



Update Lee Highway Re-Visioning

Sandi Chesrown will be providing us an update of the grassroots strategic partnership for re-visioning Lee Highway that is moving forward via 15 civic associations, including Waverly Hills, Arlington East Falls Church, John M. Langston, Glebewood, Yorktown, Tara Leeway, Leeway Overlee, Old Dominion, Donaldson Run, Cherrydale, Waycroft Woodlawn, Maywood, Rock Spring, North Highlands, and Lyon Village. The group is being assisted by Arlington County’s Planning Department and other County department staff.

During the educational phase, relevant topics - including land use planning and zoning, smart growth, urban design, housing, transportation and parking, signage, demographic trends, tax increment financing, transferable development rights, local business preservation, and new economic opportunities were presented and discussed.

The educational phase transitioned in the fall of 2014 into a community meeting phase, and the results of those meetings will be presented to the Federation. The County Board agreed in November to fund a planning and design charrette to be led by consultants in 2015, resulting in a joint community vision for a more economically vibrant, walk-able, attractive Lee Highway corridor – one that benefits neighborhoods and the business community and does not result in piecemeal development.

It is anticipated that the new vision will be sent – in 2015 - to the Arlington County Manager’s office and the County Board with a request that they appoint and staff a Task Force to formally develop either updates to the GLUP or a Lee Highway Sector Plan to guide future rezoning and development applications along Lee Highway.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

7:30 p.m.

Hazel Auditorium
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N George Mason Drive
Arlington VA 22205

Agenda

- 7:30 Meeting called to order
- 7:40 Lee Highway Re-Visioning Plan
- 7:55 County Manager
- 8:25 School’s Superintendent
- 8:55 Old Business
- 9:00 New Business
- 9:05 Adjourn

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From the President

Mike McMenamin

Happy New Year!

This month, I look forward to hearing an update from the Civic Associations along Lee Highway that are ensuring that future development reflects the community's needs and desires via their Lee Highway Re-Visioning Project.

Following recently established tradition, we will also start the new year off with programs by the Arlington County School Superintendent, Dr. Murphy, and the County Manager, Ms. Donnellan. After their presentations, there will be time allowed for questions and answers. So please come and hear what their plans are for the County, as there are many issues that must be addressed in the year ahead.

News From the Executive Committee

Terri Prell, Chair Terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on December 7, 2014, to plan the agenda for the January 6, 2015 general meeting and future meetings.

The Executive Committee will meet on January 11, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, and plan future meeting programs. Elected officers and Executive Committee Members should attend. In addition, we would like for Committee Chairs to attend this meeting.

Banquet Chair Needed ASAP

As this newsletter goes to press, we do not have a Chair for this year's banquet that will occur on April 17, 2015. If you are interested, please contact me at: mike@civfed.org or Peter Olivere at peterolivere@civfed.org.

Last Reminder, Civic Federation Meeting Parking

On the Civic Federation meeting night, the parking gates will be open (no charge) only on the Gold Parking lot, which is located under the 1635 Medical Building at Virginia Hospital Center. In addition, the Gold Parking entrance is the closest to the corner of George Mason Drive and 16th Street North. If you use another lot at the hospital, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit..



Articles for the Newsletter

If you have information which should be included in the Civic Voice, send it to CivFed@gmail.com.

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County Manager Program

The County Manager will give a 15 minute presentation based on the questions we sent from the Federation's Executive and at large Committees. Upon completion of the presentation, Federation delegates will ask questions of the County Manager for 15 minutes.

Delegates are reminded that questions may be up to 30 seconds in length and may not be position statements. No follow-up questions will be allowed. In the interest of time and fairness, member delegates may only ask 1 question. This is a 30 minute program.

Ms. Barbara Donnellan is County Manager of Arlington County, Virginia. Barbara Donnellan was named Arlington's County Manager in October, 2010, becoming the first woman named County Manager in Arlington. She began her career with the County in 1983.

Under Ms. Donnellan's leadership, Arlington County has successfully implemented nationally-recognized Smart Growth planning policies and continued the sound financial policies that have earned the County its triple-AAA bond rating for many years.

School Superintendent Program

The Superintendent will give a 15 minute presentation based on questions submitted to him from the School's Committee. Upon completion of the presentation, Federation delegates will ask questions of the Superintendent for 15 minutes.

Delegates are reminded that questions may be up to 30 seconds in length and may not be position statements. No follow-up questions will be allowed. In the interest of time and fairness, member delegates may only ask 1 question. This is a 30 minute program.

Dr. Patrick K. Murphy has been Superintendent

of Schools since July 1, 2009. Dr. Murphy is an Arlington County resident and has been an educator since 1988, serving the Fairfax County Public Schools for 19 of the intervening years in a variety of instructional leadership positions. During the final four years, he served as assistant superintendent for accountability, where he was responsible for testing, research and evaluation, and division- and school-based strategic planning.

New Online Orientation Materials

Did you know that the Civic Federation website (www.civfed.org) contains a "Toolkit" section for civic associations and other civic groups? The Toolkit provides information on insurance requirements for special events as well as best practices and tips for organizing and operating civic associations.

The Executive Committee is in the process of reviewing and updating Toolkit documents. It is also planning to add an online orientation section to help new delegates and alternates better understand how the Civic Federation operates. For example, new delegates/ alternates may not be familiar with basic parliamentary procedure, the Civic Federation's bylaws, and how resolutions are proposed and make their journey through committees, etc.

We want to enable all delegates and alternates to participate and to be active and effective representatives for their member organizations. If you have specific questions or suggestions for content that should be included in the new online orientation section, please route them to Suzanne Sundburg (suzanne@civfed.org) and Peter Olivere (peter@civfed.org).

Civic Federation Tentative Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2014 - 2015

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except November)

January 6, 2015- County Manager and Schools Superintendent. Lee Highway Revitalization Plan. Civic Federation Priorities.

February 3, 2015- County Board and VDOT

March 3, 2015- School Board and Community Energy Plan

April 7, 2015- Budget or other topic. Election of Nominating Committee.

(Note - Friday, April 17 - Civic Federation Award Banquet)

May 5, 2015- State Delegation

June 2, 2015- Election of officers

Arlington County Civic Federation

The ACCF is dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. Its purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Committees of the Civic Federation

The committees provide the basis for most actions of the Federation. We strongly encourage every delegate and alternate to serve on at least one committee. If you have an interest in any topic please contact the chair. If a chair is not listed, contact our President Mike McMenamin at mike@civfed.org

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell	terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2013 membership meeting	
Audit	Chair Needed	
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	sarah@civfed.org
Community Relations	James Schroll (POC)	james@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Membership	Kim Klingler	kim@civfed.org
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Nominating	Elected at the April 2014 membership meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore, Larry Mayer	martha@civfed.org larrymayer@civfed.org
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Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org