

Minutes – November 11, 2014 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Michael McMenamin at Hazel Auditorium. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the agenda and the Treasurer's report.

Program: Public Land for Public Good

Multiple resolutions have been proposed for this issue, involving at least five committees. CivFed will vote in December, hopefully on a single consensus resolution.

Arlington County Board Vice Chair Mary Hynes presented the background and current status. The concept was first used for the Arlington Mill Community Center, a site with affordable housing. The Board realized the planning effort was way bigger than they thought and they needed to include the community. She noted that the Manager's Report on PLPG has received over 600 comments. The Board is steward of the County's public land and must assure land decisions meet community needs. Undisturbed land is not a renewable resource. Decisions must include the community and require consensus. Every site in the County has challenges. Every piece of land already has people and functions attached to it. The School Board owns land for public education and the two Boards work together. The County Board is looking at ways to maximize the use of current spaces. Ms. Hynes presentation is on the CivFed web page.

Committee Chairs presented their resolutions: Mary Rouleau for Housing, Mark Antell for Parks, Michael Beer for Schools, Jackie Snelling for Public Services and Martha Moore for Planning and Zoning. Each discussed their committee's views. Presentations are on the CivFed web page.

The panel and Ms. Hynes answered delegates' questions.

President McMenamin noted that the committees would meet jointly and he hoped they could develop a single consensus resolution, to be debated and voted on at the December meeting.

Other Business

The Banquet Committee would welcome suggestions for keynote speakers. Please contact Peter Olivere.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm until the next membership meeting on December 2, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Stefanie Pryor, Acting Secretary