



## ACCF FY2021 Membership Renewal

FY2021 ACCF Membership renewal was due by December 30, 2020. We have not heard from the member organizations listed below:

1. Arlington Coalition of Police\*
2. Arlington Mill Civic Association\*
3. Black Oak Cluster Community Association
4. Bromptons at Rosslyn HOA
5. Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs\*
6. Columbia Forest Civic Association
7. Frederick Courts Condominium Association\*
8. Hyde Park Condominium Association
9. Long Branch Creek Civic Association\*
10. Rock Spring Civic Association\*
11. Westwind Homeowners Association\*

\* Indicates two years past due.

Annual membership renewal requires three things:

- the payment of a \$20 annual membership fee.
- certification that your organization has at least 20 members.
- contact information for your organization's officers and ACCF delegates.

If your payment was mailed and your organization is listed above, please contact [Allen Norton](#). If you want to pay your 2021 annual membership fee now, please mail the invoice CivFed sent you and a \$20 check payable to ACCF to:

- ACCF
- PO Box 42091
- Arlington, VA 22204-9091.

Use this [link](#) to obtain certification and contact information forms.

## February 16, 2021, Virtual ACCF Membership Meeting

On February 16, 2021, the ACCF will conduct a virtual Membership Meeting using Zoom, a video conferencing platform. Delegates, Alternate Delegates, others associated with member organizations, and the public are invited to attend.

**Advance Registration for the meeting is required and must be completed by 12 PM on Tuesday, February 16, 2021.**

*\*\*If voting members register after this deadline, receipt of an electronic ballot cannot be ensured. Due to the fluid nature of live virtual meetings, we must request that voting members adhere to this deadline.*

Please use the following registration link:

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJold-itrijgvGNX7aryH5V1srxnBXxxWDcji>

A confirmation email will be sent with unique meeting log-in/phone-in details. We ask for your cooperation and strongly encourage early check-in, which starts at 6 PM.

To expedite the check-in process please use your first and last name as your profile name, this will help our team ensure delegates receive their electronic ballots.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, here is [a link to information and instructions on how to register and participate in CivFed's February 16, 2021 Membership Meeting.](#)

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## February 16, 2021 Membership Meeting Agenda

7:00 Welcome. Pledge, Approve Minutes, Membership Renewal, etc.  
7:10 Covid-19 Update: County Board Chair de Ferranti, Dr. Varghese and Dr. Miller  
7:35 Public Services Stormwater Presentation and Draft Resolution  
8:15 Parks & Recreation White Paper Presentation and Draft Resolution: Open Space Equity  
8:35 E-Ballot: Call the Question  
8:40 Old Business: Announce Call for Nominations Committee Candidates  
8:50 New Business: Environmental Affairs Resolution: Public Collaboratives  
9:00 Adjourn

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## 2021 Nominating Committee

The Civic Federation needs five volunteers to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. The 2021 Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate of candidates for officers and directors for approval at the June membership meeting. The charge asks the committee follow this timeline in creating the slate. On March 16th, the Nominating Committee members will be confirmed. Throughout the month of March, the Committee will solicit and confer with qualified and enthusiastic candidates for open positions. During April, the Committee will have conversations with candidates encouraging them to run and check their documentation. The Committee will confirm a slate of candidates for each position 30 days before voting at the June membership meeting. For more information contact [Allan Gajadhar](#).

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## President's Corner

Welcome,

January 2021 was a time of new beginnings. It has been a particularly momentous month, with rioting in DC, a curfew, and a new President being inaugurated. In addition, vaccines are finally available, and schools are reopening. None of these events have been typical or easy, but they all represent progress and growth.

In COVID-19 news, the rollout of the vaccine has been hampered by supply issues, and further complicated by a shift in how Virginia is delivering the vaccines. For details on this process, and an up-to-the minute update on all the county's COVID-19 efforts, we welcome County Board Chair Matt de Ferranti, and Public Health Director Dr. Ruben Varghese to our membership meeting this month. We look forward to hearing from them, and the opportunity to ask questions.

The Civic Federation has signed up as a partner for the Arlington County Complete Vaccination Committee (CVC), a volunteer group established by the County Manager to increase awareness of the COVID-19 vaccine. The CVC has the following goals:

- Educate Communities: Share vaccine information and logistics on how to receive COVID-19 vaccine in Arlington.
- Build Confidence: Focus outreach on members of the community that maybe hesitant to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

· Encourage Participation: Encourage Arlingtonians to “participate in the vaccine program” once it becomes available in our community. We will continue to share COVID-19 updates and vaccination information to our membership, and encourage you to share with your member organizations.

Warmly,

[Allan Gajadhar](#)

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## **Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution on Equitable Allocation of Open Space in Arlington**

Committee members will discuss their latest white paper that found the 2019 Public Spaces Master Plan does not align with the equity aspirations that Arlington County espouses by considering, density, housing type, race/ethnicity, and income level from publicly available data.

The Park Equity resolution highlights the many components of Arlington’s park and density planning and recommendations on how those plans will need to shift in order to bring equity for walkable open space to all Arlingtonians.

For questions or recommendations, please contact: [jesseboeding@gmail.com](mailto:jesseboeding@gmail.com)  
Here are links to the [resolution](#) and [white paper](#).

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## **Public Services Committee Stormwater Resolution**

The Public Services Committee will offer a resolution in which the ACCF urges the County Board and Manager to adopt proactive strategies to sustain funding required for infrastructure and capacity improvements and to establish effective management systems that will enhance information collection, improve structural and operational efficiency, and provide accountability in reaching stormwater and flood mitigation goals.

There will be a panel comprised of senior county staff, committee panelists and others who will provide an overview at our February membership meeting.

Here are links to the [resolution](#) and [information about the chair and panelists](#).  
For more information, reach out to [Chair John Ford](#)

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## **Environmental Affairs Committee Tree Canopy Resolution**

The Environmental Affairs Committee will introduce a resolution on Arlington Tree Canopy which states in major part that the Arlington County Civic Federation Environmental Affairs Committee shall lead a program of activities to mitigate the foregoing causes of tree loss in Arlington with the Board, the Parks and Recreation Committee, and all other stakeholder committees. Here is a [link](#) to the complete resolution  
For more information, reach out to [Mary Glass](#)

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## **March 2021 Membership Meeting**

Our March membership meeting will feature a report from the Revenues and Expenditures Committee, the Public Services Committee's report on mental health services in Arlington, and a presentation by the Environmental Affairs Committee. It will be held beginning at approximately 7:00 PM on March 16. It will be a virtual meeting using Zoom, a video conferencing platform. More details will follow in the March newsletter.

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## February Ballot

In accordance with our Bylaws, voting delegates must be present at the meeting to receive a ballot. Electronic Ballots will be emailed shortly before the end of the meeting. Ballots will be sent to the email addresses used at registration.

Delegates and alternates are designated by the member organization. Please contact your organization if you are unsure if you are a delegate or to designate an alternate in your absence.

The [Secretary](#) must be notified of alternates acting as substitutes for voting delegates by Noon, Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

The Main Ballot will be introduced and distributed to voting members shortly before the the meeting is adjourned. Voting will close at noon on Wednesday, February 17. Results will be announced via email to the membership at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, February, 2021.

Voting members will receive a ballot to vote on the following:

- [Parks and Recreation Resolution](#)
- [Public Services Resolution](#)
- [The Draft December 15, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)
- [The Draft January 4, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)

If you are a voting delegate and do not receive a ballot, please contact [Allan Gajadhar](#).

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## Governance Task Force Update

The Task Force in Governance and Election Reform (TIGER) held their kickoff meeting on January 24. The Task force discussed their charge from the Resolution approved by the Civic Federation, and began the process of planning their work. A recording of the meeting is available [here](#). The next meeting, on February 7 at 2pm, will be focused on electing subcommittee chairs, clarifying the initial scope, and schedule. Anyone may attend these meetings, but participation is restricted to Task Force members and invited speakers. Here is a [link](#) to the meeting. For more information contact [Allan Gajadhar](#).

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## Bylaws & Rules Committee Update

The Bylaws & Rules Committee has created a set of Parliamentary Procedures to replace Robert's Rules of Order. It is under review by the Board. They will have the final say, but the Committee would like to know what the Membership thinks of them. Please contact [Allen Norton](#) to request a copy.

In an effort to strengthen our organizational procedures, the Board of Directors is currently focused on clarifying the resolution process. The intent is to replace current Board Procedures [BR 2019-20-3 "Resolutions and Motions"](#) with a more descriptive and transparent version.

Please contact Eric Cassel, CivFed Board Chair for more info: [bod.chair@civfed.org](mailto:bod.chair@civfed.org)

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## Committees for Housing and Planning & Zoning February Update

Please join a joint virtual meeting by The Housing Committee and Planning & Zoning Committee. The topic will be: "All Things Housing" on Tuesday, February 9 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting is open to all delegates and members. The session features Housing

Director Anne Venezia with PowerPoint presentation, followed by Q&A.

Hot topics include: “Missing Middle,” Housing Conservation Districts/Multifamily Reinvestment, pending update to Arlington’s 2015 Affordable Housing Master Plan, Amazon’s affordable housing investment, neighborhood distribution dynamics, conversion impacts of: Accessory Dwelling Units to short-term homestay rentals impacts and aging commercial buildings into residential and more.

Connect with either Housing Chair [John Vihstadt](#) or Planning & Zoning Chair [Ben Keeney](#) for details.

This will be a Microsoft Teams meeting: Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#) or call in (audio only)

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## **Communications Committee February Update**

Stephen D’Alessio is working with Dennis Gerrity to take over as newsletter editor. Alistair Watson will manage check-in during virtual meetings. Stephen and Alistair are delegates from the Aurora Highlands Civic Association.

Our newsletter deadline will move up by two days starting in March. New dates will be reflected on the [ACCF Calendar](#). Please email submissions to: [newsletter@civfed.org](mailto:newsletter@civfed.org)

As part of our ongoing efforts, we are identifying gaps to strengthen our organization. Our archives need tidying. Please help us. Adam Henderson, our webmaster/archivist has identified [12 unresolved draft resolutions](#) going back to 2017. [Allan Gajadhar](#) will be reaching out to committee chairs soon.

Join us! Contact [Tina Worden](#), Communications Committee Chair

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## **Legislation Committee February Update**

The Legislation Committee met on Sunday, January 31, 2021 to discuss upcoming programs. The committee agreed to move forward with an educational program on data privacy and civil rights, a recommendation of the Civil Rights Working Group. Ron Haddox is leading this effort and is forming a panel of nationally recognized experts on this subject, which will be presented at the April membership meeting. Additional details about the panel will be provided with the next newsletter. The committee also discussed the benefits of an educational program on school resource officers and school safety, potentially in May. Such a program would provide an opportunity for the ACCF membership to learn more about this issue before recommendations by the School Resource Officers Work Group formed by Arlington Public Schools are finalized in June of 2021. More information about the Work Group charge is available at <https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/APS-SRO-Charge.pdf>. For more information, reach out to [Chair Ron Haddox](#)

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## **[The Civic Federation's Website](#)**

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### **2020-2021 Board of Directors**

#### **Officers**

President, [Allan Gajadhar](#)

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Secretary, [Allen Norton](#)  
Treasurer, [Burt Bostwick](#)

### **Board of Directors**

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Member at Large, [Stacy Meyer](#)  
Member at Large, [John Vihstadt](#)

Voting delegates and alternate delegates who are interested to serve on the Civic Federation's Board of Directors should contact [President Allan Gajadhar](#).

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## **2020-2021 ACCF PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEES**

Cultural Affairs – [Chair Tina Worden](#)  
Environmental Affairs – [Chair Mary Glass](#)  
Housing – [Chair John Vihstadt](#)  
Legislation – [Chair Ron Haddox](#)  
Parks and Recreation – [Chair Duke Banks](#)  
Planning and Zoning – [Chair Ben Keeney](#)  
Public Services – [Chair John Ford](#)  
Revenues and Expenditures – [Burt Bostwick \(POC\)](#)  
Schools – [Chair Michael Beer](#)  
Transportation – [Co-chairs Jerry Auten and Joe Pelton](#)

- Airport Noise Subcommittee – [Chair Joe Pelton](#)

## **2020-2021 ACCF SUPPORT COMMITTEES**

Audit -- [Chair Jay Wind](#)  
Awards – Chair – TBD  
Bylaws and Rules – [Chair Allen Norton](#)  
Banquet – TBD  
Communications – [Chair Tina Worden](#)  
Membership – [Chair Dennis Gerrity](#)

Any Delegate, Alternate Delegate, or member of a Member Organization may participate on any Public Interest or Support Committee. Please contact the applicable Committee chair, point of contact, or [President Allan Gajadhar](#) if you are interested in participating on ACCF Committees.

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## **LINKS TO MEETING DOCUMENTS**

[Draft December 15, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)  
[Draft January 4, 2021 Membership Meeting Minutes](#)  
[Draft December 20, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)  
[Draft January 24, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)  
[January 2021 Treasurer's Report](#)

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### ***Interested in being an Arlington County Civic Federation Delegate***

*The Arlington County Civic Federation was founded in 1916. Today, it has more than ninety member organizations dedicated to advocacy and community involvement. The*

Federation membership reflects the broad array of interests and talents found in the County and is open and welcoming to all groups within Arlington, firmly believing that a broader range of groups creates better problem-solving outcomes for Arlington and its residents. Our purpose continues to be promoting the general welfare of Arlington County and vicinity in a non-partisan, non-sectarian, non-sectional, and non-political manner.

Arlington County Civic Federation Delegates enjoy the full benefits of participation, voting and serving in Civic Federation leadership positions. If your organization is a member of the Civic Federation, ask if it has open slots for delegates. If it is not a member organization of the Civic Federation, encourage it to join. Here is a [link](#) to our website for more details.

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## ACCF Calendar FY2021

### February 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 2, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, February 21, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### March 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday 21 March 2021, 6p, via Zoom

### April 2021

#### April is Civic Month by Arlington County Board Proclamation

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 6, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, April 25, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### May 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 4, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Sunday, May 23, 2021, 6PM, via Zoom

### June 2021

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 1, 2021
- GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday, June 15, 2021, 7PM, via Zoom; Registration begins: 6PM
- BOARD OF DIRECTORS: TBD

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## !Please Remember!

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