



## Minutes – February 5, 2016 ACCF Membership Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Stefanie Pryor at Hazel Auditorium. President Pryor led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the January 5, 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted. Treasurer Pat Spann reported that the Federation had balances of \$9,696.93 in its checking account and \$20,867.27 in its savings account.

**New Delegates:** President Pryor welcomed new delegates Lindsay Demidovich (Long Branch Creek), Juliet Hiznay (Columbia Heights), Scott Miles (Aurora Highlands), Robert Sidman (Aurora Highlands), and Heather Spence (Aurora Highlands).

**Membership Committee:** President Pryor announced the Women's Club of Arlington had applied for membership. She said the Membership Committee had reviewed its application and found that it met all By-law membership requirements. President Pryor asked a vote to approve the Women's Club membership application, and the vote in favor was unanimous.

**CivFed's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Joe Pelton reviewed ticket prices for individuals and groups. He reminded delegates about the symposium titled "Arlington—Past, Present and 100 Years into the Future" which would be held from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM on April 14 at Arlington County's Central Library. Joe asked for help with corporate sponsorships. He said the money brought in by sponsorships would go to the 9-11 Fund and the memorial tree.

**Presentation by Jane Rudolph, Director of the Arlington County Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR):**

Ms. Rudolph gave an overview of DPR in terms of its current staff, budget, programs, assets and its plans for future improvements. Comments and questions from the audience included a request that the 1101 Lee Hwy property be used to give the county access to the Potomac. Ms. Rudolph was asked for her definitions and goals for green and natural open spaces versus artificial open spaces. There were requests for more outreach to civic associations; less emphasis on playgrounds and open fields and more emphasis on natural, tree filled areas: better maintenance of parks and trees; and installation of turf on a Gunston field. Ms. Rudolph was asked if DPR had begun discussing decking over portions of I-66, I-395 and Route 50 as ways to increase parkland with the State and Federal Governments.

**Presentation by Sarah McKinley, Chair of the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC):**

Ms. McKinley gave a summary of the NCAC Program and proposed changes in this program. In the Q&A period following her presentation Ms. McKinley was asked if NCAC money could be used to reduce the size of streets and if there was follow-up on NC projects with specific reference to spalling on recently installed sidewalks and the glare from LED street lights. Members of the audience commented on the complexity of NC applications; how difficult the proposed changes would make reaching required approval thresholds; and how a lack of flexibility on the part of county staff complicated reaching consensus on NC projects.

**ACCF Parks & Recreation Committee Resolution & Vote:** Rick Epstein introduced the Parks & Recreation Resolution. Duke Banks presented a background report on the resolution and then read the "Therefore be it resolved" portion of the resolution. After members of the Parks Committee addressed comments and questions from members of the audience, Sarah Shortall made a motion to revise the "Therefore be it resolved" section of the revised amendment by changing the first recommendation to read: "That the County Board adopt a land acquisition policy with a target to obtain a minimum of 3 acres of parkland per year on average over the next ten years." Ms. Shortall further moved to strike all language in the second recommendation after "preserve all publicly owned park land." Betty Slanta seconded the substitute motion. After discussion, the Parks Committee agreed to accept Ms. Shortall's revision of the first recommendation, and Ms. Shortall agreed to drop her revision of the second recommendation. President Pryor then asked for a vote on the amended version of the revised version of the Parks Resolution, and it was approved by a vote of sixty-three in favor, one opposed, and one abstention.

**By-laws Amendment:** Sarah Shortall moved to suspend the rules and postpone consideration of the proposed By-laws amendment to the March meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Announcements**

- The next General Meeting will be held at 7:30 PM on March 1, 2016.
- The next Executive Committee will be held at 7:30 PM on Sunday, February 7, 2016, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, February 18, is the deadline to submit material for the March newsletter.
- There will be a Lee Highway Visioning Update from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. on Saturday, February 6 at Yorktown High School 5200 Yorktown Boulevard.
- Help Arlington Set a Course for our Parks and Recreation Places and Spaces. Come to public meetings and ask questions and provide input on the changing needs for parks, recreation, and natural resources in Arlington. Each meeting will feature interactive stations, brief presentations by the project consultants, and different opportunities for the public to provide input to help updated Arlington's Public Spaces Master Plan. There will be Public Meeting from 7 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. on Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Langston Brown Community Center and an Open House from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on Friday, February 5, at Courthouse Plaza. You can chat with Parks Director Jane Rudolf from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M. on Friday, February, 5, at Courthouse Plaza. There will be a Happy Hour from 5 P.M. to 7 P.M. on Feb. 5 at Whitlow's on Wilson 5-7 p.m. and a Public Meeting 9:30 A.M. to noon on Saturday February. 6 at the Arlington Mill Community Center.
- The County Board will appear at the March 1<sup>st</sup> Federation Meeting. ACCF committees need to submit questions to ExCom by Friday morning, February 12, for submission to county staff.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary