



The Civic Voice



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

Dear Delegates, Alternates and Presidents of Member Organizations,

It's hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner, and that means its time for our Annual Banquet. The date is Friday, April 5th featuring Col. Kimberly Peeples, Commander of Joint Base Myer – Henderson Hall. The event will be held on base at the Koran Room at JBM-HH Patton Hall, formerly the Fort Myer Officers Club. Please make your reservations now, not only to get Early Bird pricing for the event, but to also get on the list of attendees to get on the military base easily. For details go to [2019 Banquet](#).



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!Important Notice!
The Civic Federation is changing the day on which it holds its monthly meetings, Effective October 2019, the Federation's General Membership Meetings will move to the third Tuesday of the month. The meetings will continue to start at 7 PM and be held in the Virginia Hospital Center's Hazel Auditorium.

Our program for March includes a discussion on the challenges facing the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority (WMATA) and Metro. County Board Chair Christian Dorsey along with Maura Brophy, Federal City Council Associate Director for Transportation and Infrastructure, will headline this program. It promises to be a provocative program addressing the issues of governance and how to re-establish public trust so as to increase ridership.

Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey will make an encore appearance when he and his fellow County Board member Erik Gutshall participate in a listening session with delegates and alternates on the latter's concerns about the effects of Amazon on Arlington County.

Meeting Agenda
March 5 Membership Meeting

- 7PM Call to order
- Approval of minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Selection of Nominations Committee
- Approval of Old Glebe Boundary Change
- 7:15PM Metro
- 8:00PM Listening Session on Amazon
- 8:30PM Old Business - Discussion and vote on Personal Property Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans Resolution
- 8:40PM New Business – Update on Cultural Affairs Committee
- 8:45PM Open Microphone
- 8:50PM Adjournment

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We will also have discussion and vote on a resolution on providing personal property tax relief for disabled vets.

Tina Worden, Chair of the Cultural Affairs Committee, will give an overview of her committee's plans for the balance of the year.

Also, at the March 5 meeting, delegates will elect a new Secretary to serve for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Board of Directors has nominated Dennis Gerrity, who has stepped in to do secretarial duties upon the resignation of Secretary Maureen Coffey. As you may recall, Dennis received the 2018 Sun Gazette Cup Award for his exemplary service to the Civic Federation. Nominations also will be taken from the floor before a vote.

At our February meeting we established a Nominations Committee, but only identified three Delegates/Alternate Volunteers for the committee. Since then, we filled out the committee, which is now composed of the following individuals:

Michael Beer (michaelbeer@civfed.org)

Eric Berkey (berkeyeric@gmail.com)

Lois Koontz (lois@civfed.org)

Dennis Gerrity (dennis@civfed.org)

Sarah Shortall (sarah@civfed.org)

Serving on the ACCF Board of Directors is a great way to be an advocate for civic engagement and advocacy. If you are interested in serving in a leadership position in the Civic Federation or know someone who would be a good Board member, please contact Dennis or Sarah. Being on the ACCF Board of Directors is a great way to help improve Arlington.

Even with changes in our Board of Directors, we are working on our programs for the rest of the year. In April we are anticipating a program concerning both the County and Schools Budgets, and in May an update on Open Data efforts in the County. Likewise, we are in discussion with the County Manager's Office concerning follow on activity to public engagements efforts we had last year. Stay tuned for more details.

Best,

Duke Banks, President

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COME TO THIS YEAR'S CIVFED ANNUAL BANQUET AND MEET ONE OF ARLINGTON'S BEST NEIGHBORS

The Arlington County Civic Federation will celebrate its 103rd anniversary as the civic voice of Arlington at the 2019 Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony Friday, April 5 at Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall (JBM-HH) in the Koran Room at Patton Hall, formerly the Fort Myer Officers Club. The cocktail hour starts at 6 p.m. Dinner and the program follow at 7 p.m.

Joint Base Commander Col. Kimberly Peeples will be the featured speaker the banquet.



Members of “Pershing’s Own,” the prestigious U.S. Army Band, will provide music during the banquet’s cocktail hour. After Col. Peeples’ address, the Civic Federation will present the 2019 Sun Gazette Cup and ACCF Awards. deadline for early bird banquet tickets (\$45) is March 10. After that, tickets will be \$65. Tables (for 8) are available for \$330 until March 10 and \$360 thereafter. This [link will allow you to purchase tickets online](#) by checks, credit cards or PayPal. For more information, please contact Sandy Newton at sandy@civfed.org or 703-522-5593. Tickets also may be purchased at the March 5 ACCF meeting.

The names of those who register for the banquet by March 29 will be given to the guards at the 2nd Street Gate to facilitate access to JBM-HH. They will also be emailed a pass that can be downloaded, printed and placed on their dashboard. Those who do not register by March 29 will have to fill out forms at the gate to get on the base.

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THE WHEELS ON THE BUS, METRO, CAR, BIKE AND SCOOTER GO ROUND AND ROUND AT THE MARCH MEETING

Arlington County Board Chair Christian Dorsey, together with Maura Brophy, Federal City Council Associate Director for Transportation and Infrastructure, will be at the center of the March Arlington County Civic Federation membership meeting when they take to the podium to discuss WMATA and Metro issues as it affects Arlington. The ACCF meeting will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 5, in the Hazel Auditorium at Virginia Hospital Center (VHC), 1701 N. George Mason Dr.

“The Metro system is vital to Arlington County, especially with the arrival of Amazon, yet it is facing challenges going forward given that ridership is down and finances are tight,” said Duke Banks, ACCF President. “We are very fortunate that Mr. Dorsey, who is a Principal Director on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board, is so well-equipped to discuss these issues and answer member questions.” Mr. Dorsey also serves as one of three Arlington commissioners on The Northern Virginia Transportation Commission.

Mr. Dorsey and Ms. Brophy will discuss the challenges facing WMATA and Metro in the future, including issues of governance and funding of Metro. The Federal City Council has a long history of promoting Metro, and has been a catalyst in addressing modernization issues as it affects Metro, said Mr. Banks,

Following that, County Board Member Erik Gutshall will join Mr. Dorsey in a listening session on the Amazon relocation. This session is a follow-up to the two panels Civic Federation presented on Amazon during December and January. Delegates and Alternate will have an opportunity to express their views and ask questions during the session. If time permits, the public also may have an opportunity to speak.

The March CivFed meeting also will include consideration and a vote on the Legislation Committee’s resolution to provide a reduction in personal property (i.e., motor vehicle) tax for disabled veterans who live Arlington County. In addition, members will elect a new Secretary to serve for the remainder of the 2018-19 fiscal year. The Board of Directors has nominated Dennis Gerrity for Secretary and nominations also will be taken from the floor at the March 5 meeting.

Civic Federation meetings are open to the public and there is free parking in the VHC Gold garage for those attending the meeting.

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FOLLOW THE MONEY AT THE APRIL MEETING

The central focus of the April 2 Arlington County Civic Federation membership meeting will be the proposed FY2020 Arlington County and Public Schools budgets, which were released in late February. The ACCF meeting will be at 7 p.m., in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive.

“The County and School Boards will be holding works sessions on the proposed budget throughout March,” said ACCF President Duke Banks, “and the CivFed is working to bring together a broad spectrum of people as well as the Revenue and Expenditures (R&E) Committee to address the proposed budgets and budget processes.”

Mr. Banks also anticipates that the R&E, which is reviewing the FY2020 proposed budgets throughout March, will introduce a resolution on the propped budget.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED VETERANS

PROCEDURAL HISTORY:

At the Arlington County Civic Federation membership meeting on March 5, 2019, Delegates will consider and vote on the Legislation Committee's resolution calling on the County Board to authorize a reduction in motor vehicle personal property tax for disabled veterans and recommending that the County Board provide the same tax reduction as Fairfax and Loudon Counties. John O'Hara, Legislation Committee member, introduced the resolution at the Civic Federation meeting on February 5, 2019. Mr. O'Hara answered questions about the resolution and conferred with those who recommended revisions in the resolution, including clarifying that the disability must be "service-connected." The proposed resolution below includes those revisions.

President Duke Banks referred the resolution to the Legislation and Revenues and Expenditures (R&E) Committees for review.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs provides a disability compensation benefit to veterans who are disabled because of injuries or diseases that were incurred in or aggravated during military service. A veteran's disability compensation rating is graduated according to degree of the veteran's disability on a scale from 0 percent to 100 percent (in increments of 10 percent). Compensation may also be paid for disabilities considered secondary to disabilities occurring in military service and for disabilities presumed to be related to circumstances of military service. It is estimated that 2,900 out of 13,000 Arlington County veterans receive some level of disability compensation.

At least 11 jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia provide a motor vehicle personal property tax relief for disabled veterans. A tax relief is achieved through changes to local codes in conformance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3000, which pertains to personal property subject to local taxation and in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1-3506 (A)(19), which defines a separate classification for local taxation on a motor vehicle owned by a veteran. Tidewater area jurisdictions have reduced motor vehicle personal property tax rates for disabled veterans and Jefferson County provides a full personal property tax exemption while Fairfax County, City of Fairfax, and Loudoun County have a motor vehicle tax rate of \$.01 per \$100 assessed vehicle value for qualifying disabled veterans. To qualify for a motor vehicle personal property tax relief, a veteran must be rated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs as having a 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability rating.

Arlington County Office of the Commissioner of Revenue indicated there would be no adverse amount of workload with Arlington County approval of motor vehicle personal property tax relief measure and estimated the average vehicle tax relief would be almost \$400 per disabled veteran plus there would be operational costs for computer system programming requirements. Arlington County Code § 27-11.1, which pertains to personal property tax on motor vehicles, would probably need to be amended. Based on veteran

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population projections and the number of disabled veterans approved for motor vehicle personal property tax relief in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, it is estimated about 125 disabled veterans in Arlington County would qualify for the proposed motor vehicle personal property tax relief. The estimated annual cost or reduced revenue to Arlington County for providing motor vehicle personal property tax relief to 125 qualifying disabled veterans would be approximately \$50,000.

After the Legislation Committee drafted the proposed resolution, House Joint Resolution No. 676 was introduced in the General Assembly. The joint resolution, a constitutional amendment that the House of Delegates passed, would authorize counties, cities and towns to exempt veterans with 100 percent service-connected, permanent, and total disability rating from paying motor vehicle personal property tax. The Virginia Senate revised Joint Resolution No. 676, which the House rejected 97-0. The debate between the wording of House and Senate versions continues.

THE RESOLUTION:

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION RESOLUTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED VETERANS

WHEREAS, Arlington County has a long history of supporting our Nation’s military; ¹

WHEREAS, it is estimated 2,900 of 13,000 veterans living in Arlington County have some level of disability due to injuries or diseases incurred in or aggravated during military service, secondary conditions to service-connected disabilities, and disabilities presumed to be related to circumstances of military service ^{2 3 4 5 6}

WHEREAS, at least 11 jurisdictions in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, provide motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief for one motor vehicle owned by veterans who have a 100 percent **service-connected**, ⁷ permanent, and total disability rating as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs;

¹ Arlington County Military and Veterans Affairs Committee, accessed January 7, 2019,

² <https://commissions.arlingtonva.us/military-veterans-affairs-committee/>

“FY2017 Disability Compensation and Pension Veteran Population,” U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2,871 disabled veterans in Arlington County, refer to MS Excel file: Comp_n_Pen_by_Cnty_2017.elsx, accessed January 7, 2019, https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp

³ “Quick Facts - Arlington County,” U.S. Census Bureau, veteran population of 12,797 as of July 2018, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/arlingtoncountyvirginia>

⁴ “Veteran Population by County,” U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, estimate of 13,339 veterans in Arlington County as of September 30, 2018, refer to MS Excel file: 9L_VetPop2016_County.xlsx, accessed January 7, 2019, https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp

⁵ “Disability Compensation Benefit,” U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/index.asp>

⁶ “Presumptive Disability Benefits,” U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, accessed January 7, 2019, <https://benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/presumption.pdf>

⁷ Virginia jurisdictions with personal property tax relief for disabled veterans, accessed January 7, 2019:

Fairfax City, <https://www.fairfaxva.gov/government/commissioner-of-the-revenue/personal-property-motor-vehicle-license-tax-individual-business>

Fairfax County, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief/vehicle-disabled-veterans>

James City County, <https://www.jamescitycountyva.gov/457/Disabled-Veteran-Exemptions>

Loudoun County, <https://www.loudoun.gov/taxrelief-veteran>

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WHEREAS, based on the number of disabled veterans who receive motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties, it is estimated about 125 disabled veterans in Arlington County would qualify for motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief;^{8 9 10 11}

WHEREAS, the Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Office indicated that, although some computer system programming would be necessary, there would be no adverse amount of workload if the County Board approved motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief for disabled veterans in Arlington County;¹²

WHEREAS, it is estimated that it would cost Arlington County approximately \$50,000 annually in lost revenue to provide motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief to 125 qualifying disabled veterans based on average motor vehicle tax relief of about \$400;^{13 14} and

WHEREAS, providing motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief to disabled veterans in Arlington County would require that the County Board amend local codes in accordance with Virginia Code § 58.1 -3506 (A) (19), which allows a separate classification for local taxation on motor vehicles owned by disabled veterans;¹⁵

Hampton, <https://www.hampton.gov/573/Tax-Rates>

Suffolk City, <https://www.suffolkva.us/185/Disabled-Veteran-Personal-Property-Tax-R>

Virginia Beach, <https://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/commissioner-of-the-revenue/personal-property/Pages/disabled-veterans-personal-property-tax-relief.aspx>

City of Chesapeake, <http://www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/city-departments/departments/comm-rev/local-tax-rates.htm>

City of Norfolk, <https://www.norfolk.gov/index.aspx?NID=3577>

Hanover County, <https://www.hanovercounty.gov/401/Personal-Property-Tax>

City of Newport News, <https://www.nnva.gov/541/Handicapped-Disabled-Veteran-Motor-Vehic>

⁸ “FY2017 Disability Compensation and Pension Veteran Population by County,” U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, estimate of 22,132 disabled veterans in Fairfax County and 5,035 disabled veterans in Loudoun County, refer to MS Excel file Comp_n_Pen_by_Cnty_2017.elsx, accessed January 7, 2019, https://www.va.gov/vetdata/veteran_population.asp

⁹ Data provided by Heike Burke, Personal Property and Business License Division, Department of Tax Administration, Fairfax County (VA), email to John O’Hara, July 2, 2018. As of May 2018, Fairfax County processed 552 qualified applicants for the reduced vehicle tax rate for disabled veterans, which is 2.49 percent of estimated 22,132 disabled veterans in Fairfax County.

¹⁰ Data provided by Darya Thompson, Deputy Commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, Loudoun County (VA), email to John O’Hara, June 8, 2018. As of June 8, 2018, Loudoun County had 313 veterans with 100 percent service-connected permanent and total disability rating receiving reduced vehicle tax rate, which is 6.22 percent of estimated 5,036 disabled veterans in Loudoun County.

¹¹ Projection of 125 disabled veterans in Arlington County eligible for a motor vehicle personal property tax relief was extrapolated from number of disabled veterans approved for tax relief in Fairfax and Loudoun Counties compared to estimated 22,132 Fairfax County veterans and 5,036 Loudoun County veterans receiving disability compensation benefit, which implied a 4.35 percent average qualifying rate that was applied to estimated 2,871 Arlington County veterans in receipt of disability compensation.

¹² Information provided by Ray Miller, Deputy Commissioner, Vehicle Personal Property Division, Arlington County Commissioner of the Revenue Office, email to John O’Hara, December 19, 2018

¹³ Data provided by Liza Gookin Hodskins, Aide to Erik Gutshall, Arlington County Board Member, with input from the Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Office, email to John O’Hara, July 2, 2018. Cost estimate of \$100,000 based on inaccurate estimate of 254 disabled veterans, which yielded an average cost of \$394 per disabled veteran. For resolution briefings and discussions, average tax relief cost of \$400 used.

¹⁴ Cost estimate of \$50,000 based on 125 veterans multiplied by average tax relief of \$400 per veteran.

¹⁵ Commonwealth of Virginia Code § 58.1 -3506 (A)(19), accessed January 7, 2019, <https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title58.1/chapter35/section58.1-3506/>

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the Arlington County Board approve motor vehicle **personal property** tax relief on one motor vehicle owned by Arlington veterans who have a 100 percent **service-connected**, permanent, and total disability rating as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs by amending Arlington County Code §27-11-1; ¹⁶ and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the Arlington County Board adopt a reduced motor vehicle **personal property** tax rate of \$.01 per \$100 assessed vehicle value on one motor vehicle owned by a disabled veteran with a 100 percent **service-connected**, permanent, and total disability rating, which is like the motor vehicle **personal property** tax rate Fairfax and Loudoun Counties have approved for disabled veterans. ^{17 18}

¹⁶ "Personal Property Tax on Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Boats," Arlington County Code § 27-11.1, accessed January 8, 2019, <https://arlingtonva.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2014/01/County-Code-27-Miscellaneous-Ordinances.pdf>

¹⁷ "Reduced Vehicle Tax Rate for Qualifying Disabled Veterans," Fairfax County, accessed January 9, 2019, <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/taxes/relief/vehicle-disabled-veterans>

¹⁸ "Personal Property Alternative Tax Rate: Disabled Veterans," Loudoun County, accessed January 9, 2019, <https://www.loudoun.gov/1612/Tax-Relief-for-Disabled-Veterans>

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Committee Updates

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

After being dormant since 2010, the Civic Federation Cultural Affairs Committee (CAC) has been resurrected. Tina Worden, a Delegate from Shirlington Dogs II and vice chair of the Arlington Commission for the Arts, has breathed new life in to the committee by volunteering to chair it. Ms. Worden will provide a brief overview of plans for reviving the CAC at the March 5 ACCF meeting.

According to Ms. Worden, for two reasons this is a good time for CAC to get active again. First, the County Board has directed staff from the Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development (CPHD) to study the possibility of establishing an Arts and Industry District in Arlington. This “development will impact the future of many Arlington-based artists and art organizations,” Ms. Worden said, adding that having an active CAC will give the Civic Federation an opportunity to get involved at the ground level.

Second, funding for art grants has not kept pace with inflation since 1992 when the program first launched and in FY2018 was further underfunded by more than \$100,000. With talk of budget shortfalls next year, Ms. Worden said that art grants could face further reductions in the FY2020 County budget. The revitalized CAC could be an effective advocate for maintaining funding for the arts in Arlington County.

The CAC will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 19 in the conference room at 3700 S. Four Mile Run. If you are interested in participating on the CAC, please contact her at tinaw@civfed.org.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Bylaws Committee Chair Allen Norton and committee members have been drafting Board Resolution guidelines to complement the Bylaws to clarify processes for Civic Federation members, especially new members. The first draft Board Resolutions guidelines the Committee is drafting are guidelines for submission of resolutions to the General Membership, and guidelines on how to run committees. The Committee already has provided the draft Board Resolutions guidelines to the Legislation Committee for comment. They also plan to circulate it with the other ACCF committees for review before sharing the guidelines with the membership and approval by the Board.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Arlington County Civic Federation (ACCF) changed its bylaws and organizational structure in 2018. Therefore, some of the steps to join as a member organization are changing as well. These changes are in the draft process. Refer to www.civfed.org for additional information.

There have been some problems with recent boundary change requests. Member organization that want to change their boundaries must circulate petitions among homeowners and businesses affected by the boundary changes showing that they are in favor or have no objections of becoming members of the organization that want to expand its boundaries, and they must provide copies of these surveys to the Membership Committee. Letters from civic associations adjacent to the boundary changes stating that they have no objection to the boundary changes must be provided to the Membership Committee.

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MAKING DOLLARS AND SENSE OF THE FY2020 BUDGET

With many questions circulating about whether Arlington County and Arlington Public Schools will face budget shortfalls, and, if so, how much, the Civic Federation wants to provide information about work sessions and public hearings on the FY2020 budget so members can be actively engaged and weigh in on the budget process. In addition, the Civic Federation wants to invite interested members to attend Revenue and Expenditure Committee meetings as they review the proposed FY2020 County and Public Schools budgets.

Arlington County Budget

Arlington County Manager Mark Schwartz presented the proposed FY2020 budget at a County Board work session on Feb. 21 and at the Feb. 23 monthly Board meeting. The County will host the following work sessions on the proposed budget at the Ellen Bozman Government Center, 307, 2100 Clarendon Blvd., unless otherwise noted:

- Thursday, Feb. 28 Budget Work Session
Department of Human Services
4 – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, March 8 Budget Work Session
Department of Environmental Services
9 – 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 12 Budget Work Session
Department of Parks and Recreation
3 – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 14 Budget Work Session
Economic Development, Business Improvement Districts,
Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization
Lee Highway Alliance
Clarendon Alliance
Department of Technology Services
4 – 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 2 Public hearing on FY2020 proposed budget
- Thursday, April 4 Public tax rate hearing on FY2020 proposed budget

Dates and proposed topics for each Work Session are subject to change.
Please check <https://budget.arlingtonva.us/fy-2020-budget-information/> for updates.

Arlington Public Schools Budget

The proposed FY2020 budget for the Arlington Public Schools was presented on Feb. 28. The following work sessions on the proposed budget will be held at 7 p.m., at Syphax Education Center, 2110 Washington Blvd:

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| Thursday, Feb. 28 | Budget Work Session 1 (immediately following Board meeting) |
| Tuesday, March 12 | Budget Work Session 2 |
| Tuesday, March 19 | Budget Work Session 3 |
| Tuesday, March 26 | Budget Work Session 4 |
| Tuesday, April 2 | Budget Work Session 5 |
| Tuesday, April 9 | Budget Work Session 6 |
| Tuesday, May 7 | Budget Work Session 7 (if needed) |

Dates and proposed topics for each Work Session are subject to change. Please check <https://www.apsva.us> for updates.

ACCF Revenues and Expenditures (R&E) Committee

The R&E Committee will hold weekly meetings beginning in March to review the proposed FY2020 County and Public Schools budgets from 1 - 3 p.m., Sundays, at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd. After reviewing the proposed budgets, the R&E Committee tentatively plans to develop a resolution to be introduced at the March 5 ACCF membership meeting. During the month of March this draft resolution will be reviewed by other CivFed committees. A final resolution will be discussed and voted on at the April 2 ACCF meeting. All Delegates, Alternates and members of Member Organizations are welcome to participate on ACCF committees (ACCF Bylaws § 4.02).

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Old Glebe Civic Association Proposed Boundary Change

The Old Glebe Civic Association (OGCA) is requesting to expand its current boundaries, to incorporate several streets just south of OGCA's current boundary that are not part of any civic association. The three areas proposed to be annexed are as follows:

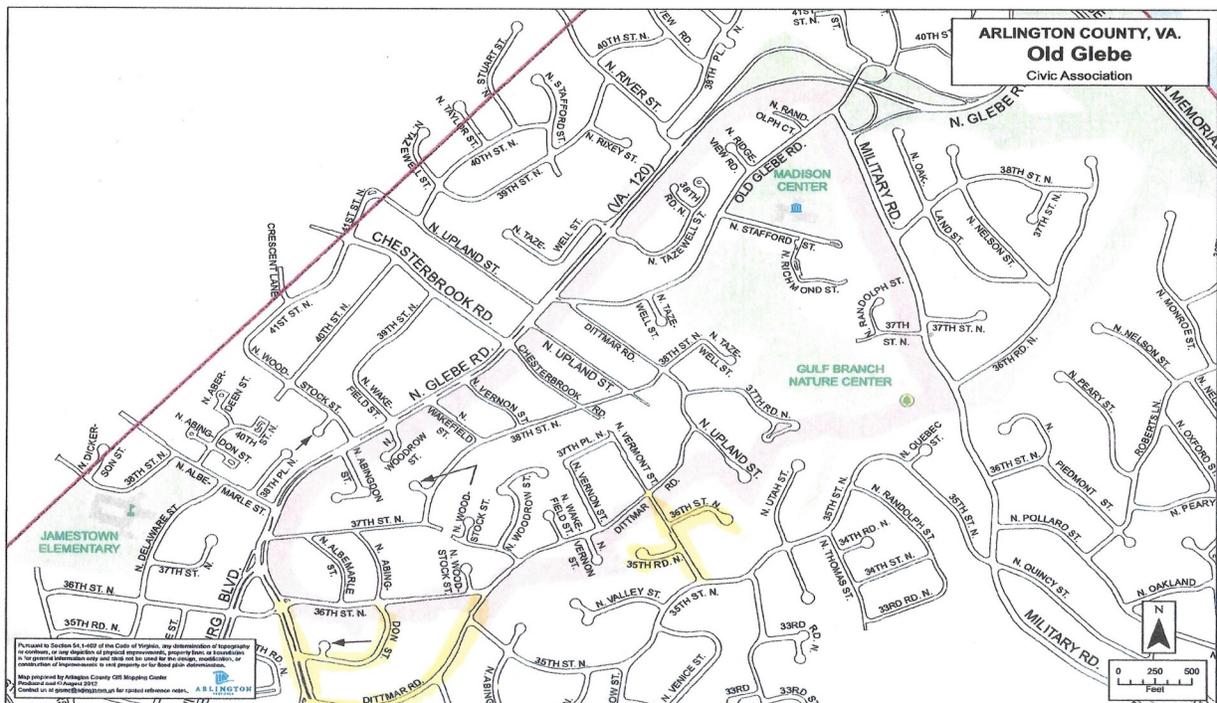
- (1) Both sides of N. Abingdon St. between 36th Street N. and Glebe Rd. (13 households);
- (2) Both sides of Dittmar Rd. between 36th Street N. and Glebe Rd. (24 households); and
- (3) Both sides of N. Vermont St. between Dittmar Rd. and 35th Street, as well as the two cul-de-sacs that run off of this block (36th Street N. and 35th Road N.) (26 households).

The current southern border of OGCA, beginning at Glebe Road, runs east along both sides of 36th Street N until it reaches Dittmar Rd., and thence runs east along both sides of Dittmar Rd. (and includes all of the cul-de-sacs that run south off of Dittmar Road). Under the proposed changes, the southern border of OGCA, beginning at Glebe Road, would run east along the entire length of Dittmar Road, except that it would dip south at N. Vermont St. to incorporate N. Vermont St. and its two cul-de sacs. The proposed changes are highlighted below on a map. Click here to view [a larger version](#) of this map

The proposed boundary changes would incorporate street that are not currently part of any civic association and that logically fit into the OGCA neighborhood. For example, five of the six blocks of Dittmar Road are currently within OGCA; the proposed change would bring all of Dittmar Road within OGCA boundaries.

OGCA members canvassed the neighborhoods affected by the proposed expansion. A majority of the residents of those neighborhoods signed petitions expression approval of their incorporation into OGCA. No residents expressed opposition. The only civic association that abuts OGCA to the south is the Gulf Branch Civic Association (GBCA). Areas within the GBCA include 35th Street N. where it intersects with N. Vermont St.—an area directly adjacent to a block that OGCA proposes to incorporate. OGCA has informed residents of GBCA of its proposed expansion, and is unaware of any opposition to its plan.

CivFed's Membership Committee reports that it has reviewed Old Glebe's efforts to advertise their proposed boundary change and survey affected residents and civic associations. It has recommended approval of Old Glebe's request.



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January 16, 2019 Arlington County Civic Federation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present: Duke Banks, Alexandra Bocian, Lois Koontz, Sandy Newton, Sarah Shortall

Others attending: John Seymour (Environmental Affairs Committee Chair), Allen Norton (Rules and Bylaws Committee Chair), Michael Beer (Schools Committee Chair), Dennis Gerrity (Unattached)

2. Meeting minutes

- i) The minutes for the December 16 Board Meeting were approved by a vote 5-0
- ii) Dennis Gerrity agreed to prepare the minutes for the January 16, 2019 Board Meeting. Lois Koontz agreed to prepare the Action Item List agreed to at the January 16, 2019.

3. Treasurer's Update

Sarah reported that CivFed had received 2018-2019 membership fees totaling \$4,100 as of this meeting. She said two organizations that joined after January 1, 2019 were liable for only a \$25 fee but paid the full-year \$50 fee. The Board authorized Sarah to offer these organization options of a refund, a credit toward their 2019-2020 membership fee, or a donation credit. Sarah said that she thought two organizations that failed to renew their memberships, Columbia Forest and Frederick Courts, were worth additional renewal efforts.

4. Priorities

i) Upton Hill: John Seymour, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, gave the Board an update on the controversy surrounding the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority's plans to make improvements to the Upton Hill Park. John said this controversy might be moot because Arlington County was close to issuing a LDA permit for this project. John was asked and agree to look into the possibility of a program on the Upton Hill Park at a future Membership Meeting or another venue so that delegates and alternates had an opportunity to become better informed and express their opinions on improving the park.

ii) 2019 Banquet: Sandy Newton, Banquet Committee Chair, and Lois updated the Board on preparations for the 103rd Civic Federation Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony to be held from 6 PM to 10 PM on Friday, April 5, in the Koran Room at Patton Hall, the former Officer's Club of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. It will feature Col. Kimberly Peeples, post commander, as the program speaker. Meals would be priced at \$45 until March 1st and \$65 thereafter. The Board decided to send both email and printed invitations. Dennis agreed to set up a Constant Contact landing site for the banquet and print labels and name tags. Access to the post, Col. Peeples' presentation, music at the banquet, comped meals, the banquet program, color guard and other details were discussed.

iii) Resignations of Officers and 2019-2020 Nominating Committee: Duke and Lois informed the Board that Maureen Coffey would have to resign from the Board because her service as Katie Cristol's campaign manager conflicted with the nonpartisan character of CivFed. This would leave both the Vice President and Secretary position vacant for the balance of the 2018-2019 fiscal year unless a special election was held. After discussion, the Board decided to create the 2019-2020 Nominations Committee at the February 5 Membership Meeting. This would allow the 2019 Annual Meeting to be moved up to either April or May so that incoming officers could assume their responsibilities before July 1st. Sarah moved that the Board respectfully request Maureen Coffey to resign from the Board and to appoint Dennis Gerrity as an assistant officer (non-voting status) to perform secretarial functions through the end of the fiscal year. Duke seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Sarah volunteered at the BOD meeting to serve on the Nominations Committee.

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iv) Recap of January Membership Meetings: Sarah said the presentation of the Level of Service panel and resolution was not balanced between those who opposed the LOS methodology in the POPS plan and those who support the POPS plan as is. She said they did not include the opinions of recreational users of Arlington's parks such as the Little League and other team sports. Michael Beer described the resolution as being badly written.

v) Microphones: The merits of using roving versus standing microphones and vice versa during Q&A sessions at Membership Meetings were discussed.

vi) Civil Discourse: Lack of civil discourse at membership meetings and in exchanges between county officials and staff and federation board members and delegates was discussed.

5) Committee Reports

i) Bylaws and Rules Committee

Sarah Shortall gave a report on draft procedures for issue resolutions that focused on:

Introduction of resolutions

Committee review of resolutions

Consideration of and voting on resolutions by ACCF membership and

Emergencies.

Lois asked if an individual who submitted a resolution to a committee could submit this resolution for membership approval without some or all changes made to the resolution by the committee.

Sarah said committees should be encouraged to include opposition views

Duke and others asked if review and approval of these procedures should be at the board, committee, or membership level(s).

Allen Norton gave a report on draft procedures for member issue committees that focused on:

Composition of Committees

Procedures for Member Committee meetings

Member Committee reports.

Questions were raised on who was eligible to be a member of a committee; what were the powers of committee chairs; what is the role of a committee Sargent-at-Arms; and what constitutes uncivil behavior?

6. Agendas for upcoming membership meetings: February: Selection of 2019-2020 nominating committee, School Board visit, discussion and vote on resolution supporting decriminalization of marijuana, introduction of resolution supporting personal property tax relief for disabled veterans, open mic. March: Metro with Christian Dorsey and a representative of the Federal City Council. April: No discussion. May: No discussion. June: No discussion.

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Draft Minutes February 5, 2019 ACCF Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Federation President Banks noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. President Banks led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting's agenda was approved as submitted and the minutes for the December 11, 2019, the January 2, 2019 and the January 8, 2019 Membership Meetings were approved as submitted. The January Treasurer's report was filed subject to audit.

New Delegate: President Banks welcomed new delegate Jennifer Davis representing the Fairlington Citizens Association.

Member Organizations All-Stars: President Banks announced that the following member organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present at the January 8, 2019 Membership Meeting: AAUW Arlington; Alcova Heights Citizens Association; Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association; Arlington Forest Citizens Association; Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance; Arlington Little League; Arlington Tree Action Group; Aurora Highlands Civic Association; Center for Urban Education; Bluemont Civic Association; Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association; Columbia Heights Civic Association; Crystal City Civic Association; Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks; Glencarlyn Citizens Association; Lyon Village Citizens Association; Madison Manor Citizens Association; Maywood Community Association; Old Glebe Civic Association; Penrose Civic Association; Rock Spring Civic Association; Shirlington Dogs II; Waverly Hills Civic Association; Woman's Club of Arlington; Woodmont Civic Association.

Career Center Video Recording of this Meeting: President Banks thanked Career Center students Seb Duall, Campbell Hamilton-Howard and Emilio Tonelli; Duane Loomis a sound technician with the Career Center TV production program; and Career Center instructor Tom O'Day for making a video recording of this Federation meeting.

2019 ACCF Banquet and Awards Ceremony: President Banks announced that the 103rd Civic Federation Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony would be held from 6 PM to 10 PM on Friday, April 5, in the Koran Room at Patton Hall, the former Officer's Club of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall. It will feature Col. Kimberly Peebles, post commander, as the program speaker. Meals would be priced at \$45 until March 10th and \$65 thereafter. Those registered by March 10th will receive a pass that will give them access to the post as guests of the commandant. President Banks thanked Sandy Newton for her efforts as chair of the Banquet Committee.

Board Officers and 2019-2020 Nominating Committee: President Banks reported that Federation Vice President Nicole Merlene and Secretary Maureen Coffey had resigned. On behalf of the Federation he thanked them for their contributions. Instead of electing replacements, the Board decided to create the 2019-2020 Nominating Committee at this meeting with the charge to have a slate of officers and board members ready by the Federation's April meeting. Michael Beer and Dennis Gerrity offered to serve on the nominating committee.

A Conversation with the Arlington County School Board: President Banks welcomed members of the Arlington County School Board: Reid Goldstein, Chair; Tannia Talento, Vice Chair; Barbara Kanninen, Member; Monique O'Grady, Member; Nancy Van Doren, Member. They answered the following questions submitted in advance by the Schools Committee:

1. How can we improve citizen input (and the perceived experience) to the School Board?
2. What lessons have we learned from the Elementary redistricting process and how can we apply that to the follow-on redistricting of 2020?

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3. Is there anything the SB can do to alleviate the differential between PTA budgets and academic enrichment opportunities such as field trips to Jamestown, model UN, international exchanges, science fairs or other with incremental cost at different schools? In what (non-boundary) ways can APS address inequities?
4. Are there additional resources that can be sent to Title 1 schools with very high percentages of children populations who are "free and reduced lunch"?
5. Given the \$43 million deficit in next year's budget and assuming the central administration will be cut first, if you had to choose between increasing class size or freezing teacher salaries (rather than doing both) which would you prioritize?
6. How can the board re-structure the ACI so that it can contemplate academic issues holistically rather than by subject?

Delegates and alternates at the meeting asked about Arlington's Title 1 schools; Stratford School construction progress; the \$43 million APS deficit forecast for FY 2020; tax increase to cover the \$43 million APS deficit; how will the committee that renamed the WL School be acknowledged; free and reduced lunches; Carlyn Springs as an immersion school; returning community centers to school use; reduced fee lunch debt.

ACCF Housing Committee: Eric Brescia, chair of the ACCF Housing Committee, gave a brief summary of issues his committee will be dealing this year. He invited interested delegates and alternates to participate in his committee's meetings.

Legislative Committee Resolution on Marijuana Decriminalization: Andy Ludwig, a delegate representing NoVa Norml and a member of the Legislative Committee, presented a report on a resolution recommending decriminalization of marijuana possession prepared by the Legislative Committee. This resolution states in relevant part that the *Arlington County Civic Federation strongly supports the efforts of the Arlington delegation to secure passage of legislation decriminalizing marijuana possession; and further that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the General Assembly to decriminalize possession of small amounts of marijuana possession by adults so that, at a maximum, only civil penalties with reasonable fines are assessed; and further that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the Arlington County Board to include marijuana decriminalization as part of its legislative package until possession of small amounts of marijuana is no longer a crime in Virginia.*

Questions from delegates and alternates included: What is a small amount of marijuana? What are other jurisdictions in the area doing about decriminalization? What would decriminalization mean for immigrants arrested for possession of small amounts of marijuana?

A motion to approve the Legislative Committee's Marijuana Decriminalization Resolution was approved by a vote of 37 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions.

New Business

Legislative Committee Resolution on Motor Vehicle Tax Relief for Disabled Veterans: John O'Hara, a delegate representing the Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association and a member of the Legislative Committee, introduced a resolution recommending motor vehicle tax relief for disabled veterans prepared by the Legislative Committee. This resolution states in relevant part that the *Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the Arlington County Board approve motor vehicle tax relief on one motor vehicle owned by Arlington veterans who have a 100 percent permanent and total disability rating as determined by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs by amending Arlington County Code §27-11-1; and further that the Arlington County Civic Federation recommends the Arlington County Board adopt a reduced motor vehicle tax rate of \$.01 per \$100 assessed vehicle value on one motor vehicle owned by a disabled veteran with a 100 percent permanent and total disability rating, which is like the motor vehicle tax rate Fairfax and Loudoun Counties have approved for disabled veterans.*

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Questions from delegates and alternates included: Does the resolution cover commercial vehicles? Are solid estimates of the cost of the software necessary to implement the resolution available? Is the resolution inequitable for vets who don't have a vehicle? Does the resolution cover other VA disability categories?

President Banks said he would refer this resolution to the Legislative Committee and the Revenues and Expenditures Committee.

Open Microphone:

Juliet Hiznay said she wanted to make Federation delegates and alternates aware that the trend in criminal justice reform seemed to be bypassing juveniles. She said many of these children had learning disabilities and would benefit more from diversion and services.

Don Gurney said asking panels two or more questions at the same time seemed to confuse some panelists. He recommended considering one question at a time, saying that this would improve the quality of panelists' responses.

Karen Rosenblum asked about the status of Old Glebe's request to expand its boundaries.

February Board of Directors Meeting: President Banks announced that the February Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:30 PM on February 10 at Fire Station 2, 4805 Wilson Blvd.

March 2019 Membership Meeting: President Banks announced that the March 5, 2019 Membership Meeting will be held in in the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. The meeting's highlights will include a WMATA presentation with Christian Dorsey and a representative of the Federal City Council and a discussion and vote on a resolution recommending personal property tax relief for disabled veterans.

March Newsletter Deadline: President Banks reminded the meeting that February 21 was the deadline for submitting material for the March newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dennis Gerrity

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February 10, 2019 Arlington County Civic Federation Board of Directors Meeting Draft Minutes

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Duke Banks, Rick Epstein, Lois Koontz, Mike McMenammin, Sandy Newton, and Sarah Shortall. Others attending Allen Norton (Rules and Bylaws Committee Chair), Tina Worden (Cultural Affairs Committee Chair), Dennis Gerrity (Unattached).

Rick moved that an amended version of the agenda for this meeting be approved. His motion was seconded and approved by a 5-0 vote.

2. Meeting Minutes

- i) An amended version of the minutes for the January 16 Board Meeting was approved by a vote 5-0.
- ii) Dennis Gerrity agreed to prepare the minutes for the February 10, 2019 Board Meeting. Lois Koontz agreed to prepare the Action Item List for the February 10, 2019 Board Meeting.

3. Treasurer's Update

Sarah reported that CivFed had received 2018-2019 membership fees totaling \$4,100 as of this meeting. After discussion, Sarah Shortall moved that CivFed donate \$500.00 to the Arlington County Scholarship Fund for Teachers and \$250 for a wreath to be laid at the Arlington Peace Officers Memorial Day Ceremony. Her motion was seconded and approved by a 5-0 vote.

4. Priorities

- i) **Upton Hill:** Duke reported that John Seymour, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, said that expansion of the Upton Hill park was not yet ready for a presentation at a CivFed Membership Meeting.
- ii) **2019 Banquet: Banquet Program Brochure:** After discussion, the Board agreed on the following organization of the program brochure: Page 1 is the cover; Page 2 will be the program; Page 3 will be Col. Peeples' bio; Page 4 officers and committee chairs; Page 5 President's Award; Page 6 Sun Gazette Cup; Page 7 Meritorious Service Awards; Page 8 Member Organizations. **Color Guard:** Sandy said that the Career Center told her it could not supply a Color Guard for the banquet. Duke said he will try to follow up on this with his contacts at the Career Center. **Links on CivFed's Website to the 2019 Banquet Landing Page:** Sandy said links to the banquet on CivFed's website went to the 2018 Banquet. Dennis said he would ask Adam Henderson to correct them. **CivFed's Facebook:** Sandy asked about putting a banquet announcement on CivFed's Facebook page. Sarah said she would ask Maureen for the password to the Facebook page. **Additional Language:** Rick suggested a short statement explaining that the role/purpose of CivFed was non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional and non-political should be included in the banquet brochure for those attendees not familiar with the organization. **VIP Tables:** Seating at VIP tables was discussed. Col Peeples and her husband, Duke and Elvira Banks, Sandy Newton and her husband, Leah Rubalcaba and Scott McCaffery will be seated at the head table. **Certificates of Appreciation and other Awards:** How and when Certificates of Appreciation would be awarded and if an Order of Distinguished Meritorious Service would be awarded were discussed. Including an Awards category in the program was suggested as a solution to these issues. Stef will award the Certificates of Appreciation, Duke would give the President's Award, Scott McCaffery would give the Sun Gazette award.
- iii) **Nominating Committee:** Sarah reports that Eric Brescia agree to serve if no one else volunteered. Sarah said she would contact Edie Wilson of the Shirlington CA about serving on the committee. Dennis agreed to supply Michael Beer and Sarah with contact information on current delegates and alternates.
- iv) **Membership Committee:** Duke that there were two new organizations in the process of being approved: the Arlington Historical Association and the Bromptons Condominium. Dennis said that Frederick Courts and Columbia Forest did not renew their membership. He said they would be encouraged to do so. Dennis said an Old Glebe boundary change request needed additional information before it could be submitted for approval. He said he would check with Stef Pryor on what was needed. Allen and Sarah said they were reviewing the approval processes for (i) new members and (ii) boundary changes.

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v) Bylaws Committee: Duke asked when draft procedures for issue resolutions and Member Issue Committees would be ready for review by the Board and committees. Sarah and Allen said they needed some more time before they could submit these draft procedures to the Board and then to Member Issue Committees. In response to questions from Stef Pryor, Lois, and Rick, Sarah and Allen said CivFed's bylaws limited participation on member issue committees to delegates, alternates and members of member organizations. Others could be invited for specific purposes or to provide need information. Allen said the Board should be notified when a Member Issue Committee invited others to participate in one of their meetings. Allen and Sarah said that notice requirements for Member Issue Committees could be addressed if representatives of these committees gave short presentations on their committee's plans for the year at either the September or October General Membership Meetings. Lois suggested that a template be created to help Member Issue Committees organize this information. Duke said a conflict of interest policy needed to be developed. Allen suggested that the Board advertise for assistance from membership on this. Mike McMenamin suggested that the Constant Contact membership list be used to market participation on Member Issue Committees, perhaps one every month.

vi) Condo Associations as Member Organizations: Rick expressed concern that permitting condo associations that were part of existing civic association membership organizations to become member organizations themselves would hollow out the civic association member organizations to which they originally belonged. Rick said there was also an equity issue: a small condo association with twenty units would have the same number of delegates and alternates as a civic association with 800 homes. Sarah said that a condo with twenty units and met CivFed's other membership requirements had as much right to join CivFed as a large community with hundreds of homes.

vii) Representing CivFed at the February County Board Meeting: Duke he would be out of town for the February 23 County Board Meeting. He needed someone to act as his substitute and present the Federation's resolution supporting decriminalizing possession of marijuana. After discussion, the Board authorized Duke to ask Andy Ludwig of NoVa Norml and the Legislative Committee to make the presentation.

viii) Plaque Commemorating Tim Wise: Duke said the General Assembly had approved a plaque commemorating Tim Wise for his public service. He said Delegate Patrick Hope was coordinating efforts to present this plaque at a future General Meeting.

5) Programming for General Membership Meetings

March: WMATA with Christian Dorsey of the Arlington County Board and Maura Brophy, Director of Transportation and Infrastructure at the Federal City Council with discussion focused on the governance structure of WMATA; Christian Dorsey will hold a listening session on Amazon; and a report and vote on personal property tax relief for veterans.

April: Duke and Rick will work on organizing presentations on the County Manager's budget and the School Superintendent's budget. These will be followed by an ACCF Revenue and Expenditure Committee Budget Resolution. There was discussion on having a constitutional officer candidates forum and primary candidates' debate at either the April or the May meetings. Rick and Sarah said both could be considered as political in nature. They recommended that CivFed not get involved with either. Rick said he wished there was a way CivFed could still hold such a debate in a "nonpolitical" fashion.

May: Transparency/Open Data Program.

June: Tina will give an overview on the status of cultural affairs in Arlington. P&Z and Housing may give an informational presentation on the impact of Amazon on affordable housing in the county.

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6) Newsletter

Duke said the deadline for submitting material for the March newsletter was February 21. Sarah said she did not want articles she had written to be merged with Duke's President's message without her permission. After discussion, Lois moved that material written for the newsletter must be attributed to the person who wrote it. Her motion was seconded and approved without exception.

7) Microphones at General Meetings

The Board discussed using roving versus standing microphones during Q&A sessions at General Meetings, Sarah moved that a standing microphone be used at the March meeting. Those who wished to ask questions would be asked identify themselves. Those who had not asked a question before would be allowed to ask their questions before those who had asked a question in the past. Sarah's motion was seconded and approved without exception.

8) Other

Change in General Meeting Dates effective October 2019: Lois recommended that the newsletter contain a notice on a repetitive basis that beginning October 2019 General Meetings would be held on the third Tuesday of the month.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM. These minutes were submitted by Dennis Gerrity.

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ACCF Treasurer's Report – January 1 - 31, 2019

<u>Checking</u>		
Beginning balance (1/1/19)		\$ 8,093.47
Deposits		
Dues – 2018-19		
Checks	\$ 150.00	
Transfer from PayPal	\$ 48.25	
Banquet - 2019	<u>\$ 130.48</u>	
	\$ 328.73	\$ 328.73
Expenditures		
Administrative		
Constant contact	\$ 66.50	
Website domain	\$ 263.86	
Paper supplies	<u>\$ 81.17</u>	
	\$ 411.53	\$
		411.53
Ending balance (1/31/19)		<u>\$ 8,010.67</u>
<u>Savings</u>		
Beginning balance (1/1/19)		\$ 4,426.13
Deposits		
Interest	\$.12	\$.12
Expenditures		
	\$.00	\$.00
Ending balance (1/31/19)		<u>\$ 4,426.25</u>
<u>PayPal</u>		
Beginning balance (1/1/19)		\$.00
Deposits		
Dues – 2018-19	\$ 50.00	
Banquet - 2019	<u>\$ 140.00</u>	
	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
Expenditures		
Transfer to checking	\$ 178.73	
PayPal fees	<u>\$ 14.00</u>	
	\$ 190.00	\$ 190.00
Ending balance (1/31/19)		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Arlington Community Federal Credit Union</u>		
Beginning balance (1/1/19)		\$ 10,032.79
Deposits		
15-month CD interest	\$ 8.65	
18-month CD interest	<u>\$ 10.12</u>	
	\$ 18.77	\$
		18.77
Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Ending balance (1/31/19)		<u>\$ 10,051.56</u>
<u>Total Assets</u>		<u>\$ 22,488.48</u>
<u>Total Liabilities</u>		<u>\$ 0.00</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>		<u>\$ 22,488.48</u>
<u>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>		<u>\$ 22,488.48</u>

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Any Delegate, Alternate and member of a Member Organization may participate on any Member Standing Committee (ACCF Bylaws, Section 3.03). Please contact the Committee chair or point of contact or President Duke Banks if you are interested participating on ACCF Member Committees.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, March 5** **ACCF Membership meeting**
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium
1701 N. George mason Dr.
7 p.m.
- Sunday, March 10** **Deadline for Early Bird Banquet tickets**
- Sunday, March 10** **ACCF Board meeting**
Fire Station 2
4805 Wilson Blvd.
6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 20** **Deadline for ACCF Banquet reservation**
- Tuesday, April 2** **ACCF Membership meeting**
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium
1701 N. George mason Dr.
7 p.m.
- Friday, April 5** **ACCF Annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony**
Koran Room, Patton Hall
Joint Base Myer Henderson Hall
Enter base at 2nd Street entrance
6 p.m. - cocktails, 7 p.m. – dinner and program
- Sunday, April 7** **ACCF Board meeting**
Fire Station 2
4805 Wilson Blvd.
6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 7** **ACCF Membership meeting**
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium
1701 N. George mason Dr.
7 p.m.
- Sunday, May 12** **ACCF Board meeting**
Fire Station 2
4805 Wilson Blvd.
6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 4** **ACCF Membership meeting**
Virginia Hospital Center – Hazel Auditorium
1701 N. George mason Dr.
7 p.m.
- Sunday, June 9** **ACCF Board meeting**
Fire Station 2
4805 Wilson Blvd.
6:30 p.m.

Does your organization have events to include in the ACCF newsletter?
Send your news items by the Newsletter deadline to ACCFMembership@email.com

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Common Parliamentary Motions Applicable to and Used in the Deliberative Process

Motion (“I move”)	Purpose	Second re-quired?	Debata-ble?	Amenda-ble?	Vote re-quired?
Main motion	Puts new business before the membership.	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Amend motion	Revises or changes wording or elements of the main motion.	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Discharge issue from committee	Takes/keeps issue from committee and brings before membership before/without committee report/consideration.	Y	Y	Y	Majority, 2/3rds – if no prior notice
Limit/extend debate	Changes amount of time normally permitted for debate/discussion.	Y	Y	N	Two-thirds
Suspend rules	Sets aside normal operating rules, suspends standing rules without previous notice.	Y	N	N	Two-thirds
Table the motion	Stops debate and vote on motion.	Y	Y	N	Majority
Postpone to time certain or indefinitely	Delays deliberation to specific future time or kills motion (postpone indefinitely).	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Appeal decision of the chair	Disagrees with chair and lets members decide. Must appeal immediately.	Y	Y	N	Majority - sustains chair
Previous question Call the Question	Cuts off debate. Maker of motion first must be recognized by chair.	Y	N	N	Two-thirds
Reconsider	Reconsiders vote taken at same meeting. Maker must be on prevailing side.	Y	Y, if original motion is	N	Majority
Recess	Interrupts meeting for a short break.	Y	Y	Y	Majority
Adjourn	Ends meeting immediately.	Y	N	N	Majority

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Announcements

Tenant-Landlord Commission: The Tenant-Landlord Commission meets at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, March 13, in the Azalea Room at 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Comprised of tenant, landlord and public interest representatives the commission hears grievances and facilitates disputes between tenants and landlords and advises the County Board on policy and programs. Public comment is welcome.

NCAC: The Neighborhood Conservation Advisory will meet from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm on Thursday, March 14 in the Navy League Building at 2300 Wilson Bld.. For information about this meeting including where it will be held, follow this [link to the NCAC website](#).

Transportation Commission: The Transportation Commission's March meeting will be held on Thursday, April, starting 7:30 p.m. in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission's March meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, starting 7:00 pm in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse. The Planning Commission has scheduled a Carry-Over meeting for Wednesday, March 6, starting 7:00 pm in Room 307 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

Housing Commission: The Housing Commission's September meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7, starting 7:00 p.m. in Room 311 of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center in Courthouse.

Arlington County Board: The County Board's April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 23, starting 8:30 a.m. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before February 23 The Board Recessed Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 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, March 26, in Room 311 in 2100 Clarendon Blvd. Click here for this meeting's [agenda](#) a few days before February 26.

April Newsletter: The deadline for April newsletter articles is Thursday, April 21. Newsletters are published approximately 1 week before the meeting.

Parking at the Virginia Hospital Center

Delegates, Alternates and others attending Arlington County Civic Federation meetings at Virginia Hospital Center can park for **FREE** in the **B/GOLD** garage under the 1635 Medical Office Building at Virginia Hospital Center. Although everyone must take a ticket to enter the **B/GOLD** garage, the exit gate will be raised when you leave or you can insert your ticket and it will raise. The garage has abundant parking spaces. Please note, parking in any other lot on the Virginia Hospital Center property is not free.



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Best,

Duke Bank, President
ACCF

