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Please join us at 6:30 pm in the Hazel Auditorium's lobby to enjoy light refreshments.

From the President's Desk....

Dear Delegates, Alternates and Presidents of Member Organizations,



March was a very active month for the Civic Federation. We began the month with our General Meeting, which featuring a visit and conversation with the School Board and a very informative presentation and panel discussion on renewable electricity. Many thanks to Allan Gajadhar for moderating the School Board visit and conversation and John Bloom of the

Legislative Committee for moderating the renewable electricity presentation and panel discussion and helping shepherd an accompanying resolution through the voting process.

Special Notice

The price of tickets for the 2018 Civic Federation Annual Banquet go up to \$55 after April 1. This is not an April Fool's joke. However, you are in luck. On Tuesday, April 3, for one evening only, you can purchase your banquet tickets (\$45 per ticket or a table for eight for \$330) at the ACCF monthly membership meeting. You can buy your tickets (cash or check only) before or after the April membership meeting in the lobby outside the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center.

CivFed's April Meeting

Our April meeting will have a jam-packed agenda. It includes two presentations on housing: "The Missing Middle" by Michelle Winters, Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions and an overview of Arlington County's newly created Housing Conservation Districts by our Housing Committee Chair, Eric Brescia. These will be followed by a presentation and vote on a Tax-Rate Resolution prepared by our Revenue and Expenditure Committee. The presentation by Michelle Winters serves as a run-up for Michelle's appearance as a speaker at our May 4th Banquet.

Meeting Agenda

April 3, 2018 General Meeting

- 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

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Roundtables with the County Manager and Civic and Condo Association Presidents

As I mentioned in my remarks at the March meeting, County Manager Mark Schwartz and I would be meeting with Civic Association and Condo Presidents in three separate meetings in early March. (See [Summary Notes](#) for a summary of the information compiled at these roundtables. The first pages provide an overview and key themes that emerged in these successful roundtables. The last page list the Civic Association and Condo Boards that participated.)

Matt Wavro, our Vice President, and Executive Committee members Eric Berkey and Nicole Merlene joined me at these roundtables. They all provided valuable insight.

What was, to my mind, the most significant “finding” is that this may have been the first time that several presidents of civic associations came together and were able to share “lessons learned” such as how to better communicate within a civic association and tactics on how to promote activities in multifamily units (which is a major issue for many civic associations who have difficulties entering buildings to promote civic involvement). All meetings were well received, with a collective sense that they should be continued in the future.

The County Manager made a presentation to the County Board on these roundtables within the context of the county’s efforts to improve public engagement. The Board lauded this effort.

In coming weeks, I’ll be meeting with Mr. Schwartz to further review the results of these roundtables and develop a strategy for the future. More than likely we will explore the possibility of an annual meeting to share lessons learned and other ways we can better help civic and condo associations. Stay tuned.

The Diversity Question

There was one exchange at the roundtable that I remember: Someone asked how the Civic Federation could better promote diversity. I replied that given that we are based on member organizations, our member organizations needed to see how they can promote diversity within their ranks of delegates and alternates to the Civic Federation. We have over 80 member-organizations. Each organization is entitled to four delegates and four alternates. Do the math – We have the potential of 320 delegates plus an additional 320 alternates. Few of our member organizations have a complete complement of delegates and alternates, and we rarely have over 80 delegates who attend our monthly meetings.

In the next few months, several member organizations will be creating nominating committees to elect their officers for the upcoming year. Some of our member organizations also elect their delegates and alternates to the Civic Federation. So here is my President’s Challenge – encourage your nominating committees to fill out your roster of delegates and alternates to the Civic Federation to include more folks who are representative of Arlington.

And it is not because there are not younger folks who are not interested. Two weeks ago, I participated in a program organized by Rep. Don Beyer and County Board Chair Katie Cristol concerning engaging Millennials. At the end of the evening several folks in their late 20s and early 30s approached me expressing interest in getting involved with their Civic Association. Their names were collected and forwarded to the respective civic association.

Lesson learned - we have the capability to bring in new faces using the existing structure of our member organizations. Hence my President’s Challenge – fill your allotted delegate and alternate slots with new faces! If all member organizations do this, we can fill the Hazel Auditorium with a mix of delegates and alternates that are representative of Arlington’s demographics.

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Civic Federation Banquet

As many have noticed we started promoting our May 4th Banquet primarily through email and other digital means. A few days ago, we sent out mailings to our delegates who have yet to make a reservation. We encourage all to make their reservations as soon as possible to take advantage of our Early Bird special of \$45. After April 1, the cost is \$55 until April 20th, when if there is space still available, there will be a \$15 late fee imposed. So, make those reservations NOW. Here is the [link](#) to do it Still not sure you want to go to the Banquet? Then check out our [promotional video](#). You will not want to miss this event!

Subcommittee on By-Laws

We are making progress on compiling a set of bylaws that conforms to the Non-Stock Corporation Act of Virginia and will allow us to incorporate in the State of Virginia. Our goal is to submit to membership this draft set of bylaws for their review by our May meeting and then then vote on this set of draft bylaws at our June meeting. We have Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance and as soon as we have compliant bylaws and are incorporated, we will have full liability protection for not only CivFed officers, and committee members, but all others who contribute to CivFed's mission.

Nominations Committee

Looking at the Agenda for April you will note that we need to elect a Nominating Committee to identify candidates for Officers and members of the Executive Committee for the year beginning July 1. The nominating Committee will recommend a slate of candidates at our June meeting for election by membership. If you are interested in being on the Executive Committee or an Officer, please send me an email indicating your interest. I'll share these names with the Nominating Committee. Some have approached me indicating an interest of being on the Executive Committee, but only if we are incorporated and have complying bylaws.

While hopefully we will vote on a new set of bylaws in June, for the purposes of this election cycle we will be using our existing bylaws to guide us.

Millennials and Civic Engagement

At the roundtables and in discussions with Representative Don Beyer and County Board Chair Katie Cristol (mentioned above), there were efforts to answer the question; how to engage Millennials. A few days ago, we received a request from George Washington University graduate students who are doing a Master's Degree project 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. After discussion with the GW team, I feel that the results of their project can help CivFed better promote inclusion of millennials in CivFed member organizations. Please review the accompanying article prepared by the students on page [24](#) plus the link to their survey instrument which I encourage all to open and respond to. The survey takes only 10 minutes. Many thanks. The students will share results with us, and hopefully it can provide us guidance on how we can better incorporate millennials within CivFed.

In closing, I want to thank the students of the Career Center who "disrupted" our meeting last month and awarded me a Certificate of Appreciation for the Partnership Program we have established with the Arlington Career Center. This partnership has resulted in Career Center students videotaping our meetings for the past three years. It was a humbling but gratifying experience. Muchas Gracias!

Best,

Duke Banks, President
ACCF

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Register now! – Friday evening, May 4, 2018

Annual Civic Federation Banquet

Holiday Inn, Rosslyn

Arlington's Growth Express - Still on track...or off the rails?

A discussion on Arlington's challenge as it transitions from a suburban environment towards a mixed urban-suburban community trying to accommodate an additional 63,000 people by 2040 when the estimated population is projected to be 283,000.

Joining us for a candid conversation:

Alan Ehrenhalt – Former Executive Editor, *Governing* Magazine, premier publication for State and Local Officials. Nationally recognized journalist on state and local government issues who brings a broad perspective of changes and challenges that American cities and towns are experiencing on how to accommodate growth. He has been a frequent contributor to *The New York Times* Book Review and op-ed page, the Washington Post Book World, *New Republic* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He is the author of four books: *The United States of Ambition*, *The Lost City*, *Democracy in the Mirror*, and *The Great Inversion*. Alan has an undergraduate degree from Brandeis University and holds an MS in journalism from Columbia. He is a long-time Arlingtonian resident living in Lyon Village.



Alan will talk about the challenges communities face as an inner suburb to a major city providing perspective of what he has seen in other jurisdictions given his over 30 years of experience observing local jurisdictions nationwide.

Michelle Winters - Michelle is Executive Director of the Alliance for Housing Solutions, an Arlington-based nonprofit organization that is working to increase the supply of affordable housing in Arlington and Northern Virginia through public education, policy development, advocacy and innovation. Prior to joining AHS, Michelle worked for two decades at the national level on housing finance, policy, and capacity building initiatives, most recently as Senior Visiting Fellow for Housing at the Urban Land Institute. Michelle has served as chair of Arlington's Housing Commission and president of the Tara-Leeway Heights civic association, and currently serves on the boards of Housing Virginia and the Lee Highway Alliance. She received her BA in Urban Affairs from Virginia Tech and her Master in City



Planning from MIT.

Peter Rousselot - He currently writes a weekly opinion column, "Peter's Take", for the Arlington news blog, ARLnow.com where several of his columns have addressed the challenges Arlington faces concerning its growth. Peter has been active in Arlington civic life since he and his family moved to Arlington in 1997. Among other positions, he has served as Chair of the Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission, Co-Chair of the Advisory Council on Instruction, Chair of the Arlington County Democratic Committee, and member of the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Virginia. For 28 years prior to his retirement, Peter was associated with the Washington, DC law firm now known as Hogan Lovells, where he specialized in railroad mergers, acquisitions, and valuations, was an equity partner, and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Peter has an undergraduate degree from Yale, and a JD degree from Harvard.



Michelle and Peter will follow Alan. They will offer observations on specific challenges facing Arlington County based on their experiences observing the Arlington scene.

These presentations are the entrée to a lively, thought-provoking conversation during our Q&A segment

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March 11, 2018 Executive Committee Meeting

Federation President Duke Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 6:48 pm. ExCom members attending the meeting included: Eric Berkey; Anya Gan; Dennis Gerrity; Nicole Merlene; Sarah Shortall; and Matt Wavro. Suzanne Sundburg, Organized Women Voters; Ron Haddox, Columbia Heights; Julia Tanner, Ashton Heights; and Don Gurney, League of Women Voters, were also present. Terri Prell, ExCom Chair; and Rick Epstein, ExCom Vice Chair, were absent. An amended version of the agenda for this meeting was approved without objection.

Reports from Officers and Committees

Secretary: The second draft of the minutes for the February 11, 2018 ExCom meeting was approved as submitted.

Treasurer: Treasurer Sarah Shortall reported to ExCom on investment options offered by the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union (ACFCU) and several other financial institutions for the \$18,619.61 in CivFed's savings Account. After discussion, President Banks recommended that slightly less than \$10,000 be invested in an ACFCU Choice Checking account and laddering out the balance in the savings account in CDs. Sarah agreed to check on options to ladder CDs and then make an email motion on her recommendations for which CDs should invest however much money was left in CivFed's savings account after money was transferred to an ACFCU Choice Checking account.

President: Duke gave a report on a briefing on the FY2019 budget the County Manager gave the County Board. Sarah expressed concern about \$500,000 in proposed reductions in money allocated to the Lee Highway Alliance plus money allocated for Lee Highway Alliance administrative staff. Suzanne suggested looking for cuts in other programs to offset those proposed for the Lee Highway Alliance.

Incorporation and By-laws Subcommittee (IBC): After discussion, Duke Banks moved that the Incorporation and By-laws Subcommittee use draft bylaws prepared by CivFed's lawyer Pantea Stevenson as the Chairman's mark to consider amendments in preparing bylaws for the Civic Federation that are consistent with the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act. Eric Berkey seconded the motion, and it was approved by a vote of 6 ayes, 1 nay and no abstentions. Duke reminded ExCom that the draft bylaws approved by the IBC and ExCom would have to be submitted to Ms. Stevenson for consistency with the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act. IBC chair Matt Wavro agreed to schedule a meeting to prepare these amendments that is mutually convenient for ExCom members.

Housing Committee: After discussion, President Banks recommended 30 minutes at the April membership meeting be allocated a presentation on housing for the "Missing Middle" by Michelle Winters and an additional 30 minutes for an informational presentation on Arlington County's plans to use a mix of tools and regulations to preserve and encourage construction of additional market-rate rental units in eleven neighborhoods outside of the planning corridors designated as Housing Conservation Districts. The possibility of a CivFed resolution on Housing Conservation Districts was considered. Finding individuals willing to serve on the Housing Committee was discussed. The County's real-estate tax relief program was discussed.

R&E Committee: After discussion Suzanne Sundburg reported that R&E would need 10 to 15 minutes for a report, answer questions, and vote its FY2019 Tax Rate Resolution at the April meeting. The R&E FY2019 Budget Resolution would be introduced at the May meeting. A presentation of a report and vote on the R&E FY2019 Budget Resolution could occur at the June meeting.

Banquet Committee: Jesse reported that that 66 seats at the banquet had been sold and 58 of these had been paid for. After discussion, April 1st was set as the cut-off date for \$45 discounted seats at the banquet. Jesse said that not enough people had bought seats to cover banquet expenses as this meeting and she wanted to mail 500 printed invitations to improve attendance. Dennis agreed to print labels. The banquet program will include the names of award recipients. The Sun Gazette Award will be announced at the

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banquet. Sarah suggested, and ExCom agreed to a special and final opportunity to buy banquet tickets at the \$45 discounted price at the April Membership Meeting. This special offer will be advertised in CivFed's newsletter. Anya, Eric and Nicole agreed to be at Hazel Auditorium at 6:30 on April 3 to help sell tickets to the banquet. ExCom agreed to comp four meals for Career Center students and their supervisor. Duke said he needed a vehicle equal in size to a seven-passenger van to bring David Howell's exhibition of photographs of Arlington's wild life from the Gulf Branch Nature Center to the banquet site in Rosslyn. Nicole said she might be able to help with a vehicle. Sarah suggested that a silent auction of works by Arlington artists be included in the 2019 Banquet.

Legislative: Legislative Committee members Don Gurney, Ron Haddox, Julia Tanner, and ExCom discussed details of the Legislative Committee's ERA Resolution and its presentation. ExCom agreed to put the ERA resolution on the agenda for the May Membership Meeting. The need for a discussion panel was questioned. The Legislative Committee agreed to give a brief update on the resolution at the April meeting.

Prospective agendas for upcoming Federation Membership Meetings

April 3 General Meeting

7:00 Regular Business
7:10 "Missing Middle" Presentation by Michelle Winters
7:40 Housing Conservation Districts Presentation by County Staff and/or 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
 Nominating Committee
9:00 Adjourn

May 2 General Meeting (tentative):

7:00 Regular Business
7:10 Report, Panel Discussion, and Vote on the ERA Resolution
7:40 Government Transparency
8:25 Introduce R&E Resolution on FY2019 Budget
8:35 Update on Incorporation revised New Bylaws
8:45 Old Business
8:40 New Business
9:00 Adjourn

June 6 General Meeting (tentative):

WMATA Presentation with Emeka Monome and Christian Dorsey
Presentation by World War One Commission
Report and Vote Revenue Expenditures Committee Resolution on FY2019 Budget
Legislative Panel
Election of Officers and ExCom members

Old Business

Changing Membership Meeting Date: Duke announced that Lois Koontz had agreed to serve on a working group that would explore changing Federation Membership Meeting dates and locations.

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Meetings with Association Presidents, HOA Leaders, County Staff on Civic Engagement: Nicole reported that the Saturday morning meeting she attended was well received. She said she was surprised by the disconnect between HOA members and their management staff. Nicole said most HOA leaders did not know to which Civic Association they belonged. Nicole Merlene said there were questions about the role of Civic Associations and how that had changed over the years. Matt said County Staff seemed to have expectations that Civic Associations would manage civic engagement for them. Eric Berkey said there were lots of existential questions about Civic Associations continuing to play their traditional role. He said there was a suggestion that the ANC system used in the District of Columbia might be a better fit for Arlington than civic associations. There were suggestions that CivFed could help out by creating a model website for a civic association and putting “how to” documents on its website. Sarah suggested that CivFed hire someone to redesign its website to make it easier to use. Eric recommended that CivFed should continue to provide a forum for issues. Matt said Civic Associations wanted a system that would report back to them on what the county was doing on issues the associations had brought to its attention.

Follow-up on Resolutions: ExCom authorized President Banks to distribute the Redistricting Resolution approved at the February Membership Meeting and the Resolution in Favor of Arlington’s Transition to Renewable Electricity by 2035 approved at the March Membership Meeting to members of Arlington’s delegation to the State Legislature, the Arlington County Board, and the press.

Nominating Committee: ExCom members who expressed interest in being on this committee include Eric Berkey, Nicole Merlene, and Sarah Shortall. President Banks indicated that Eric Brescia and Scott Pedowitz expressed interest in being on the nominating committee for 2018-2019 Federation Officers and ExCom members.

Participation of CivFed Representatives on Arlington County Working Groups and Commissions: Nicole Merlene said she was developing a list of CivFed Representatives serving on Arlington County Working Groups and Commissions. She said she would set up a system of shared folders on Google Drive for reports from CivFed representatives on Arlington County Working Groups and Commissions on what the working groups or commissions on which they served were doing.

New Business:

DC Fray: Duke said Parks and Recreation staff was looking into how a private organization named DC Fray was able to reserve so much time on Arlington County Sports facilities and sell access to the slots they reserved; what might and should be done about it; and then report to the Arlington County Sports Commission and its Parks and Recreation Commission.

Meeting with the Alexandria Federation of Civic Association: Duke announced that the Alexandria Federation of Civic Association had invited ExCom members to meet with its officers on March 28th to share experiences.

Guidelines for Presentations at Membership Meetings and Resolutions: ExCom discussed the need for establishing guidelines for Committees to make presentations at Membership Meetings and submit resolutions to the membership. There was general agreement that Committees had the right to organize their presentations and resolutions however they like so long as they complied with Federation Bylaws and did not exceed the amount of time allocated for them. ExCom had the right to make suggestions that it felt would improve presentations and resolutions.

Roles of Officers and ExCom Members: ExCom discussed requiring CivFed Officers and its members to get permission from ExCom before speaking to anyone and the subject matter of their conversations on issues affecting the Civic Federation.

Format For Q&A at Membership Meetings: ExCom discussed whether to return to using a line of delegates and alternates standing at a fixed mike for Q&A at membership meetings or modifying the roving mike process to establish and follow a list of those wishing to ask a question. ExCom decided that someone other than the Secretary should be designated as timekeeper.

Mr. Banks adjourned the meeting at 9:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis Gerrity, Secretary



The “Missing Middle” of Arlington’s Housing Market

Although housing affordability is typically thought of as a concern for the lowest income households, housing prices in Arlington have escalated to the point where even those earning moderate incomes struggle to find housing that meets their needs. In 2016 the median sale price for a single-family home was \$805,000 and the average rent for a two-bedroom was \$2,400 a month. With these prices, many of the people who have lived in Arlington for decades would not be able to afford a home here today, and their children often struggle to find a way to afford a place to live as well.

Residents who want to downsize within Arlington would find many options for condos and apartments in mid-rise or high-rise (often expensive and high-end) buildings, mostly located along the Metro corridor. Meanwhile, most of Arlington’s neighborhoods further from Metro are limited to single-family homes, which are also increasingly being replaced with larger, even more expensive homes not appropriate for their stage of life.

The lack of housing options that fall between more expensive single-family homes and mid-rise condominiums or apartments has been referred to as the “missing middle” of the housing market. The missing middle is a term that can be used to define a range of multi-unit or clustered housing options that are compatible with single-family neighborhoods and help meet the growing demand for smaller, more moderately-priced housing.

Missing middle housing types, including duplexes, four-plexes, and other small multi-unit properties, were often built in the early 1900’s in many American communities, including Arlington, but became much less common in the latter half of the 20th century. In fact, many of Arlington’s smaller garden apartment buildings (such as those in Westover now being replaced by luxury townhomes) fall into the missing middle housing typology. These vital forms of housing are rarely built today for a variety of reasons, including limitations in planning, zoning, and parking regulations. Here is a [link](#) to a gallery of solutions to the “missing middle” problem courtesy of the Alliance for Housing Solutions.

Could Arlington update some of its land use regulations to allow – or encourage – more of these missing middle housing styles to be built? This is a key question in upcoming planning processes such as the Lee Highway Planning Initiative. Increasing the availability of these missing middle housing types can provide more variety in housing options and price points, helping us maintain the diverse and vibrant community we all want Arlington to be.

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Housing Conservation Districts

Last December, the County Board established new “Housing Conservation Districts” (HCD) in twelve areas across the county, with the aim of preserving or creating additional affordable housing units through new zoning and financing tools. While the districts were put into place, a significant amount of controversy surrounded the decision, in part because most of the policy details were not yet decided and were to be determined after the fact. County staff are in the process of developing details, and final action on Phase II of the plan is intended to be brought to the County Board by the end of the year.

Background

In recent years, Arlington has experienced a significant loss of “Market Rate Affordable” (MARKs) rental units. These apartments are those having market rate rents deemed affordable for households making incomes at 80% or below the area median income, according to HUD guidelines. Many of the remaining MARK units exist within post WWII garden apartments, often located outside the Metro corridors. While most of the loss has occurred due to rents in the region rising faster than incomes, some units have been lost to redevelopment. Of note are several Westover neighborhood garden apartments that were redeveloped into townhouses over the past couple of years.

Most of these garden apartment properties were constructed prior to the current zoning ordinance and therefore are often non-conforming. This in turn often means that redevelopment of these properties into apartment buildings at similar or higher densities is either strictly prohibited or economically unviable. Therefore, owners were often incentivized to redevelop these apartment buildings into townhouses, the only economically viable use that was allowed by right.

Phase I

In the context of losing affordable garden apartments and in accordance with the Affordable Housing Master Plan, the County Board adopted Phase I of the plan. This established the boundaries for 12 districts into the General Land Use Plan (GLUP). Districts consist of areas planned in the GLUP for low to medium density residential or medium density residential, and are zoned multifamily residential (RA14-26, RA8-18, or RA6-15), which currently have at least two MARK properties within them, and do not fit within the current Metro or Columbia Pike Planning Corridors.



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The two major policy changes enacted were: 1. Townhouse by-right development was immediately removed. 2. Owners are now allowed to add additional units, previously prohibited due to parking and other requirements, if greater density is already allowed by current zoning. These changes removed the immediate risk of further loss of MARK units being turned into townhouses, however, many owners saw this as stripping property rights and damaging their property values - talk of lawsuits occurred. At the time, groups ranging from the Economic Development Commission, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce, the Lee Highway Alliance, and many of the affordable housing non-profits cited worries about adoption without first knowing details on the ultimate policy basket of Phase II.

Phase II

The goal of County staff is now to come up with the set tools that would encourage preservation or creation of affordable units. To help this discussion, a staff organized citizen working group, representing a range of parties, including the Civic Federation has been convened. Talk has occurred about how these incentives, whether they be zoning and permitting changes, or financial in nature, must be adequate to not only make the preservation of these units economically viable, but large enough that property owners feel compensated for the loss of value in removing townhouse development rights.

TIER 1 Density Changes: May add new units if permitted by current zoning.



TIER 2 Density Changes: May add new units beyond what is permitted by current zoning.



TIER 3 Density Changes: May add new units beyond what is permitted by current zoning.



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on these properties through infill development, additions, or partial redevelopment, in exchange for owners preserving the existing MARK units and/or creating new committed affordable units (CAFs) subject to tenant income limits. For the regime to be economically viable for property owners, ideally several development options would be granted by right, or be subject to a site plan review process less comprehensive and costly than currently required.

A challenge however, is that many districts have unique circumstances. Some along Lee Highway or in Shirlington, exist within the presence of existing mid and high-rise development, while others such as those in the Penrose and Westover neighborhoods are largely surrounded by single family areas. Determining a set of by-right zoning changes that would work in one area, may not be appropriate for another district. However, if incentives are too limited, then the policy may fail to preserve a significant number of affordable units.

Another area of uncertainty is to what extent would financial incentives be involved. Would allocations from the county's Affordable Housing Investment Fund (AHIF) be needed? Talk about property tax

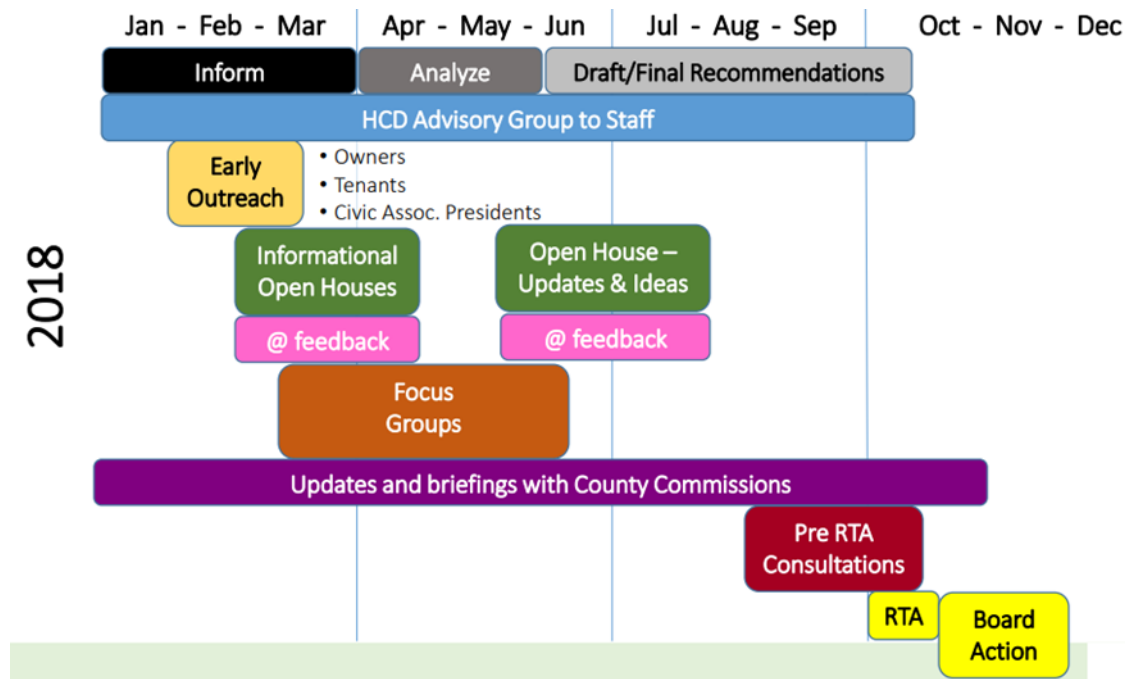
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abatement or deferrals and fee waivers has also occurred. An unknown direct financial impact for the County is part of the puzzle, as well as potential concerns over traffic management and other neighborhood concerns.

Potentially, these districts could also be areas where new forms of housing often dubbed the “Missing Middle” could be allowed. The term here refers to housing types denser than single family detached homes but less dense than a midrise. This would include duplexes and triplexes, small apartment flats, and other forms of housing mostly prohibited currently. Mixing these housing forms into broader projects could make preservation of MARK units more viable for owners while also adding to the range of housing options available in the County.

For the remainder of the year, County staff will be conducting a public engagement process on this topic, meeting with neighborhood civic associations, tenant and property owners, as well as through the affiliated County advisory commissions. A separate webpage detailing the status of upcoming events can be found on the County’s website under Housing Conservation District.



The Civic Federation’s Housing Committee will also be meeting to address this topic. If you have interest working on this issue, please contact me at ericbrescia@civfed.org.

Many details are still to be worked out, but ideally a tool set will be created that will allow for the preservation of apartment units in Arlington that will remain affordable, while also satisfying current property owners, and do so in a way that is compatible with the neighborhoods that these districts are part of.

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ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION Revenues & Expenditures Committee

Real Estate Tax-Rate Resolution for FY2019

April 3, 2018

Whereas, the Arlington County Manager proposes a FY 2019 budget with an advertised real property tax of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value (the same rate as in FY 2018) and the County Board advertised this rate for FY 2019; ¹

Whereas, the assessed value of residential real property increased by 6.1% in CY 2014, 5.4% in CY 2015, 3% in CY 2016, 2.5% in CY 2017 and 3.9% in CY 2018—a cumulative increase of 22.7% over 5 years; Whereas, even at the current real property tax rate of \$1.006 per \$100 of assessed value, the “average homeowner” would see his/her tax and fee burden rise \$297—a 3.5% increase—in CY 2018; ²

Whereas the County Manager should be commended for following County Board guidance in keeping the proposed budget within present tax rates; ³

Now therefore be it resolved 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.

Respectfully submitted,

R&E Committee members voting to support the resolution: Burt Bostwick, Duke Banks, Frank Emerson, Rick Epstein, Roger Morton, Suzanne Smith Sundburg, John Tuohy and Jerry Auten

R&E Committee members unable to attend R&E’s FY2019 budget committee meetings: Paul Holland, Cindy Rheame, Terry Showman and Tim Wise.

END NOTES

¹ News Release, “Arlington County Board Votes for No Tax Rate Increase,” <https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/arlington-county-board-votes-for-no-tax-rate-increase/>

² Note: “Assessed value of residential real property” is the aggregate of the residential tax base, which includes single-family homes, townhouses and condominiums. Assessments of detached single-family homes and townhouses increased 25% over the 5-year period, and assessments of condominiums increased 17% over the 5-year period.

CY 2018 (FY2019) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2018/02/FY19P-Section-B-Revenues.pdf> (p. book 102, web 110)

CY 2017 (FY2018) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2017/06/FY18A-All-in-One-Budget-V3-compressed.pdf> (p. 63)

CY 2016 (FY2017) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2016/06/FY17-Adopted-Budget-All-In-One-compressed.pdf> (p. 63)

CY 2015 (FY2016) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2015/06/FY16A-Final-All-in-One-Adopted-File.pdf> (p. 73)

CY 2014 (FY2015) <https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2014/09/Final-FY-2015-Adopted-with-Page-numbers.pdf> (p. 67)

³ “County Manager’s FY 2019 Proposed Budget Overview” (slide 22) http://arlington.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=2&event_id=1229&meta_id=173237

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EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON HB 1204¹

Background

HB1204, which the Virginia General Assembly has passed, would require counties that experienced at least a 14% population increase from 2010 – 2016 to specially and separately assess real property on the “actual physical use of the property” if such land is devoted to “open space” and contains at least 5 acres. The definition of “open space” includes private golf courses. HB 1204 would only apply to Arlington and Loudon counties, which are the only counties in Virginia that experienced such a population growth. Governor Ralph Northam has until April 9 to veto HB1204 or it automatically becomes law.

There is significant concern among the Legislative Committee relating to the negative effect of HB 1204 on Arlington County, with a potential loss of annual revenue to the county of \$1.43 million, according to the County Board. HB1204 would result in big tax breaks for Arlington’s two private golf courses – Washington Golf and Country Club and Army-Navy County Club.

The ACCF Legislation Committee is proposing the resolution below calling on the ACCF membership to urge Gov. Northam veto HB1204. Because of the April 9 veto deadline, the Legislation Committee is asking ACCF Delegates to consider and vote on the resolution at the April meeting instead of referring it to appropriate standing committees to study and report back the May 1 meeting, as Standing Rule 3 specifies. In an emergency, Standing Rule 3 also allows the membership to act on a resolution without referral to a committee, provided a majority of the Delegates present and voting consent to immediate consideration of the resolution. The Legislation Committee believes an emergency exists. The Civic Federation will lose its opportunity to provide timely input to the governor on HB1204 if the membership does not consider and vote on the resolution at April 3 meeting because after April 9 it will be too late to request the Governor to veto the bill.

In light of these concerns, at its March 25 meeting the Legislation Committee voted unanimously to (1) recommend to the Executive Committee that it alert the membership to this situation, given that the legislation could be approved at any time, and (2) to recommend that the membership adopt the following resolution:

Emergency Resolution on HB 1204

WHEREAS HB 1204 would conflict with the constitution and Virginia Code and set a dangerous precedent by requiring Arlington to assess any real estate of 20 acres or more that is devoted to open space – which state law defines as including private golf courses – at a special and separate lower rate of taxation determined only by fair market value based upon its “actual physical use” rather than on

¹-Governor Northam can act on this bill at any time up until midnight of April 9, 2018. <http://>

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separate lower rate of taxation determined only by fair market value based upon its “actual the property’s full fair market value,” as is done for other commercial and residential property;²

WHEREAS the special assessment that HB1204 requires would result in an estimated \$1.43 million loss of tax revenue for Arlington County and while providing large tax breaks to Washington Golf and Country Club and the Army-Navy Club, private golf courses, which do not permit Arlingtonians unfettered public access, free or otherwise, to their open space or facilities (e.g., recreational, food service);

WHEREAS a \$1.43 million revenue loss would have a significant impact on Arlington County at a time where the county is facing budgetary issues funding schools, public safety, public services, parks and recreation and transportation and a dramatic increase in the public school student population;³

WHEREAS \$1.43 million could update an Arlington park, which, unlike the private golf courses, provide free access to all Arlingtonians;

WHEREAS HB 1204 only applies to counties that have experience at least a 14% increase in populations from 2010 – 2016 and, since only Arlington and Loudon County’s population has grown to that extent, HB1204 only financially impacts Arlington and Loudon County;

WHEREAS the Virginia House Delegate who introduced HB1204 represents Prince William and Fairfax Counties, which are not affected by the legislation;

WHEREAS the Arlington County Board and Virginia Municipal League oppose HB1204 and the County Board has written a letter to Governor Northam urging him to veto HB1204;

WHEREAS HB 1204 does not limit by its terms the special assessment of privately held open space of 20 acres or more to private golf courses, and as such, the provision could have future tax revenue impact that has not been identified, such as common use property owned by homeowners associations that could exceed 20 acres in open space (Arlington Village is one possible example).

Now therefore, the ACCF urges Governor Northam to veto HB 1204.

2-The body of the bill is at <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+ful+HB1204ER>; open space is defined under Virginia Code § 58.1-3230 <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/58.1-3230>.

3-https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/arlington-loses-golf-course-tax-bill-dispute-at-general-assembly/2018/03/01/62cb5c5a-1d73-11e8-ae5a-16e60e4605f3_story.html?utm_term=.8c476ef15068; <https://newsroom.arlingtonva.us/release/tough-choices-focus-on-priorities-in-fy-2019-proposed-budget>; https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Capacity_Utilization_FallProjections17-26_Final_Web.pdf.

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North Highlands Citizens' Association Boundaries Arlington County Civic Federation Membership Committee As of February 25, 2018

The North Highland Citizens' Association (NHCA) requested a boundary adjustment in fall 2015 to include an area not covered on existing [Arlington County map](#). The area is bound by Lee Highway, Route 66 and North Cleveland Street. This area is not part of a CA and community members there have expressed interest in joining the NHCA.

As the process spanned 2 years, the area is shown again. The boundary shall be presented at the April 3, 2018 meeting with request for general membership vote on the revised boundaries. Timing allows for additional public notification.

The Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) Membership Committee posted the request for North Highlands boundary via our [October 2015 newsletter](#), with a direct email distribution over of 900 active community members and access via public website. The change was brought up at the October 2015 meeting, as well. In September 2015, ACCF received confirmation of support to expand North Highland's boundaries from the Lee Highway Alliance received per Sandra Chesrown. Lyon Village confirmed their existing boundaries October 2015 via Martha Moore and Jim Lantelme; however, some residents in the area under question had reached out in past to be part of Lyon Village. A resident of the area reached out to County Board in 2016 asking how she should form her own neighborhood association since the area was not within any boundaries of existing groups. As of February 2018, ACCF received emails from the Maywood Community Association President, Amanda Davis, and the Woodmont Civic Association President, Richard McNamara, confirming their existing boundaries.

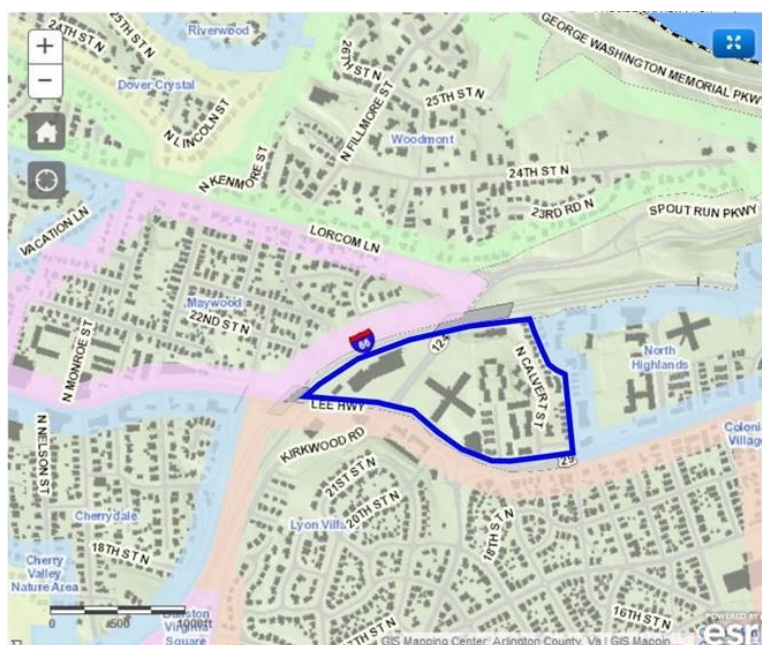
For additional information, please contact Antoinette Quagliata, President North Highlands (Antquagtt@gmail.com) or Benjamin Keeney, Vice President North Highlands, BenjaminKeeneyAIA@gmail.com. You can also reach out to membership@civfed.org.

The Arlington County Civic Association map developed over time based on street or other dividing lines, such as Four Mile Run Stream. The boundaries also provide framework for the Neighborhood Conservation Advisory Committee (NCAC). The ACCF works with groups and county staff to ensure public notice of any changes or adjustments. Other examples of recent boundary changes:

Douglas Park: <http://www.civfed.org/newContent/2016-10/CivicVoice%202016-10.pdf>

Shirlington: <http://www.civfed.org/newContent/2015-09/CivicVoice%202015-09.pdf>.

Please note that condominium associations and other organizations can overlap boundaries. For example, the Colonial Village boundary encompasses Colonial Villages I, II and III, each of which are separate member organizations within ACCF. The Spout Run Homeowners Association is a townhome community within the North Highlands Citizens' Association.



ARLINGTON CIVIC FEDERATION RESOLUTION ON THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A draft resolution that would urge the Virginia General Assembly to ratify the federal Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), and would urge the Arlington County Board to place ratification of the ERA on its list of legislative priorities for the 2018-19 legislative session in Virginia, was introduced to the Arlington, Virginia Civic Federation and read by Julia Tanner, Delegate from Ashton Heights Civic Association, at the Arlington Civic Federation meeting on March 6, 2018. Ms. Tanner stayed after the meeting and responded to questions from attendees.

BACKGROUND

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the United States Constitution provides: “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”¹ The ERA was passed overwhelmingly by both houses of Congress in 1972 and has been ratified by thirty-six of the thirty-eight states required under the U.S. Constitution, most recently by Nevada in March, 2017.²

For 47 years, Section 11, Article 1 of the Constitution of Virginia has safeguarded all people from discrimination by the Commonwealth on the basis of religious conviction, race, color, sex, or national origin.³

The Arlington County Code provides, “It is in the public interest of the County to assure that each citizen is treated fairly, provided equal protection of the law and equal opportunity to participate in the benefits, rights and privileges of community life.”⁴ Arlington’s Civic Federation and County Board Chairs have consistently noted this support for equal rights,⁵ and all of the county’s current Delegates and Senators

1-<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-86/pdf/STATUTE-86-Pg1523.pdf>

2-http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/nevada_ratifies_equal_rights_amendment_decades_after_deadline

3-<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/constitution/article1/section11/>

4-Arlington County Code, Chapter 31, Human Rights, § 31-1, <http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2014/01/County-Code-31-Human-Rights.pdf>.

5-<http://www.civfed.org/ban2009prog.pdf>; <https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/board-actions/proclamations/98th-anniversary-arlington-county-civic-federation-proclamation/> (“the Arlington County Civic Federation supports equal rights for all Virginians and has been vital in making Arlington a diverse and inclusive world-class community”); <https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/99th-anniversary-arlington-county-civic-federation/>; <https://countyboard.arlingtonva.us/100th-anniversary-arlington-county-civic-federation/>; <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?161+ful+SJ186ER+pdf>.

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sponsored or co-sponsored bills in the Virginia General Assembly to ratify the ERA this year.⁶

A resolution urging the General Assembly to ratify the United States ERA would support these Arlington principles and this work by Arlington's delegation, reflecting the support for equal rights among the residents of Arlington.

The late Supreme Court Justice Scalia stated in 2010 that the Constitution does not prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.⁷ Because there is no federal ERA, the U.S. Supreme Court does not give its highest level of review, "strict scrutiny," to government classifications that accord different treatment to different people on the basis of sex.⁸ If the government adopts a classification based on a characteristic that does receive strict scrutiny, such as race or religion, the classification will survive strict scrutiny only if it is narrowly tailored to meet a compelling state interest.⁹ The ERA would provide this protection against sex discrimination by the U.S. or state governments.¹⁰

Even though modern households generally depend upon income from both men and women,¹¹ and women tend to earn higher grades and drop out less often than men,¹² men earn more than women for the same work,¹³ and discrimination still occurs in the workplace¹⁴ and in healthcare,¹⁵ among other contexts. Providing a higher level of scrutiny would send a message to courts that sex-based classifications must be narrowly tailored.

6- <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+sum+HJ4>; <https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+mbr+HJ4>; <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+mbr+HJ2>; <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+mbr+SJ4>; <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?181+mbr+HJ129>

7- <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2011/01/scalia-says-constitution-doesn-t-protect-women-from-gender-discrimination/342789/>

8- <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Minutes/Assembly/LOE/Final/428.pdf>, pp. 16-17; see also, e.g., *Frontiero v. Richardson*, <https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/411/677/case.html>

9- <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1271&context=wmjowl>, pp. 135-36.

10- <http://www.equalrightsamendment.org/why.htm>

11- Women make up almost of half (47%) of the U.S. labor force today, and are breadwinners in 40% of households with children. <http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2013/05/29/breadwinner-moms/>

12- <http://fortune.com/2013/03/27/boys-vs-girls-whats-behind-the-college-grad-gender-gap/>

13- Female earnings in the U.S. in 2016 were 80% of male earnings for the same jobs. U.S. Census Bureau, *Income and Poverty in the United States: 2016*, at 10, <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2017/demo/P60-259.pdf> (September 2017).

14- U.S. EEOC, *Women In the American Workforce, EEOC's Efforts To Address Sex-Based Discrimination in Employment*, https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/statistics/reports/american_experiences_women.cfm; U.S. Census Bureau, *Income and Poverty in the U.S.: 2016*, p. 10, <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2017/demo/P60-259.pdf> (September 2017).

15- Harvard Health Pub., *Gender Matters: Heart disease risk in women*, <https://www.health.harvard.edu/heart-health/gender-matters-heart-disease-risk-in-women>; J. of the Amer. Heart Assoc., *Implicit Gender Bias & the Use of Cardiovascular Tests Among Cardiologists*, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5779009/> (2017); J. of Women's Health, *Disparities in Physicians' Interpretations of Heart Disease Symptoms by Patient Gender: Results of a Video Vignette Factorial Experiment* (2009).

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TIMING

The preamble to the ERA set forth a ratification deadline, later extended to 1982.¹⁶ If that deadline is valid,¹⁷ attorneys and legislators have concluded Congress has the power to retroactively remove or extend it.¹⁸ An informal advisory opinion from the Virginia Attorney General's office stated that Congress has the power to retroactively extend or remove the deadline.¹⁹ Nonpartisan counsel to the Nevada legislative committee also stated that Congress can remove or extend the deadline.²⁰ Legislation pending before Congress would remove the deadline.²¹

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a Resolution regarding ratification of the ERA will send the message that the Arlington Civic Federation supports federal recognition of the value that Virginia, Arlington, and the Civic Federation place on equal rights for men and women.

16- "ERA Deadline Extended," Congressional Quarterly Almanac, 95th Congress, 2nd Session, 1978, vol. XXIV (34) (Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Inc., 1979), pp. 773-775.

17- The Constitution does not expressly authorize Congress to set deadlines for ratification. *See* U.S. Const. Art. V. The ratification deadline for the ERA resides in the preamble, not in the active language of the amendment itself. In other cases, the Court has stated that language in preambles is not operative language. *See* *Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs*, 556 U.S. 163, 175 (2009), https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=8910590074858139443&hl=en&as_sdt=6&as_vis=1&oi=scholar (quoting *D.C. v. Heller*, 554 U.S. 570 at 578 n.3 (2008)).

18- Other amendments have been ratified years after introduction. The Twenty-Seventh Amendment, for example, was ratified more than two centuries after it was proposed. <https://fas.org/sgp/crs/misc/R42979.pdf>, at p. 17.

19- https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/virginia-politics/virginias-hopes-of-era-ratification-go-down-in-flames-this-year/2018/02/09/7acfbf80-0dab-11e8-8890-372e2047c935_story.html?utm_term=.f7e24a7dbced.

20- <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Minutes/Assembly/LOE/Final/428.pdf>, pp. 16-17, 37; accord <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1271&context=wmjowl>.

21- <https://govtrackinsider.com/nevada-just-became-the-first-state-since-1978-to-ratify-the-equal-rights-amendment-270e1b10c60e>

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Resolution in support of Ratification by Virginia of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the United States Constitution

WHEREAS, the County of Arlington forthrightly supports equal rights for the citizens of Arlington; and women constitute over 50 percent of the citizenry of the County;¹ and

WHEREAS, for 47 years, the Virginia State Constitution has protected Virginians from discrimination by the Commonwealth on the basis of sex;² and

WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) states that “Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex,” in order to establish that women and men have equal rights under the United States Constitution;³ and

WHEREAS, the County of Arlington supports the advancement of human rights;⁴ and

WHEREAS, the people of the United States continue to experience the negative effects of lack of political parity between men and women,⁵ [workplace discrimination](#),⁶ health care inequities,⁷ disparate rates of poverty,⁸ rape and domestic violence assaults;⁹

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution does not explicitly guarantee equal rights and equal protection for the sexes;¹⁰ and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution and state constitutional statements of equality generally do not provide the strict scrutiny for sex-based classifications as is now required for matters of race, religion, and national origin;¹¹ and

1- U.S. Census Bureau, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/arlingtoncountyvirginia/PST045216>

2- <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/constitution/article1/section11/>

3- <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/STATUTE-86/pdf/STATUTE-86-Pg1523.pdf>

4- Arlington County Code, Chapter 31, Human Rights, <http://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2014/01/County-Code-31-Human-Rights.pdf>

5- [Center for American Women And Politics, Facts, Women in U.S. Congress 2017](#), <http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/women-us-congress-2017>; Status of Women in the States, <https://statusofwomendata.org/explore-the-data/political-participation/political-participation-full-section/>

6- U.S. EEOC, *Women In the American Workforce, EEOC's Efforts To Address Sex-Based Discrimination in Employment*, https://www.eeoc.gov/eeoc/statistics/reports/american_experiences/women.cfm; U.S. Census Bureau, *Income and Poverty in the U.S.: 2016*, at 10, <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/publications/2017/demo/P60-259.pdf>

7- Harvard Health Pub., <https://www.health.harvard.edu/heart-health/gender-matters-heart-disease-risk-in-women>; J. Amer. Heart Ass., *Implicit Gender Bias and the Use of Cardiovascular Tests Among Cardiologists*, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5779009/>; J. Women's Health, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2825679/>

8- U.S. Census Bureau, *Income & Poverty in the U.S.: 2016*, Rep. No.: P60-259, p. 6 table 1 (Sept. 12, 2017).

9- U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, *Violence Prevention*, NISVS Infographic, <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/infographic.html>

10- <https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2011/01/scalia-says-constitution-doesn-t-protect-women-from-gender-discrimination/342789/>

11- <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/history.cfm?ID=319>, referencing March 7, 2017

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WHEREAS, state laws are not uniform and federal laws are not comprehensive, and these laws can be repealed or reduced;¹² and

WHEREAS, the Amendment would help ensure women and men have the same constitutional protections;¹³ and

WHEREAS, the ERA was passed by Congress in 1972, and by 1982, it had been ratified by 35 of the 38 states necessary to put it into the Constitution;¹⁴ and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the ERA appears only in the preamble and has no operative effect;¹⁵

WHEREAS, Congress presently is considering a bill that removes the time limit for ratification of the ERA;¹⁶ and

WHEREAS, Nevada ratified the amendment in 2017;¹⁷

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington County Civic Federation does hereby indicate its support for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation does hereby urge the County Board of Arlington, Virginia to place ratification of the ERA to the U.S. Constitution, as proposed by Congress on March 22, 1972, on its list of legislative priorities for the 2019 legislative session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation does hereby urge the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia to ratify the ERA to the U.S. Constitution during the 2019 legislative session.

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- 12- <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/Session/79th2017/Reports/history.cfm?ID=319>, referencing March 7, 2017 Minutes, pp. 16-17, 37; <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1271&context=wmjowl>

See, e.g., https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:United_States_repealed_legislation

- 13- <https://www.cardin.senate.gov/newsroom/press/release/cardin-measure-would-immediately-revive-consideration-of-the-equal-rights-amendment-era/>

- 14- <https://equalmeansequal.org/ratified/>

- 15 <http://scholarship.law.wm.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1271&context=wmjowl>; Hawaii v. Office of Hawaiian Affairs, 556 U.S. 163, 175 (2009), https://scholar.google.com/scholar_case?case=8910590074858139443&hl=en&as_sdt=6&as_vis=1&oi=scholar (quoting D.C. v. Heller, 554 U.S. 570 at 578 n.3 (2008)) (preambles, or "whereas clauses," have no "operative effect").

- 16- <https://govtrackinsider.com/nevada-just-became-the-first-state-since-1978-to-ratify-the-equal-rights-amendment-270e1b10c60e>

- 17- <https://equalmeansequal.org/ratified/>

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The ACCF Treasurer's Report for March 1 – 31, 2018 will be available at the April 3 meeting. The February 2018 report is shown below.

ACCF Treasurer's Report February 1-28, 2018

Checking

Beginning balance 2-1-2018		\$ 8,023.75
Deposits		
2017-18 Dues:		\$ 1,502.66
Checks	\$ 200.00**	
2018 Banquet:		
PayPal*	\$ 1,302.66	
Expenses/Payments		\$ 66.50
Constant Contact	\$ 66.50	
Ending balance 2-28-2018		\$ 9,459.91

Savings

Beginning balance 2-1-2018	\$ 18,619.61
Deposits	\$.00
Interest	\$.42
Expenses/Payments	\$.00
Ending balance 2-28-2018	\$ 18,620.03

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

** \$100 of dues deposit is the 2018-19 ACCF dues payment for the Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association and Ballston Virginia Square Civic Association.

Special Notice

The price of tickets for the 2018 Civic Federation Annual Banquet go up to \$55 after April 1. This is no April Fool's joke. However, you are in luck. On Tuesday, April 3, for one evening only, you can purchase your banquet tickets (\$45 per ticket or a table for eight for \$330) at the ACCF monthly membership meeting. You can buy your tickets (cash or check only) before or after the April membership meeting in the lobby outside the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center.

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Executive Committee Member Eric Berkey
Executive Committee Member Anya Gann
Executive Committee Member Nicole Merlene

2017-2018 Membership Meetings

April Membership Meeting

7:00 Regular Business
7:10 "Missing Middle" Presentation by Michelle Winters
7:40 Housing Conservation Districts Presentation by County Staff and/or 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
Nominating Committee
9:00 Adjourn

May 2 Membership Meeting (tentative):

7:00 Regular Business
7:10 Report, Panel Discussion, and Vote on the ERA Resolution

7:40 Government Transparency
8:25 Introduce R&E Resolution on FY2019 Budget
8:35 Update on Incorporation revised New By-laws
8:45 Old Business
8:40 New Business
9:00 Adjourn

June 6 Membership Meeting (tentative):

WMATA Presentation with Emeka Monome and Christian Dorsey
Presentation by World War One Commission
Report and Vote Revenue Expenditures Committee Resolution on FY2019 Budget
Legislative Panel
Election of Officers and ExCom members

2017-2018 Executive Committee Meetings

April 8, 2018

May 6, 2018

June 10, 2018

July 8, 2018

September 9, 2018

October 7, 2018

November 18, 2018

December 9, 2018

Executive Committee Meetings are held at Fire Station #2, 4805 Wilson Boulevard. They begin at 6:30 PM.

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Why Civic Federation Committees Matter and What They Can Do for You

Have you ever been surprised to discover that something in your neighborhood is changing? Maybe a new high-rise is going up around the corner, or perhaps school boundaries have changed. It could be your tax bill is going up, or a new County ordinance now affects your business. Time and time again, folks come to the Federation only after the change is well under way. By then, it's often too late to make a difference.

The Federation's committees serve to keep such surprises at bay by educating, involving and empowering our member organizations. Committees educate by hosting speakers from County staff, holding programs, disseminating information, and fostering discussion. Committees involve our members by providing opportunities to participate in local and regional commissions and organizations. Committees empower by recommending resolutions to the Federation, which, in turn, can publicize these positions in the community and with our elected officials.

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 Duke Banks at

Committee	Chair	Email Address
Executive	Terri Prell	terri@civfed.org
Awards	Elected at the December 2017 General Meeting	
Audit	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Bylaws	Sarah Shortall	sarah@civfed.org
Community Relations	Nicole Merlene	Nicole@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Chair needed	TBD
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling (POC)	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	John Seymour	john@civfed.org
Housing	Eric Brescia	ericbrescia@civfed.org
Legislation	Ron Haddox	ron@civfed.org
Membership	Stefanie Pryor	membership@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Stefanie Pryor (POC)	Stefanie@civfed.org
Nominating	Elected at the April 2018 General Meeting	
Parks and Recreation	Michael Thomas	michaelthomas@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore	martha@civfed.org
Public Services	Jackie Snelling (POC)	jackie@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Burt Bostwick (POC)	burt@civfed.org
Schools	Michael Beer	michaelbeer@civfed.org
Special Events	Joe Pelton	Joepelton@civfed.org
Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org

Millennial Participation in Public Engagement in Arlington

We are Master of Public Policy students from the George Washington University and we have partnered with Arlington County to figure out what works and what doesn't work when it comes to engaging millennials. We're interviewing leaders of active community organizations to learn what strategies they use and we're surveying the millennials engaged by these organizations to learn who they are and what factors impact their engagement. The Civic Federation can play an important role in helping communities like Arlington (and the organizations active in these communities) understand how to get millennials involved in public life.

The results of the study will inform future strategies for getting young people to feel like they have a real stake in the projects, debates, charitable causes, neighborhood organizations, local government, and more, happening in their own backyard. The organizations included in the study have members and participants that may skew in different directions across many spectrums, including age. But regardless of how many millennials an organization engages, we want to hear from them. Completing a brief survey will help us begin to understand what kinds of recommendations we can provide to really make a difference.

Our study addresses a real challenge for places like Arlington County. Rather than trendy restaurants and retail, cities across the country have recognized that key factors for attracting and retaining millennials (a large and well-educated generation) include affordable housing and reliable public transit. Arlington is no different. It is home to about 58,500 25 to 34-year old individuals, representing 26.3% of the county's total population of 222,800. Currently, tens of thousands of Arlingtonians use Metro rail daily, and millions of trips are made annually on Arlington bus routes. Efforts have been undertaken to improve regional public transportation infrastructure in recent years, but affordability remains a major challenge: the mean rent in Arlington in 2016 was \$1,981.

So: how do a local government and civic groups not only attract but also retain millennials? Retaining millennials requires their active participation as engaged citizens and investment in the community. In many ways, Arlington provides an ideal case study for answering these questions because of its size, competition from nearby communities for millennials, presence of employers seeking a highly-educated workforce, and its proximity to an urban center. Learning about retaining millennials in Arlington has potential implications for other medium-sized communities neighboring larger urban centers across the country.

With our study, we hope to learn: What strategies have community organizations put in place to recruit and retain millennial members? What motivates millennials to become engaged in Arlington community organizations and to become engaged in public life? What are the characteristics of millennial participants in community organizations?

We would be grateful for all to complete our brief survey here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/millennial_engagement

The more responses we get, the clearer our picture of millennial engagement in Arlington will be. Thank you for helping us create recommendations that will benefit our community (and others like it).

For those who wish to send us separate comments or suggestions on approaches to better engage millennials, please drop us a note at the email provided below.

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The Civic Voice

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. For information about this meeting here is a link to the NCAC [website](#).

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. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#).

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. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before April 9. 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. Click here for information on this meeting's [agenda](#).

Arlington County Board: The County Board's April meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21, starting 8:30 a.m. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before April 21. 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. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before April 24.

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 Manager 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). Here is a [link](#) to learn how to sign up to speak at an upcoming County Board Budget or Tax Hearing. The County Board has scheduled work sessions with the County Manager on the FY2019 Budget on March 6, 9, 13 and 19 and April 3, 6, 10 and 19. For more information about these meetings use this [link](#).

May Newsletter: The deadline for May newsletter articles is Thursday, April 19. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

Travel Advisories for Reagan National Airport

Reagan National is building two new 50,000-square-foot security checkpoint buildings which will replace three smaller checkpoints currently serving Terminal B/C. In addition, a new 14-gate concourse will replace Gate 35X – ending the need for travelers to ride buses to board regional jets parked outside. This construction will require lane and door closures and changes in pick-up points for Uber and Lyft vehicles and Airport and Hotel Shuttles. These changes are listed below. For updates on this information, [click here](#).

Two Lanes Closing Along Terminal B/C Arrivals Roadway

- Beginning Friday, March 23, two left lanes will be closed at all times along sections of the Arrivals (lower-level) roadway for construction.
- Significant portions of the passenger pick-up median for private vehicles will be blocked due to lane shifts.
- Increased traffic congestion is expected in this area.
- Passengers are advised to use Metrorail or park free up to 60 minutes (began March 21) in Terminal Garages to avoid the work zone.

Uber/Lyft Pick-Up Relocated to Arrivals (Lower) Level

- Beginning Wednesday, March 21, Uber and Lyft pick-up locations for Terminal B/C moved to the Arrivals (lower) level.
- The shift was done to achieve greater balance along the curb while major construction reduces roadway capacity

Two Curbside Doors to Terminal B/C Ticketing Level Closing for Construction

- Beginning Monday, March 19, access to Ticketing/Check-In through Door #5 closed. On Monday, March 26, access through Door #2 will also close.
- Customers can enter and exit the Ticketing lobby using any of the four remaining doors.
- The closures will enable work to establish New Security Checkpoint utility connections.

Airport and Hotel Shuttles Relocated to Ticketing Curb

- Beginning Monday, March 12, all parking, rental car, hotel and other off-airport shuttle pick-up and drop-off locations for Terminal B/C at Reagan National Airport moved to the Ticketing (upper) level.
- Follow signs inside the ticketing level and along the curb to reach the new pick-up locations for each service.
- Shuttle service at Terminal A will not be affected by this change.

Metro Walkway Airline Check-In Relocation

- American Airlines and Delta Air Lines ticket kiosks and bag drop counters moved about 100 feet from their previous locations near the Metro walkways into National Hall.
- Passengers can follow wayfinding signage to the new locations.
- Airline counters on the Ticketing (upper) level are not affected by these changes.

Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center

Remember to park in the **B/Gold** Garage. On Civic Federation meeting nights, the gates of the **B/Gold** Parking Garage, will be open, and there will be no charge for parking there. The **B/Gold** Parking Garage is located under the 1635 Medical Office Building. If you use another lot, you will have to pay the regular rate to exit.

