



[ **Due To The Current COVID-19 Virus This Was A Virtual Meeting** ]

**Minutes**

**April 26, 2020**

**Arlington County Civic Federation (“ACCF”)  
Board of Directors Meeting**

Call to Order at 6:06 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Allan Gajadhar, Burt Bostwick, Allen Norton, Dennis Gerrity, Stacy Meyer, Tina Worden, Eric Cassel and Mike McMenamin. Others attending included Duke Banks ( Parks and Recreation Committee Chair ); Jackie Snelling ( Public Services Committee Chair ); Ron Haddox ( Legislation Committee Chair ); Kari Klaus ( Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks ) and David Ryan ( Opera NOVA ).

**Meeting Format:** The meeting was held Virtually using Zoom. Allan was controller.

**Minutes:** The April 5th Board Meeting minutes were not accepted as written. It was pointed out that the Online Voting Procedures section was too sketchy and incomplete.

**Officer’s Reports:**

**Secretary's/Membership Report:** There is no new information since the last meeting. As of 3-12-20, 79 Organizations had paid Dues, 42 had sent updated Contact Sheets and 31 had sent Certifications of Membership. Several months ago one Organization asked about joining CivFed. Application information was sent to them, but we haven’t heard back from them.

Note: Allan pointed out that the Minutes for the February 18<sup>th</sup> general meeting still need to be approved.

Note: Ron pointed out that Zoom has an Audio-to-Text capability which may be useful for doing the minutes for general meetings. It will be investigated.

**Treasurer’s Report:** We have \$21,924. It hasn’t changed since 3/31/20. No requests have been received since the last Board meeting for banquet refunds.

**President’s Report:**

Our ZOOM subscription has been upgraded to from 100 to 500 people. The monthly bill will go from \$20 to \$65. Burt requested that the Invoice be sent him. We can change it back to 100, but not on the fly. It may be the case that that 100 will be sufficient, but we are not certain right now.

The President presented the resolutions we approved at the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting to the County Board. There was much interest in the Livability resolution.

**Future Meetings:**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:** This meeting will be held Virtually on Zoom.

Commonwealth Attorney Parisi will be there. She will have 15 minutes to speak and will then answer written questions from committees and questions from the members.

There will be a presentation by a Master Naturalist on the Deer Overpopulation problem in Arlington ( assuming Mike can convince him to come ).

Jackie will ask the Mental Health people who would have, pre-Covid, made a presentation in April if they would be able to present at the May meeting.

Note: A suggestion was made that while the members are connecting before the meeting, a Zoom expert explain to them how to use it. It was decided that it was not a good idea.

**June 16<sup>th</sup>:** This meeting was not discussed.

**Parks Committee – There has been a flurry of emails about the committee.**

Duke: There was much discussion by the Committee about whether the White Paper should be a Report or turned into a Resolution. The Committee members are divided. The Report itself is supported by almost all of them. Jackie pointed out that the White Paper was not strictly a committee report. It did contain several recommendations that would have to be voted on by the membership. Burt, Eric and Allan said the Report vs. Resolution issue must be decided by the Committee before anything can be brought to the Board. Duke will ask the committee for clarification on the issue.

**Old Business:**

**Nominating Committee:**

Allan has found 1 person who will volunteer to serve on the committee. Duke and Mike have also volunteered to serve so we have 3. Duke pointed out that we will need 2 more people. Two people have expressed interest on being on the Board. All the current Officers and Board members said they were willing to serve again.

**New Business:**

**CIP Parks Memo – Conduct Issue:**

This will not be decided here. There will be a Closed Board Meeting on Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 to discuss the issue.

**Online Voting - Will the voting in General Meetings be recorded or anonymous? There is disagreement.**

One view was that the Members should decide whether they want the votes recorded or anonymous. Another view was that the Board should decide, but the decision should to be explained to the Membership.

Allan made a motion that Online Voting would be Anonymous and to make sure that the Membership is aware of what we are doing, why and open it up for discussion at the meeting itself. Burt seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The May Board meeting will be a **Virtual** one and well be held on May 24th at 6:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30  
Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

