



**Minutes April 4, 2017
ACCF Membership Meeting**

Federation President Pryor called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. President Pryor led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the March 3, 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

May 2017 Membership Meeting: President Pryor announced that the May 2, 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 \$6,040.06 in its checking account and \$20,874.56 in its savings account as of April 1, 2017.

New Delegate: Vice President Banks welcomed new delegate John Tuohy of Waverly Hills.

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: President Pryor thanked Career Center students Rudy Henriquez and Christian Porter and their Career Center instructor Tom O'Day, for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

2017 Annual Banquet: President Pryor reminded the meeting that the 2017 ACCF Annual Banquet will be held on Friday April 7th from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn. Guest Speakers are Robert Thomson, Doctor Gridlock, of the Washington Post, and Emeka Monome, Deputy Executive Director of the Federal City Council.

Nominating Committee: Laura Cooke, Dennis Gerrity and Sarah Shortall were approved unanimously as members of the Nominating Committee for 2017-2018 Federation officers and Executive Committee members. President Pryor asked for volunteers to fill two vacant seats on this committee.

Joint Facilities Advisory Committee: Greg Greely, Vice Chair of the Joint Facilities Advisory Committee (JFAC), gave a presentation on JFAC and its responsibilities. Comments and questions from delegates, and alternates directed to Mr. Greeley included the following: the need for balance in considering competing demands for land use; what uses are being considered for the Carlyn Springs property? What are the criteria for the use determination process? The process for considering individual projects should be based on a county-wide perspective; A recommendation that the county take an "opportunistic" approach to the purchase of land for parks; Should JFAC be involved in APS land-use decisions that have significant impact on traffic?; How do county land-use policies get factored into JFAC's use determination process? Will the lack of parkland and recreation facilities in Rosslyn be factored into JFAC's use determination processes; is population growth in the county be the result of county policy or is it organic? Will JFAC have any input on the use of roofs as parkland? Where will JFAC find land for new APS facilities without taking existing parkland?

Multi-Family Residential Parking: James Schroll, chair of the Multi-Family Residential Parking Working Group, gave an overview of the working group and provided a summary of its recommendations. Mr. Schroll was asked to address concerns of citizens that variances given to new buildings would underpark these buildings and their residents would park in nearby neighborhoods with single-family housing. Mr. Schroll with the assistance of Stephen Crim, Parking Planner for Arlington County, answered questions about outreach to citizens on a forthcoming review of the Residential Permit Parking Program; how comprehensive was the working group's survey on the demand for parking in new buildings; options or lack thereof for shared off-site parking; the effect of unbundling on utilization rates in garages buildings with affordable housing; the effects on parking when commitments to affordable housing expired. [A motion to extend by five minutes the time available for questions on this agenda item was approved without exception.]

Solid Waste Program: Mary Strawn, Chief Engineer at the Arlington Water Treatment Facility, gave a presentation on proposed improvements for Arlington's Solid Waste Program. Comments and questions from delegates, and alternates directed to Ms. Strawn included the following: were there plans to upgrade the treatment of fat, oils and grease to produce a product that could be used for bio-diesel? What would be the impact of improvements on local air quality? What would be the effect of flaring of gas on operations at National Airport? What is the status of flooding issues at the water treatment plant? What safety measures will be in effect if the water treatment plant produces and stores methane gas on site? Where are the financials for these improvements and do they include cost of cleaning and storing methane gas?

Revenues and Expenditures Committee: Burt Bostwick and Suzanne Sundburg, R&E Committee members, reported on the Committee's revised FY2018 Tax-Rate resolution, first presented at the March 3, 2017 ACCF meeting, stating in relevant part: *Therefore be it resolved that the Arlington County Civic Federation:*

1. *Urges the Arlington County Board to adopt a maximum property tax rate of \$0.991 per \$100 of assessed value, the same rate as in FY 2017;*
2. *Urges the County Board and County Manager to utilize surplus balances to fund additional needs in the FY 2018 budget; and*
3. *Urges the County Board to seek revisions in state legislation to increase flexibility in the permitted uses of Transportation Capital Fund revenues to include metro funding.*

Delegates and alternates made comments and asked questions on the resolution. Peter Olivere offered a friendly amendment to correct the first whereas to read 17%. Mr. Bostwick accepted Mr. Olivere's amendment. Michael Rollin offered a friendly amendment to insert the following language in the therefore section of the resolution: "absent contrary compelling reasons from the county". Mr. Bostwick accepted Mr. Rollin's amendment. A vote was called for and seconded. Delegates then approved the R&E Committee's resolution, as revised, by a vote 30 to 9 with 5 abstentions.

Announcements

- The next Membership Meeting will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The tentative agenda for this meeting is: Community Energy Plan; Complete Streets; Organizing and Insuring Nonprofit Organizations; R&E Retirement Resolution Discussion and Vote
- The next Executive Committee will be held at 6:30 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2017, at the fire station at 4805 Wilson Blvd.
- Thursday, April 20, is the deadline to submit material for the May newsletter.
- The Committee of 100 will hold a County Board Candidates Forum on April 12 at Marymount University in the Phelan Hall Dining Room, 2807 N. Glebe Road. There will a Meet & Greet at 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 7:25 PM. The Candidates Program will begin 8:00 PM.
- The Columbia Pike Presidents Group will host a School Board Candidates debate at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 19, 2017.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary

**Draft Agenda
ACCF Membership Meeting
April 4, 2017**

- 7:00 Meeting called to order
- 7:05 Nominating Committee Election
- 7:10 JFAC Greg Greeley– 20 presentation, 20 for Q&A
- 7:50 Residential Parking James Schroll – 5 presentation, 10 for Q&A
- 8:05 Solid Waste Disposal Mary Strawn – 10 presentation, 15 for Q&A
- 8:30 R&E Report and Vote on FY2018 Tax-Rate– 10 presentation, 10 for Q&A
- 8:55 New Business
- 9:00 Adjourn

**Treasurer's Report
ACCF Membership Meeting
Account Balances as of 4-1-2017**

Checking Account Balance -- \$6,040.06

Savings Account Balance -- \$20,874.56