

Arlington County Civic Federation Jan. 8, 2019, Membership Meeting Minutes

President Duke Banks called the Jan. 8 ACCF special membership meeting to order at 7:05 pm. He reminded Delegates and Alternate to sign-in and get a voting card. President Banks thanked the Arlington Career Center for filming the meeting. He also reported that Vice President Nicole Merlene had resigned from the Board of Directors due to personal and professional changes. Finally, he reminded everyone that the agenda for the special meeting was approved at the Jan. 2 membership meeting.

The Board of Directors recommended that Arlington County Little League (ACLL) be approved for membership. The Delegates unanimously approved ACLL for membership.

Amazon “Pros and Cons” Panel

- Stephen Fuller, George Mason University
- Sally Duran, Arlington Economic Development Commission
- Roshan Abraham, Our Revolution Arlington

Each panelist gave a brief presentation of their views of the Amazon deal, followed by questions from Delegates and Alternates. Questions included: the methodology used to estimate where people will live; affordable housing; the distribution of wages around the \$150,000 median; the incentive program offered to Amazon; investments in education; impacts on Arlington public schools; and transportation development.

Presentation/Panel on POPS Plan and Level of Service calculations

- President Banks gave a short background to the panel, explaining that the County was invited to present themselves, but sent citizen representatives in their place feeling that they had the appropriate information to answer any and all questions regarding level of service.
- Caroline Haynes and Elizabeth Gearin, presenting the rationale behind the Level of Service methodology
- Peter Russelot and Kari Klaus, presenting opposition to Level of Service methodology the plan incorporated

Delegates and alternates asked questions focusing on: how level of service methodology was chosen; viable alternatives; the engagement of athletic organizations in the process; objections to the cities/counties chosen as comparable to Arlington; objections to the idea that there are too many fields; whether field “rest” time and maintenance were taken into account; whether weather needs were taken into account; why analysis by Peter Russelot and Kari Klaus focused on diamond fields as opposed to other types of fields; how scheduling of ball fields works; how to make scheduling more efficient; and how the athletic organizations and parents feel about field needs and usage.

Consideration of the “POPS” Resolution

- A motion to amend the resolution to strike the text in the section “Be it further resolved...” stating “keeping existing athletic fields in safe, playable condition for longer periods” was made and seconded. The amendment passed 66 - 1 - 0
- A motion to call the previous question was made and seconded. President Banks determined the motion passed with a clear $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
 - The resolution, as amended, passed 66 for, 17 against and 3 abstentions.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.