules of Order now prohibits it, along with a number of other practical problems. The bylaws change was defeated by a very large margin of uncounted negative votes with six voting for.

Rosslyn FAA Building Height Resolution

Jackie Snelling, Martha Moore and Jim Pebley presented a resolution on FAA building height restrictions in Rosslyn, asking the FAA to adopt more restrictive rules on Rosslyn building height and the County to develop overlay zoning to cover Rosslyn building heights, not approving new buildings in the interim that could narrow the flight path and threaten aircraft with one engine out. Brian Stout of County Staff presented the County's position that the FAA should determine whether a building is a safety hazard or not, and requires that that FAA approve each building. The resolution passed by a vote of 44 to 10 with 7 abstentions.

Other Business

Michael Beer presented the Schools Committee's resolution that seeks to counter the Parks Committee resolution to prohibit school construction in public parks. Both resolutions will be considered in November along with the Public Land for Public Good and Parks Committee resolutions. Resolutions are available on the CivFed web page.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 pm until the next membership meeting on November 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Swart, Secretary