



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

Minutes

February 16, 2021

Arlington County Civic Federation (“ACCF”) Membership Meeting

Call to Order: Federation President Gajadhar noted the presence of a quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. President Gajadhar led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Format: The meeting was held virtually using Zoom. President Gajadhar was the Host. Vice President Tina Worden and BOD Chair Eric Cassel were Co-Hosts. The meeting registration URL was listed in the email newsletter and posted on the ACCF Facebook event page. Alistair Watson and Dennis Gerrity managed member and guest attendance for the meeting.

The Treasurer’s report for January was in the February Newsletter. The Minutes for the December 15th and January 4th Membership Meetings were submitted and a voting email was sent. The vote for the December 15th Minutes was: **50 For, 0 Against and 6 Abstained**. The vote for the January 4th Minutes was: **50 For, 1 Against and 4 Abstained**.
The December and January Minutes were **Approved**.

Member Attendance: Alistair Watson kept roll as the Members and Observers entered the meeting. There were 111 Total Attendees with 91 Members and 20 Guests. There were representative from 48 Organizations. 27 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: American Association of University Women, Arlington East Falls Church CA, Arlington Forest CA, Arlington Little League, Arlington Tree Action Group, Aurora Highlands CA, Ballston Virginia-Square CA, Barcroft School & CL, Bluemont CA, Boulevard Manor CA, Buckingham Community CA, Columbia Heights CA, Crystal City CA, Fairlington CA, Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks, Glencarlyn CA, Green Valley CA, HP-OK CA, Maywood CA, NAACP #7047, NoVa NORML, Old Glebe CA, Penrose NA, Tara-Leeway Heights CA, Waverly Hills CA, Westover Village CA and Yorktown CA.

Public COVID-19 Update: County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti, Dr. Reuben Varghese and Dr. Aaron Miller gave a Presentation on the vaccination program and then took questions. (listed at the end of the minutes)

Public Services Stormwater Presentation and Draft Resolution: The Chair of the Public Services Committee, John Ford, gave introductory remarks and moderated a Presentation given by Mark Greenwood, Eric Harold and three County representatives, Demetra McBride (Chief, OSEM), Elizabeth Thurber, P.E. (Floodplain Administrator) and Aileen Winquest (Stormwater Communications manager).

Why is there not a funding vehicle from the developers who build out to the edges of their properties? You are studying introducing some accountability as development projects move through the approval process. Is there any detail yet? We have a new environmental president; what changes will Arlington take reflecting this existential threat? Has there been any discussion on how there can be an increase in the storm water management of high density, multi-family developed areas?

John Ford made a **Motion** that the Public Services Committee Resolution Regarding Stormwater Management and Flood Mitigation Implementation be adopted. Michael Raizen (Boulevard Manor) Seconded it. The vote was: **52** For, **2** Against and **4** Abstained. The motion was **Approved**.

Parks & Recreation White Paper Presentation and Draft Resolution: Open Public Space Equity
The Chair of the Parks & Recreation Committee, Duke Banks, gave introductory remarks and moderated a Presentation given by Jesse Boeding, Jon Huntley and Kari Klaus.

Will the recommendations for acquisition be sufficient to address equity? The report mentions “stark inequalities” twice. What is the definition of a “Stark” inequality vs. inequality?

Duke Banks made a **Motion** that the Parks & Recreation Committee Resolution Regarding Open Space Equity be adopted. Michael Raizen (Boulevard Manor) Seconded it. The vote was: **53** For, **2** Against and **3** Abstained. The motion was **Approved**.

Old Business:

Announce Call for Nominations Committee:

We need five people to serve on the Nominations Committee. If you are interested please email Allan Gajadhar (president@civfed.org).

New Business:

Environmental Affairs Resolution: Public Collaboratives

The Chair of the Environmental Affairs Committee, Mary Glass, introduced a Resolution Regarding Public Collaboratives to Preserve Arlington’s Tree Canopy.

February Board of Directors Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the February Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:00 PM on February 21st. It will be a **Virtual** meeting.

March 2021 Membership Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the March 16th, 2021 Membership Meeting will be a **Virtual** meeting. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM. Entry to the meeting Waiting Room will start at 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

Video of the meeting is on Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/513685768>

Questions submitted to Mr. de Ferranti, Dr. Varghese and Dr. Miller before the February 16th meeting:

Do the allocations to Arlington based on population change based on first responders etc who work in Arlington? How long it will take for everyone in Arlington to be vaccinated at the current rate?

With such a high level of residents interested in receiving vaccines, it would be helpful for the community to understand certain benchmarks. Please provide the criteria needed to move registrations to the next phase- to 65+ and those aged 16-65 with medical conditions. When do you expect this to happen at the current vaccination rates?

With widespread issues at registration sites locally and around the nation, the governor stated (1/27) the state will soon announce a central registration site. Is the county prepared to protect existing registrations to ensure a seamless migration? How do registrations work between the county, the state and the CDC?

We have heard that the Federal government has procured a few hundred million doses of the vaccine. Is there any awareness of where these doses are in the process and timing of manufacturing, delivery to states, and to local jurisdictions for vaccinations? How is this information communicated, if at all, to Arlington?

Members of Virginia's congressional delegation have asked the acting director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to choose Northern Virginia as a mass vaccination site for the COVID-19 vaccine. Has the Federal government given any indication/details of this possibility?

How is the state defining population density in order to allocate vaccines? In NoVa, workers come from DC, MD, VA. Do the state numbers include residents and workers? How many doses does Arlington need if we are vaccinating essential workers from other jurisdictions?

As the Federal program to prioritize 75+ in assisted living and long term care facilities in Arlington ends, how will the role of CVS and Walgreen's pivot to align with local health priorities in the areas they are located? Will registration and scheduling be coordinated through the local health departments or will they be independent?

Arlington recently received a \$2m Federal Grant. What will this grant be used for? Are we working towards acquiring our own registration software or are we waiting to migrate to the state registration site?