

Arlington County Civic Federation

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

Minutes

April 20, 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 7:00 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 March was in the April Newsletter. The Minutes for the March 16th Membership Meetings were submitted. A voting email was sent.

The vote was: **50** For, **1** Against, **4** Abstained and **4** Did Not Respond. The March Minutes were **Approved**.

Member Attendance: Alistair Watson kept roll as the Members and Guests entered the meeting. There were 82 Total Attendees with 69 Members and 13 Guests. There were representative from 42 Organizations. 19 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: Arlington Forest CA, Arlington Historical Society, Arlington Tree Action Group, Aurora Highlands CA, Ballston Virginia-Square CA, Bluemont CA, Boulevard Manor CA, Buckingham Community CA, Columbia Heights CA, Crystal City CA, Douglas Park CA, Green Valley CA, League of Women Voters, Lyon Village CA, NAACP #7047, NoVa NORML, Tara-Leeway Heights CA, Waverly Hills CA and Westover Village CA.

Organizations that still owe dues for 2020-2021: Arlington Coalition of Police, Black Oak Cluster Community Association, Bromptons at Rosslyn HOA, Center for Urban Education, Civic Coalition for Minority Affairs, Hyde Park Condominium Association, Rock Spring Civic Association, and Westwind Homeowners Association.

President Gajadhar announced that Michael Cantwell had resigned from the Nomination Committee and from the ACCF Board to run for the County Board.

Nomination Committee: Juliet Hiznay (Chair) announced that there was an Online Nomination form. It is recommended that submissions be made by May 1st. Two open positions on the Nomination Committee (Dennis Gerrity had previously resigned) need to be filled. Juliet made a **Motion** to elect Stef Pryor (Penrose) and Don Gurney (LWV) to fill those positions. Lois Koontz (Alcova Heights) seconded it. A voting email was sent.

Stef Pryor: The vote to elect was: **54** For, **0** Against, **2** Abstained and **3** Did Not Respond

Don Gurney: The vote to elect was: **49** For, **0** Against, **7** Abstained and **3** Did Not Respond

Stef Pryor and Don Gurney were elected to serve on the Nomination Committee.

Legislative Affairs: Data Privacy & Civil Rights

0:21:28

Ron Haddox moderated a Presentation given by Margaret M. Leary Ph.D, Jasmine McNealy Ph.D and Paul Rosenzweig J.D.

How will private and public sector entities within the Commonwealth of Virginia be impacted by the law? Is there an example of an organization that purposely didn't use good security practices or allowed another organization to use their data?

Christian Dorsey (County Board) joined the meeting and gave a statement on Chauvin Trial verdict and on the Police Practice Group.

1:06:39

Public Services: Current Status of the Police Practices Group

1:21:42

Stef Pryor moderated a Presentation given by Allison Carpenter, Deputy Public Defender for Falls Church and Arlington; Devanshi Patel, Social Justice Lawyer and Rodney Turner, Civilian Advocate.

What would you want our audience members to do personally? How can they help support the goals and advocacy of the PPG? How would you compare us to Alexandria's efforts? Will the Civilian Review Board be reconsidered at a later date? Have you considered changing some of the considerations for the use of electronics with traffic enforcement? Can the panel speak to this broader conception of systems change, and how that can prevent disproportionality? Why do you believe that an independent body, the CRB, needs to have subpoena power? What are some of the local and national legislative changes or trends related to the PPG recommendations that may have come to light after you submitted your report that should be considered prior to additional action by the County?

Committees:

Board: Eric Cassel (Board Chair) reported that the Board had decided that Abstentions will not count when determining the vote – only Ayes and Nays. Abstentions will only be counted for the vote total and will be considered “Present, but not voting”. Will consider Resolution Procedures at the next meeting along with Parliamentary Rules, our outdated logo, moving our meeting date back to the first or second Tuesday and Hybrid Meetings.

TIGER: Chris Wimbush (Chair) reported that an eight component Workplan had been created and we are in Phase 2.

Old Business:

Revenues & Expenditures Draft Resolution

2:11:32

Burt Bostwick (Old Glebe) presented the R&E Draft Resolution. John Vihstadt (Tara-Leeway Heights) made a **Motion** to approve it. Michael Raizen (Boulevard Manor) seconded it. A voting email was sent.

The vote was: **46** For, **5** Against, **4** Abstained and **4** Did Not Respond. The motion was **Approved**.

New Business:

Bylaws:

2:25:35

Adam Henderson (Douglas Park) presented an amendment to Section 2.03 of the Bylaws that would put Civic Associations in a “Suspended“ category instead of dismissing them from the Civic Federation if they couldn't pay their dues. Once they reactivate, they could rejoin the Civic Federation without re-applying by paying their dues, filling out a Member Certification and sending us a Delegate roster,.

Febrey-Rouse Historic District Resolution:

2:30:20

John Tuohy (Arlington Historical Society) presented a resolution to make the Febrey-Rouse property a Historic District. The resolution was withdrawn when Bernard Berne (Buckingham Community CA) pointed out that the County Board had voted to deny historic designation so the resolution was moot.

April Board of Directors Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the April Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:00 PM on April 25th. It will be a **Virtual** meeting.

May 2021 Membership Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the May 18th, 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/539673871>