



June 7 Overview: Election, Environmental Sustainability, Transportation and Lee Highway

Stefanie Pryor

As always, we have many topics planned for our final general membership meeting. Refer to the article on page 3 for an overview of the Arlington County staff presentations for Environmental Sustainability Profile as organized by our Environmental Chair, John Seymour. Also refer to page 3 for an update from our nominating committee.

Jerry Auten, our Transportation Chair, will provide a short overview of the Transportation Development Plan (TDP). The deadline to submit the 2017-2021 to Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation rapidly approaches, but many questions and concerns remain. Refer to the TDP website for additional information: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/transportation/transit-development-plan/>

Ginger Brown, community volunteer for the Community Facilities Study and delegate from Waverly Hills, presents the latest on the [Lee Highway efforts](#).

Our Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) meeting Tuesday, June 7 completes our 2015-2016 sessions. No general membership meetings will be held in July or August. We resume for 2016-2017 on Tuesday, September 6 with Candidate's Night. **We will begin the evening at 7pm, September 6, 2016.**

If you missed last month's session with all 7 of our Virginia Delegates and Senators, Revenues & Expenditures Committee Resolution on General Fund Available Balance Allocation, Arlington County staff's Open Air Markets, watch it at: <https://vimeo.com/167799219>

Thank you to Arlington County Career Center (ACCC) students Flor Cáceres-Godoy and Kiyam Muainudeen for filming, with oversight provided by advisors Tom O'Day and Duane Lomis.

GENERAL MEETING NOTICE

Tuesday, June 7, 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 Election
- 7:50 Arlington County Environmental Sustainability Profile
- 9:00 Transportation Development Plan
- 9:10 Lee Highway Alliance
- 9:30 Old/New Business
- 9:35 Adjourn

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Dues for 2016-2017

Pat Spann

Yearly membership organization fees for the 2016-2017 voting due this summer by July 1. Fees remain \$50. Please send checks to address in the box on the right or pay online via PayPal. If any questions or you need an invoice, contact treasurer@civfed.org and membership@civfed.org.

Please also provide updated delegate and alternate lists. Up to 4 delegates plus an additional 4 alternates may be named. During meetings, only 4 people may vote on behalf of organization; however all 8 are eligible to ask questions. With our full agendas, delegates and alternates receive first priority. If time remains, the floor is opened for the general public. Organizations must have a minimum of 20 members.

Financial report will be reviewed over the summer by our Audit Chair, Jay Jacob Wind.

Executive Committee

Jesse Boeding

The Executive Committee met on Sunday, May 8, 2016 to plan the agenda for the June 7, 2016 general meeting and discuss future meetings. **In particular, meeting start times will shift to 7pm for the 2016-2017 year for general membership meetings.** With students providing recording assistance, as well as witnessing dwindling audiences after 9pm in the auditorium, a majority of Executive Committee members agreed to the time shift.

The Executive Committee will meet on **Sunday, June 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m.** at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate and plan future meeting programs. Please note the earlier start time for Executive Committee meetings effective June.

The deadline for newsletter articles is Thursday, August 25, 2016 due to the meeting date of Tuesday, September 6. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

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Summer Hiatus—Partially

Stefanie Pryor

Although the general membership does not meet over the summer, work continues.

Committee chairs should complete yearly reports for submission and posting to the website during the summer hiatus. Per our bylaws, reports shall include a listing of participants on the committee during the year. Committee chairs are required to be delegates or alternates, however, committee members may be general public and have no such restriction. The flexibility allows folks from a wide range of interests and expertise to participate. Also, if your organization chooses not to pay dues for Arlington County Civic Federation full membership, you can still participate in these committees. ACCF runs on volunteers and provides many options for levels of involvement.

The new group of Executive Committee members plan agendas and speakers for the upcoming 2016-2017 year. If you have suggestions, please send them to president@civfed.org.

Per requests from multiple folks, we will be hosting a session on bylaws and Robert's Rules in July. Information will be distributed later in June. Refer to our website for a listing of various organizations' bylaws and helpful hints: <http://www.civfed.org/bylaw.htm>. Use this summer to review your existing bylaws and learn how you can make them better.

Environmental Sustainability Profile Presentation

John Seymour

Representatives from the County's Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management will present June 7th on Environmental Sustainability in Arlington. The panel members are: Jeff Harn, Chief of the Office; Joan Kelsch, Green Buildings Program Manager; Richard Dooley, Community Energy Coordinator; Aileen Winqvist, Watershed Outreach Program Manager; Mary Strawn, Water Pollution Control Plant; and Shani Kruljac, Solid Waste Bureau.

The Panel will discuss challenges and progress in achieving environmental sustainability in the program areas of solid waste, storm water management, wastewater treatment, and energy conservation. Given Arlington's projected growth over the next 25 years (from 216,000 residents to more than 280,000), limited land area, and increasingly stringent regulations, environmental issues will continue to present major technical and budgetary challenges.

Arlington's solid waste initiatives promote sustainability in waste management through investments in waste-to-energy infrastructure, efficient recycling of many of Arlington's waste streams, and waste minimization. Stormwater compliance faces an aging infrastructure, increasing numbers of stormwater facilities from private development, severe and continuing erosion of local streams, and strengthened requirements for preservation of the Chesapeake Bay and local water quality standards. To reduce stormwater runoff and improve its quality, Arlington is continuing to invest heavily in storm water treatment measures through sewer system improvements, flood projects, stream restorations, and watershed retrofits, among other initiatives.

Energy conservation efforts are directed at mitigating the impacts of global climate change and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Arlington's programs to promote energy conservation and reduce air pollution include investments to promote energy efficiencies in both residential and non-residential structures, renewable energy

sources, the expansion of Arlington's transportation infrastructure, and educating Arlington residents on ways to reduce energy usage.

Nominating Committee

Dennis Gerrity

Per bylaws, The nominees for office and for the Executive Committee shall be delegates or alternate delegates of the Federation and shall maintain the status of delegate or alternate delegate during their term of service. The Nominating Committee shall submit its report in writing to all the delegates through the newsletter, or by other appropriate means, and shall report at the annual meeting in June, at which time nominations from the floor shall be permitted with the consent of the nominee.

The current officers, Stefanie Pryor, Duke Banks, Pat Spann and I, are willing to serve for 2016-2017. As of publication, no additional officer candidates have expressed interest.

At least two Executive Committee members will be stepping down for other projects, Lois Koontz and Alyssa Cowden. We thank them for their service.

As of publication, we still have multiple people weighing volunteer obligations and whether they can serve. The Executive Committee is made up of 5 delegates or alternates, in addition to the officers.

Nominating committee members: Stan Karston, Michael Beer, Kelly Alexis and Amy Levin.

Fire Station #8 Report

Terri Prell

The Task force on Fire Station #8 final report available this week at :

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/fire-station-8-task-force/>

The final vote was 8 ,3, 1 to keep the station at its current location. The 2 dominate reasons for the location was density and historical significance.

Arlington County Blue Ribbon Panel: Request for Input by July 1

Various civic leaders received a letter from the Arlington County Board regarding the Blue Ribbon Panel on Strategic Priorities.

At the July 2016 County Board meeting, they will consider implementation and appointment of any members. [View the Board discussion on this motion](#). (The discussion begins at 34:10.)

In order to guide the feedback, they provide specific questions, although other comments are welcome. The Board requests public comment at <http://commissions.arlingtonva.us/strategic-priorities-for-arlington-blue-ribbon-panel-charge/>. Comments should be received no later than July 1, 2016.

The questions are:

1. Which tasks described in the Charge cause concern to, or require further clarification for your Commission/organization? Are there any tasks with which you are already comfortable or supportive? Are there any tasks you would add?
2. What elements or questions would you recommend be incorporated in the Panel's report to the County Board? Are there other deliverables that you think the Panel should generate?
3. What additional guidance (not formally part of the Charge) would you like the Panel to consider? For example, what forms of engagement would you like Panel to pursue with your Commission? With the general public?

Accessory Dwelling Revisited

Martha Moore

In 2008, the County Board voted to revise the Arlington County Zoning Ordinance to allow Accessory Dwellings ("ADs"), which are apartments on lots zoned for one family. The Board approved interior ADs in basements and in additions to the house, but rejected exterior ADs in standalone accessory buildings such as detached garages.

Since 2008, relatively few ADs have been added to Arlington's housing stock, mostly due to construction rules such as the 750 SQFT size limit and requirements for separate utilities.

Now there is a new impetus to build ADs, in part driven by the inclusion of ADs in the recently-adopted Affordable Housing Master Plan — and calls to loosen the rules for interior ADs. In addition, there is renewed interest in allowing exterior ADs.

In 2008, the ACCF captured neighborhood interest in allowing ADs via a survey completed by ACCF delegates and the public. The ACCF's Planning & Zoning Committee invites delegates and others to join a P&Z SubCommittee that will develop a 2016 Accessory Dwelling Survey, which will revisit the 2008 considerations and propose some new ideas. Survey work will begin this Summer in order to be completed in early Fall so it can be part of a Housing Division report.

Please let your organizations know about this effort. Email martha@civfed.org for more information and to join the survey working group.

**The Arlington Partnership for
Children, Youth & Families:
Schools, Schools Resource Officers
(SRO), and You Community Forum
6pm, Wednesday, June 8 at Central
Library Auditorium**

- What are School Resource Officers and why are they in schools?
- Are they like other police officers and are they in every school?
- What are parents' and students' rights when interacting with School Resource Officers?

Panels include School Administrators, SRO, Commonwealth Attorney's Office, Public Defender's Office, parents, and students. Refer to www.apcyf.org for more information.

Parking Reminder

Remember to park in the GOLD LOT . On nights of the Civic Federation meeting, the gates of the GOLD Parking lot, which is located under the 1635 Medical Offices, will be open and there is no charge for parking. If you use another lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.



Gulf Branch Birthday Events

Duke Banks

A Symposium is planned for Thursday, June 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Library auditorium to provide an overview of Gulf Branch's contribution to Arlington

The Birthday celebration will be held on the actual anniversary day—Sunday, June 12th, from 1:00–4:00 p.m. at Gulf Branch Nature Center, 3608 Military Road, Arlington, VA 22207. Come witness demonstrations by the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia (include live owls, hawks, and falcons); blue grass music; Native American groups; the Blacksmiths' Guild of the Potomac showing their skills at the forge; and a free Birthday Cake! The exhibit at the Library will be transferred to the Nature Center for the festivities, plus proclamations by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the County Board will be available for review.

We encourage all Civic Federation delegates to come to the festivities. For the latest updates, check out [Friends of Gulf Branch Nature Center web page](#), and [FOGBNC Facebook page](#).

Revenues & Expenditures Committee Resolution on General Fund Available Balances Allocations

The Revenues & Expenditures Committee Resolution received only minor adjustment before passing 22 to 13 on May 7. For the committee report and final resolution, refer to: <http://www.civfed.org/committees/revenues-and-expenditures/>

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board to annually **CONSIDER SETTING** aside a fair and reasonable amount of any surplus for the reduction of real estate taxes. (Using the \$21.8 million FY2015 closeout balance as an example, an allotment of approximately \$7 million for tax relief would have allowed roughly a 1-cent reduction in the real estate tax rate.)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Arlington County Civic Federation urges that any apportionment of any annual available balance be subject to a transparent and robust public process, including written proposals by the County Manager sufficiently in advance of any final decision, one or more public hearings before the County Board and adequate opportunity for written comment, and final decision by the County Board at one of its monthly meetings.

Arlington During World War II: The Federation Comes to the Defense of Milk Consumers

Anthony Toth

In Arlington, people called it “the emergency.” America went to war in 1941, and until World War II ended four years later, daily life was transformed in ways large and small. Soldiers were called up and sent to the front lines. The economy was re-g geared to support the war effort. There was rationing and new security measures on the home front.

Every household in the county was touched. In some cases, families struggled. The armed forces needed the county’s able-bodied adults, some of whom perished during the conflict. In Arlington, the military bureaucracies at the Pentagon and the Army’s code-breaking facility at Arlington Hall drew in countless others. Often the economic constraints brought hardship. Cupboards were not so full; dinner tables bore simpler fare.

Authorities rationed many items, including dairy products such as butter, cheese and canned milk. This put pressures on both producers and consumers, and a dispute over the price of milk began to brew in 1942. Some producers wanted to raise prices. Consumers, feeling pinched as it was, had their concerns represented by the Federation.

The Virginia Milk Commission, which regulates the industry, held a hearing in Alexandria 1942 so that both sides could air their views. A representative for some local producers requested that milk prices be raised in order to shore up falling profits. He noted that the county’s population was 73,000, with average milk consumption at 1 pint per person per day. Even though demand for milk was rising, the representative said, production costs were also going up.

A number of people spoke in opposition to the price increase, including Mr. G. P. Sanders, representing the Federation. In a summary of the meeting, Sanders wrote that it was the Fed-

eration’s view that “any further increases in retail prices of milk at this time would be unjustified and would be harmful to the best interests and welfare of the public.”

The matter involved months of discussions, and another meeting of the commission was scheduled for January 8, 1943. At its January 5 meeting, federation members sensed the urgency of acting quickly in order that their views be presented at the upcoming commission meeting. Consequently, Federation members unanimously adopted a lengthy resolution outlining their opposition to the price increase. One reason was that a change “may curtail the consumption of milk by those who cannot afford higher prices and will contribute to inflation, thereby seriously affecting the war effort of the United States of America and her Allies.

The citizens of Arlington did more than their fair share to support the war effort. In order to represent the interests of the citizens, especially those in the most need, the Federation was a voice speaking energetically on their behalf during this great national emergency, at least when it came to the price of milk.

Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV)

Arlington County’s latest study area encompasses the Four Mile Run Valley (4MRV) with its wide-ranging uses via parks, commercial, and residential. The proposed study encompasses approximately 95 acres. Areas include range from heavy industrial, service commercial and public services to Jennie Dean Park, Nauck Town Square, and Shirlington Park, Shirlington Dog Park. Please review and provide feedback.

<https://projects.arlingtonva.us/plans-studies/four-mile-run-valley/4mrv-about-the-area/>

Civic Federation Meetings Schedule and Programs for 2015 - 2016

June 7: Election of officers and Executive Committee; Environmental Sustainability, Transit Development Plan, Lee Highway Alliance Update

July TBD: Bylaws and Robert's Rules Training Event

2016 - 2017

Meeting Start Times Shift to 7pm

September 6: Candidates' Night

October 4

November 1

November 8: Election Day

December 6

January 3

February 7

March 7

April 4

May 2

June 6

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.

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

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Jesse Boeding	jesse@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at Dec 2015 Membership Mtg	See listing in newsletter
Audit	Jay Wind	Jay@civfed.org
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	sarah@civfed.org
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Cultural Affairs	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Emergency	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	John Seymour	john@civfed.org
Housing	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Legislation	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Membership	Chair needed	membership@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Chair(s) needed	TBD
Nominating	Elected at April 2016 Membership Mtg	See listing in newsletter
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Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore	martha@civfed.org
Public Services	Jackie Snelling (POC)	jackie@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Chair(s) needed,	TBD
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Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org