



Minutes – January 3, 2017 ACCF Membership Meeting

Federation President Stefanie Pryor called the meeting to order at 7:41 PM in the Arlington County Boardroom. President Pryor led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. A revised version of the meeting agenda was approved. The December 6, 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

February 2017 Membership Meeting: President Pryor announced that the February 7, 2017 Membership Meeting will be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Treasurer's Report: President Pryor announced on behalf of Treasurer Pat Spann that the Federation had balances of \$7,447.33 in its checking account and \$20,872.48 in its savings account as of 12-28-2016.

New Delegates: President Pryor welcomed new delegates Angelo Collins and Nick Pastore, both representatives of the Bluemont Civic Association.

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: President Pryor thanked Career Center students Flor Caceres-Godoy, Rudy Henriquez, Alex Pageotte, and Christian Porter and their Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for participating in livestreaming and making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

Awards Committee: Peter Olivere of Glencarlyn moved that Michael Beer, Connie Ericson, Mileva Hartman, Martha Moore, and Sarah Shortall be elected as members of the 2017 Awards Committee. Mr. Olivere's motion was seconded and approved without exception.

John Moran: President Pryor announced that John Moran, long-serving President of Foxcroft Heights, passed away just before the new year. In accord with his wishes, no memorial or funeral service will be held.

County Board Program County Board members Jay Fisette (Chair), Katie Cristol (Vice Chair), Christian Dorsey, Libby Garvey and John Vihstadt gave brief presentations on their priorities for 2017 and answered questions submitted by the Federation on the following topics: the shortage of land available for public use, paying for schools with community benefits generated by real estate development, the ART bus system, affordable housing ownership, and liability insurance for civic associations. County Board members then answered questions and commented on observations and recommendations from delegates and alternates such as current commercial vacancy rates becoming the "new normal"; the need for conflict resolution regarding competing uses of parks and recreation facilities; planning for the effects of reductions in the size of the federal government, particularly the Pentagon, on real estate values in Arlington; pocket parks; using vacant commercial buildings for schools and county administrative offices; improving communication between the county and neighborhoods on needs and the feasibility of satisfying them; making the planning and NCAC processes more flexible so that they can deal with unforeseen opportunities and needs; money for NCAC projects; confusing NCAC plans with sector plans; land not money from VHC for the Edison property; and a moratorium on creating impermeable surfaces in the county.

Accessory Dwellings: Planning & Zoning Committee Chair Martha Moore gave an update on the work of the Accessory Dwelling (AD) Committee. Ms. Moore explained that this committee exists because the Federation approved a resolution supporting Arlington County's Affordable Housing Master Plan and the Affordable Housing Master Plan recommends accessory dwellings to increase the supply of affordable housing. The Accessory Dwelling Committee will have its third meeting on January 29. The meeting will focus on regulatory barriers to interior and exterior accessory dwellings.

Medical Marijuana Resolution: President Pryor reviewed red-lined revisions of the revised Medical Marijuana Resolution introduced and recommended for adoption by the Legislative Committee at the December 6, 2016 Membership meeting. Delegates spoke in favor of and against the resolution. Ms. Sarah Shortall moved that the revised version of the revised resolution presented at this meeting be approved. Ms. Shortall's motion was seconded and then approved by a vote 50 to 1 with 4 abstentions.

Announcements

- The next Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, February 7, 2017, in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center.
- The next Executive Committee will be held at 6:30 PM on Sunday, January 8, 2016, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, January 26, is the deadline to submit material for the February newsletter.
- Legislative Delegation Public Hearing: Senators Favola (31st), Adam Ebbin (30th District), and Janet Howell (32nd District) and Delegates Patrick Hope (47th District), Alfonso Lopez (49th District), Rip Sullivan (48th District), and Mark Levine (45th District) will be taking suggestions for issues to be considered during 2017 Session in Richmond from 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM on Thursday, January 5, in the County Boardroom at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300.
- Martin Luther King Day: There will a 2017 Tribute to Doctor King from 5 PM to 6:30 PM on Saturday, January 15, at Wakefield High School at 1325 S Dinwiddie St featuring live music from longtime Cotton Club of New York singer Helen Slade, alumni from the Duke Ellington School for the Performing Arts Show Choir, and performances from local talent including poet, musician and arts educator Anne Smith, the Kingdom Fellow Church's Worship Without Words Mime Ministry and poet Kim B. Miller. For more information visit www.mlktribute.org.
- Arlington Neighborhood College: The Spring 2017 session of the Arlington Neighborhood College program will begin on March 16 and continue for eight weeks until May 4. For more information visit <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/neighborhood-conservation/college/neighborhood-college-2017> or call Jeffrey Liteman at 703 575-4412.

President Pryor adjourned the meeting at 9:41 PM.
Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary