



Minutes – December 2, 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, minutes of the previous membership meeting and the Treasurer's report. Terri Prell, Executive Committee chair, announced that the Executive Committee will meet on December 7, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work and plan future meeting programs.

Public Land for Public Good (PL4PG) Joint Resolution

Jackie Snelling summarized the joint Public Services/Planning & Zoning Committees PL4PG resolution, asking the County and School Boards to conduct a study to develop a comprehensive public land and facility plan: (1)describing current and projected service needs based on different assumptions; (2) providing a list of current and projected land use needs for these services; (3) providing an inventory of County land and land use conditions; (4)describing methods Arlington currently uses to meet land use needs; (5)evaluating current and alternative strategies; (6) considering the context of planning documents and studies; and (7) producing products including: a listing of priority land use needs and requirements; recommendations for priority projects; recommendations for site use alternative strategies; listing of unmet needs; and 5) recommendations for a land acquisition plan. Martha Moore stated that there is no conflict with previous CivFed resolutions. Bernie Berne moved to substitute a new motion for the joint resolution. President McMenamin ruled that the motion was out of order because it would have the effect of completely negating the joint resolution. Mr. Berne appealed the ruling. The ruling was sustained by a vote of 44 for, 6 against, 2 abstaining. The joint resolution was then adopted by a vote of 51 for, 2 against and 1 abstaining. The assembly applauded. The resolution is on the CivFed web page.

Retail Action Plan Program

Jill Griffin (Dept. of Economic Development) and Deborah Albert (Zoning) presented the proposed Retail Action Plan and proposed revisions to the current Zoning Ordinance. The plan will regulate the uses allowed on specific types of streets in Arlington's three main commercial corridors to encourage among other things the clustering of shopping and dining areas. The plan will take precedence over sector plans. The Planning and Zoning Committee is already discussing the changes with County staff, and is concerned about potential impacts including placing bars in residential transition zones around Metro stations or across the street from townhouses, as well as sending patron parking deep into residential streets. Delegates were concerned that residents of the shopping and dining zones would be deprived of other neighborhood services. Delegates are encouraged to review the plan at http://arlington.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=737&meta_id=126107. The retail plan and zoning changes will be decided by the County Board in February.

Other Business

We need a Banquet Committee chair.

The Schools Committee submitted a resolution recommending that the County and Schools look for additional revenue streams and additional mechanisms to provide needed school capacity. President McMenamin referred the resolution to the Schools Committee and Revenues and Expenditures Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34pm until the next membership meeting on January 6, 2014.

Respectfully submitted by Randy Swart, Secretary