

Approved Minutes April 3, 2018
ACCF Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Federation President Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda and the March 6, 2018 Membership Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

April Executive Meeting: President Banks announced that the April Executive Committee Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on April 8 at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

May 2018 Membership Meeting: President Banks announced that the May 1, 2018 Membership Meeting will be held in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting's highlights will be a discussion and vote on the Legislative Committee's ERA resolution and a presentation on Government Transparency.

Treasurer's Report: President Banks announced on behalf of Treasurer Sarah Shortall that the February Treasurer's report was available on the back page of the draft minutes of the March Membership Meeting. The balances in the Federation's checking account was \$11,873.20 and its saving account was \$18,620.51 as of March 31, 2018.

Member Organizations All-Stars: President Banks announced that the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present at the March Membership Meeting: Arlington Heights Civic Association, Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association, Bluemont Civic Association, Arlington Heights Civic Association, Ashton Heights Civic Association, Barcroft School and Civic League, Bluemont Civic Association, Boulevard Manor Civic Association, Columbia Heights Civic Association, Douglas Park Civic Association, Dover Crystal Citizens Association, Friends of Arlington Parks, Glencarlyn Citizens Association, Madison Manor Citizens Association, Maywood Community Association, North Rosslyn Civic Association, Waverly Hills Civic Association, Williamsburg Civic Association, and the Yorktown Civic Association.

100% Attendance All Stars: President Banks announced that the following member organizations have had representatives at every Membership Meeting since September 2017: American Association of University Women, Arlington Educational Association, Arlington Ridge Civic Association, Barcroft School & Civic League, Bluemont Civic Association, Boulevard Manor Civic Association, Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association, Colonial Village III Condominium, Columbia Heights Civic Association, Douglas Park Civic Association, Dover-Crystal Civic Association, Glencarlyn Civic Association, League of Women Voters, Maywood Civic Association, North Rosslyn Civic Association, Waverly Hills Civic Association, Williamsburg Civic Association, and the Yorktown Civic Association.

New Delegate: President Banks welcomed new delegate James Wright representing the Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association.

Membership Meeting Dates: President Banks said there had been informal discussion with the Virginia Hospital Center, and there appears to be some flexibility on what days of the month CivFed could use the Hazel Auditorium for Membership Meetings.

2018 Annual Civic Federation Banquet: President Banks reminded the meeting to save the date – May 4, 2018. CivFed's 2018 Annual Banquet will feature Alan Ehrenhalt. Former Executive Editor, Governing Magazine; Michelle Winters, Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions; and Peter Rousselot, Columnist of the ARLNow opinion column, "Peter's Take." President Banks promised that there will be a lively conversation on the theme of Arlington's Growth Express -Still on track...or off the rails?

Career Center Video recording of this Meeting: President Banks thanked Career Center students Georgia Blanchard and Seb Duall; Career Center TV production teacher assistant Bryan Kaplan; and Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

Suspension of the Rules: A motion was made, seconded and approved to suspend the Federation’s Standing Rules to allow delegates and alternates to ask a second question taking 15 seconds or less if they completed their first question was within 30 seconds or less and to open the floor to questions from the public. Presenters will have 2 minutes to answer questions.

Joint Meetings of the County Manager and Civic Federation President with Presidents of Civic and Condominium Associations: President Banks reported on three meetings in March the County Manager and Civic Federation President had with Presidents of Civic and Condominium Associations that explored strategies to promote more diversity and participation in civic associations, County public processes, and in CivFed’s delegate ranks. He said ExCom members Eric Berkey, Nicole Merlene and Matt Wavro also participated at some of these meetings, which he described these meetings as very positive experiences.

Other Public Engagement Efforts: President Banks reported that CivFed is collaborating with GW graduate students on how to better engage with Millennials. Sarah Blanco, a George Washington University graduate student, gave a brief report on a Master’s Degree project she and a group of her fellow students are doing a on “millennial participation in public engagement in Arlington” They are specifically interested in learning about (1) what types of strategies are used by community organizations to attract and retain millennial participants; and (2) the characteristics of millennials who are actively engaged in community organizations.

Presentation on Housing for the “Missing Middle”: Michelle Winters, Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions, gave a presentation on Housing for the “Missing Middle”. Delegates and alternates asked the following questions: what effective does the cost of providing parking required by Arlington County have on the supply of housing for the “Missing Middle”? What determines the income levels of those who can live in “Missing Middle” housing? What needs to be done to get “Missing Middle” housing built in the Lee Hwy. corridor? Should advocacy for “Missing Middle” housing be on a case by case basis or for changes in the county’s zoning ordinance? Could property owners “by-right” options be expanded to include “Missing Middle” types of housing? Are there changes in the zoning ordinance and planning regulations that would encourage developers to build more units rather than larger units?

Presentation on Housing Conservation Districts: Eric Brescia, chairman of the Civic Federation’s Housing Committee and a member the Arlington County Housing Commission, gave a presentation on a new Arlington County policy process that has created twelve Housing Conservation Districts. Delegates and alternates asked the following questions: What effect will Housing Conservation Districts have on the cost of housing elsewhere in the County? How will Housing Conservation Districts affect the tax base in the County? Will Housing Conservation Districts shift tax burden to existing residential property owners? Are property owners in the twelve Housing Conservation Districts planning to ask the courts to stop the implementation of the County’s plans for Housing Conservation Districts? Where does Arlington’s AHIF program fit in the implementation of the County’s plans for Housing Conservation Districts? Was the German approach to housing conservation districts applicable to Arlington efforts?

FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution: Burt Bostwick, a delegate representing the Old Glebe Civic Association, and Suzanne Sundberg, a delegate representing Organized Women Voters, and both members of the Revenues and Expenditures Committee, gave a report on a Real Estate Tax-Rate Resolution for FY2019 prepared by the Revenues & Expenditures Committee which states in relevant part that *the Arlington County Civic Federation supports the County Manager’s recommendation for keeping the tax rate at the present level and the Board’s vote to cap the advertised rate at the present level; and, it encourages the County Board, the County Manager and County staff to continue efforts to prioritize core needs and identify savings ideas.*

Comments and Questions on the FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution: Mr. Bostwick was asked to comment on the positive features of the FY2019 budget; the effect of the commercial office building vacancy rate on the budget; Amazon’s possible move of some of its operations into the County; the effect of changes in Federal Tax law on Arlington County property values and property tax receipts

Vote on FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution: Mr. Banks moved the vote on the resolution. The vote was as follows: 50 ayes, 1 nay, and 1 abstention.

Announcements

NCAC: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on April 12 in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Blvd.

Transportation Commission: The Transportation Commission's February meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4 starting 7:30 p.m. in Room 307 at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's February meeting will be held on Monday, April 9, starting 6:15 p.m. in Room 307 at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. The Commission's Carryover Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, starting at 6:45 p.m.

Housing Commission: The Housing Commission's February meeting will be held on Thursday, April 12 starting 7:00 p.m. in Room 715 at 2100 Clarendon Boulevard.

Arlington County Board: The County Board's April meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21, starting 8:30 a.m. The Board Recessed Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 24, starting at 3:00 p.m.

Parks and Recreation Commission: The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold a meeting starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 24, in the Azalea Room in 2100 Clarendon Blvd.

April Executive Committee Meeting: The CivFed November Executive Committee Meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 on Sunday, April 8, in the community room of Fire Station 2 located at 4805 Wilson Blvd. Committee chairs, delegates and alternates are welcome to attend.

FY19 Budget & Tax Rate Hearings: Tuesday, Apr. 3 and Thursday, Apr. 5 (both at 7:00 p.m.) – The County Board will be meeting at 7:00 PM on April 3 to hear citizens' thoughts on the FY19 proposed budget and again on April 5 to discuss tax rates. The County Board and the County Manger will have work sessions on the FY2019 Budget at 3 PM on both April 3 and 5; at 9 AM on April 6; at 2:30 PM on April 10; and at 5PM on April 19. All these meetings will be held in the County Board Room of the Court House Plaza building (2100 Clarendon Blvd. rm. 307). The County Board has scheduled work sessions with the County Manager on April 3,6,10 and 19.

May Newsletter: The deadline for May newsletter articles is Thursday, April 19. Newsletters are published approximately one week before the meeting.

Old Business:

Modernizing ACCF Governance: Matt Wavro, Chair of the Bylaws and Incorporation Subcommittee and a delegate representing Arlington Heights, reported that the Bylaws Subcommittee was working on both documents and would consider all amendments to the current bylaws. Mr. Wavro said he hoped to have draft versions ready for the membership's consideration by the May Membership Meeting.

Update on ERA Resolution: Don Gurney, a delegate representing the League of Women Voters and a member of CivFed's Legislative Committee, reported that the Legislative Committee met on March 25 and agreed on a final draft of its ERA Resolution and this final draft appeared in the April edition of the *Civic Voice*. Mr. Gurney said that the Legislative Committee had organized a panel of three experts to provide background and advice and answer questions on the resolution. The panel members are Pat Fishback, League of Women Voters; Kati Hornung, VARatifyERA; and Charlie Schmidt, Virginia ACLU.

North Highlands Boundary Change: After discussion, the Membership Committee decided to postpone until the May Membership Meeting submitting boundary changes proposed by the North Highlands because of objections raised by the Lyon Hill Homeowners Association.

New Business:

Emergency Resolution of the Legislation Committee on HB 1204 (Golf Course Resolution): Don Gurney, a delegate representing the League of Women Voters and a member of CivFed's Legislation Committee, introduced and gave a report on an emergency resolution prepared by the Legislation Committee on HB 1204 (Golf Course Resolution) which states in relevant part that *the ACCF urges Governor Northam to veto HB 1204.*

Discussion and Vote on the Existence of an Emergency: President Banks explained that the Legislation Committee had asked for an immediate vote on this resolution rather than following CivFed's normal procedure for resolutions by introducing it at one meeting so that it could be referred to relevant committees and then reported out for a vote on it at the following meeting. President Banks said that if delegates decided by a vote that an emergency situation did exist, then they could vote on the merits of the resolution at this meeting. Delegates and alternates made comments and arguments on whether an emergency did or did not exist. Peter Olivere, a delegate representing Glen Carlyn, called the question. There were 32 ayes and 7 nays on halting debate on the existence of an emergency. Debate was halted. Delegates then voted 28 to 12 that an emergency did exist.

Discussion and Vote on a Resolution on HB 1204 (Golf Course Resolution): Delegates and alternates made comments and arguments in favor of and against a Resolution on HB 1204. David Hughes, a delegate representing Bluemont, called the question. There were 32 ayes and 4 nays on halting debate on the resolution. Debate was halted. Mr. Banks moved the vote on the resolution. The vote was as follows: 27 ayes, 13 nays, and 5 abstentions. The resolution was approved. President Banks said the resolution would be distributed to the Arlington County Board, state delegates and senators representing Arlington in the Virginia Legislature, and Governor Northam

Nominating Committee: President Banks offered the names of Eric Berkey, Eric Brescia, Nicole Merlene, Scott Pedowitz, and Sarah Shortall as members the Nominating Committee for Executive Committee members and Federation Officers for the 2018-2019 year. They were approved by a voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity, Secretary

**March 1-31, 2018
ACCF Treasurer's Report**

Checking

Beginning balance 3-1-2018		\$ 9,459.91
Deposits		\$ 3,639.23
2017-18 Dues:		
Checks	\$.00	
2018 Banquet:		
Checks:	\$ 1,615.00	
PayPal*	<u>\$ 2,024.23</u>	
	\$ 3,639.23	
Expenses/Payments		\$ 1,225.94
Administrative:		
Constant Contact	\$ 66.50	
2017 internet services	\$ 263.86	
2017 Constant Contact	\$ 517.75	
Pizza (Career Center)	<u>\$ 21.98</u>	
	\$ 870.09	
2018 Banquet:		
Invitations	<u>\$ 355.85</u>	
	\$ 355.85	
Ending balance 3-31-2018		\$ 11,873.20

Savings

Beginning balance 3-1-2018		\$ 18,620.03
Deposits	\$.00	
Interest	\$.48	
Expenses/Payments	\$.00	
Ending balance 3-31-2018		\$ 18,620.51

* PayPal assesses a fee of \$1.75 for each \$50 electronic deposit/payment.

Agenda
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7:00 Regular Business

7:10 "Missing Middle" Presentation by Michelle Winters

7:40 Housing Conservation Districts Presentation by Eric Brescia

8:10 Report and Vote on R&E FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution.

8:30 Old Business

- Update on ERA Resolution
- North Highlands Boundary Change

8:40 New Business

- Golf Course Resolution
- Nominating Committee

9:00 Adjourn