

The Arlington County Civic Federation welcomes the Arlington County Board Members as our first speakers on Tuesday, March 1, 2016.



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General Meeting Notice

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
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 Arlington County Board
8:40 Car Free A-to-Z
8:55 Virginia Neighborhood Conference
Overview
9:10 395 HOT lanes
9:40 By-laws amendment
9:55 New Business

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ACCF February Meeting Recap

If you missed February's session, refer to the Arlington County Career Center student recording and editing at: <https://vimeo.com/155724007>

Please note that the facilities' microphones failed, so questions from the audience are difficult to hear.

Presentations: Department of Parks and Recreation Director, Jane Rudolph; Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee Chair, Sarah McKinley; and the Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution.

Express Lanes Proposal on I-395

The 395 Express Lanes project seeks to convert the existing two I-395 HOV lanes into three Express Lanes from Edsall Road – where the 95 Express Lanes end today – to the vicinity of Eads Street. The Lanes will operate just like the 95 Express Lanes in Northern Virginia. Carpoolers and sluggers with three or more people in the vehicle will continue to travel for free.

The project will:

- Add capacity on I-395 with addition of a third lane and active traffic management
- Generate guaranteed transit funding by dedicating a portion of annual toll revenue
- Support 1,500 jobs and generate more than \$500 million of economic activity

· Improve travel on regular lanes by taking more cars off the road

- Provide new travel choices by extending the toll option
- Avoid interchange construction except at Eads Street

The project partners today have a framework agreement on key project aspects. Much work remains before the project can be finalized including environmental, noise and traffic assessments; preliminary designs; and public information and comment sessions. It's critical for citizens to stay informed and understand how to provide input as the project develops.

Learn more about the project proposal:

<http://www.395expresslanes.com/>

100th Anniversary Gala

Last Call for 100th Anniversary Gala Tables
The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) will celebrate 100 years of civic activism and “The Arlington Way” on

Friday April 8, 2016

6:30-11:00 pm

Ballroom of the Rosslyn Holiday Inn

Our keynote speaker will be announced soon. Sharon Percy Rockefeller, CEO of WETA, will present a special historical award posthumously to Elizabeth Campbell, founder of Arlington's treasured public television station.

This is the last call to reserve your table. They are selling out fast.

Individual seats at \$40

Individual Friend \$100 (includes one seat)

Individual Sponsor \$250 (includes 2 seats)

Silver Sponsor \$1000 (includes 5 seats)

Gold Corporate Sponsorships are \$2,500 (includes 10 seats)

Friends and sponsors will be recognized in the commemorative Arlington County Civic Federation's 100th Anniversary Gala booklet. Proceeds will go to the 911 First Responders Scholarship Fund and a tree planting.

To confirm your table (or individual) reservation, please send checks to: Pat Spann, Treasurer Arlington County Civic Federation, 100th Anniversary Gala, P.O. Box 42091, Arlington, VA 22204.

With your reservation, please indicate the meal choice for each attendee. The entrée choices are chicken breast, baked fish, and a vegetarian pasta dish.

We are seeking paid reservations by February 29, 2016, in order to guarantee tables for what appears likely to be a sold-out event. This gala will feature a dance band by Manny Arciniega and will include celebrity speakers, the Sun Gazette Cup Award and other surprises.

The Federation Pitches in to Help Arlington's Poor During the Depression

Community Chest.” A number of community leaders were chosen to participate in this Citizens Relief Committee, including members of the Rosslyn Precinct Civic League, the Clarendon Citizens' Association, the Barcroft School and

The Great Depression that brought economic collapse and severe hardship for millions of Americans starting in 1929 reached its most dire state in 1933. Companies had gone bankrupt. Many people were out of work and struggling to survive. To help alleviate the suffering, Americans pulled together. Governments, businesses, churches and other private organizations, and countless individuals created jobs and provided basic necessities to help those in need.

Members of the Civic Federation and other Arlingtonians joined in this humanitarian effort. At the January 1933 meeting of the federation, members were told of a campaign to raise funds for the county's needy. Grover E. Payne, chairman of the federation's welfare committee, submitted a report outlining the proposed effort. He also introduced Charles Kincheloe, a leading county welfare official. Kincheloe talked about the county's work in this area and answered questions from the audience.

According to Payne's report, members of the county's Board of Public Welfare had decided to "conduct a drive for funds to meet the present emergency and to work out plans for a future

The goal was to raise \$12,000 in the last two weeks of January. The drive would be kicked off at a "Pep" dinner on January 14 in the Odd Fellows Hall in Clarendon. Prominent people would be invited to speak, and admission would be 50 cents. Other donations would be solicited from county businesses and professionals during the course of the fundraising effort.

According to E. J. Skidmore, chairman of the Board of Public Welfare, \$13,000 had been distributed in 1932, including \$4,000 in unemployment benefits. With only \$5,000 on hand, the board would not be able to keep pace with the demands of the coming year, which amounted to \$1,000 per month. The report noted that funds raised during the campaign would be distributed through Mae E. Jacobs, superintendent of public welfare, through a community chest she would supervise.

As the years passed, Arlington and the rest of the country gradually recovered from the Depression. What has persisted, though, is a legacy of working together and finding ways to help those in need.

Arlington County's Transit Development Plan (TDP) Comments Period Closes Friday, March 11

Draft recommendations available for public review and feedback. Arlington is developing its 10-year plan for bus service. This Transit Development Plan is analyzing service throughout the County and will recommend future improvements. The plan is also studying how to enhance bus service along Columbia Pike and in Crystal City-Pentagon City.

Draft recommendations 36 bus routes across Arlington are recommended for improvements during the next 10 years. Route-by-route details of the proposed improvements are listed below. Learn how to comment on this proposal in the next section.

- [Overview of Recommendations](#) – County-

I'd like to have a say in this plan. What can I do?

Fill out the online comment form – After reviewing the draft recommendations above, use the [comment form](#) to provide feedback on proposed route changes. The comment form will close March 11. [Also available in [Spanish](#)]

In-person feedback – Staff will be at locations to discuss the draft recommendations and collect feedback. Please stop by anytime during the hours shown to share your thoughts with a staff member.

- **Monday, Feb. 29** from 9 am to 12 pm:
Langston Browne Community Center,
main entrance ([2121 N. Culpeper St.,
Arlington, VA 22207](#))
- **Tuesday, March 1** from 5 to 8 pm:
Arlington Mill Community Center, entrance
on Columbia Pike and Room 527 ([909 S.
Dinwiddie St., Arlington, VA 22204](#))
- **Thursday, March 3** from 4 to 7 pm:
Pentagon City Metro, outside fare gates
([1250 S. Hayes St., Arlington, VA 22202](#))

wide recommendations and changes proposed for Columbia Pike and Crystal City-Pentagon City

- [ART Proposed Improvements](#) – Route-by-route details for ART bus service
- [Metrobus Proposed Improvements](#) – Route-by-route details for Metrobus service
- [Arlington System Map 2026](#) – What Arlington’s transit system would look like in 2026 with the proposed changes

If you have any questions or would like additional information about the events or how to provide feedback, please contact Laiza Otero, Community Strategy Consultant, Division of Transportation & Development, Arlington County Department of Environmental Services at lotero@arlingtonva.us or (703) 228-3115.

By-laws Committee Report on Proposed Amendment on Office / Executive Committee Term of Office

At the January Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) meeting, the Executive Committee presented a proposal to amend Article IV, Section 4 of the Civic Federation By-laws, which specify the term of office of Officers and Executive Committee members. The proposed amendment states:

Term of Office. Officers and Executive Committee members are elected to serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin on July 1 following their election at the annual meeting. The existing By-laws specify that the term of office begin at the close of the June annual meeting, at which elections are held (Article IV, §4 and Article 5, §2).

The Executive Committee said the proposed change to delay the start of Officer and Executive Committee terms until July 1 would:

- Provide for a smooth transition between the current and new Officers and Executive Committee;
- Give current officers adequate time to complete reports (e.g., June Civic Federation meeting minutes, treasurer’s yearend report) and turn records over to the new Officers and Executive Committee; and
- Allow the current Officers and Executive Committee to complete any unfinished business at the Executive Committee meeting following the June elections.

ACCF President Stef Pryor referred the proposed amendment to the By-laws Committee for review

The Committee believes the highlighted language is confusing because the By-laws specify that officers and Executive Committee members are elected only (1) at the June annual meeting (Article IV, §2), or (2) if a vacancy occurs in any office, except President (Article IV, §6). Article IV, §6 specifies that after a vacancy has occurred (e.g., the officer resigned), the Civic Federation shall elect a delegate/alternate to fill the office at the next regular meeting following the meeting at which the vacancy is announced. The delegate/alternate elected to fill the vacancy only serves for the remainder of the unexpired term (that is, until July 1).

The Committee’s proposed revision specifically clarifies this by replacing the language in the existing By-laws and proposed amendment with the following highlighted language: Term of Office. Officers and Executive Committee members are elected to serve for one year or, in the event of a vacancy, for the remainder of the unexpired term until their successors are elected. Their term of office shall begin on July 1 following their election at the annual meeting.

Requirements for Amending the ACCF By-laws
The ACCF By-laws (Article X) require that proposed amendments be submitted in writing at a regular Civic Federation meeting (January 5, 2016), but not voted on until the next regular meeting (February 2, 2016). In addition, Standing Rule 3 requires that the Civic Federation President refer “[a]ll new subject matter” (the proposed amendment) to the “appropriate standing committee” (By-laws Committee) for review. Standing Rule 3 also requires that the Committee submit a report on the proposed amendment at “the next general meeting.” Note that the rules were suspended on the February

as Standing Rule 3 requires. The By-laws Committee supports the proposed amendment for the reasons the Executive Committee provided. The By-laws Committee also supports the proposed amendment because it ensures the terms of Officers and Executive Committee members coincide with ACCF's fiscal year, which starts July 1 (ACCF By-laws, Article III, §7).

Proposed Revision to the By-laws Amendment
The By-laws Committee also proposes to revise the proposed amendment to clarify the length of Officer and Executive Committee terms. The existing By-laws specify that Officers and Executive Committee members are elected for a term of one year "or until their successors are elected" (Article IV, §4).

meeting per vote to allow for delay to a March vote.

After the By-laws Committee presents its report at the March 2, 2016, meeting, ACCF delegates must debate, revise and vote on the proposed amendment. Delegates must approve any revision of a proposed amendment by a majority vote (Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised – 11th Edition, §56, p. 570). However, the proposed amendment must be approved by two-thirds of the delegates present and voting in order to be adopted (Article X).

ACCF By-laws Committee

Jesse Boeding
Herschel Kanter
Terri Prell
Sarah Shortall
Erika Waxbom

Civic Federation Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2015 - 2016

Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of each month (except July, August, September, and November)

March 1: County Board, Car Free AtoZ, I-395 HOT lanes

April 5: School Board; Election of Nominating Committee

Friday, April 8: Civic Federation Award Banquet 100th Anniversary

Thursday, April 14: Arlington County Central Library Symposium 6:30pm- 8:30pm "Arlington— Past, Present and 100 Years into the Future"

May 3: Legislative Program

June 7: Election of Officers

September 6: County & State Candidates Night

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, February 7, 2016 to plan the agenda for March 1, 2016 general meeting and discuss future meetings. The Executive Committee will meet on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate and plan future meeting programs. The deadline for April newsletter articles is Thursday, March 17, 2016 due to the meeting date of Tuesday, April 5. Newsletters are published approximately one week prior to the meeting.

Parks & Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution passed by a vote of 63 for, 1 against, and 1 abstention at our February 2, 2016 meeting. A full copy of the report and final resolution were emailed to the County Board and County Manager, with a short presentation at the County Board meeting Saturday, February 20 during public comment period for new items. Various members of the County Board said that the timing worked because of the upcoming budget and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) public meetings.

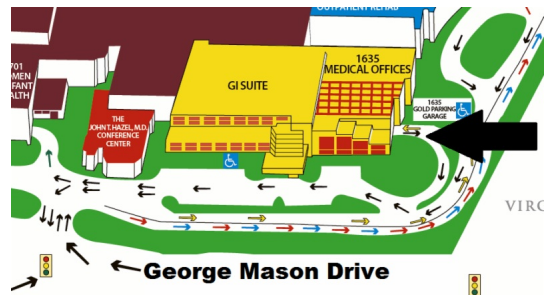
For a full copy of the report and resolution, refer to the Parks Committee site:

<http://www.civfed.org/committees/parks/>

Parking Reminder

For free parking, please use the GOLD lot, located under the 1635 Medical Offices. If you park in another color lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.

[Virginia Hospital Parking Map](#)



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 Stefanie Pryor at stefanie@civfed.org.

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CHAIRS NEEDED:
911 SCHOLARSHIPS
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HOUSING
LEGISLATION
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES

Arlington County Civic Federation Mission

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.