



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

Minutes

May 23, 2021

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

Call to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Board members attending the meeting: Allan Gajadhar, Allen Norton, Burt Bostwick, Eric Cassel, Stacy Meyer, John Vihstadt, Nicole Merlene and Jesse Boeding. Others attending included Ron Haddox (Legislation Chair); Dennis Gerrity (Membership Chair); Alistair Watson (Aurora Highlands); Detta Kissel (NAACP); Juliet Hiznay (Columbia Heights); Stefanie Pryor (Penrose); Daniel Weir (NoVa NORML) and Gerald Auten (Leeway Overlee).

Meeting Format: The meeting was held virtually using Zoom. Eric was Host and Allan was Co-Host. Alistair Watson managed entry into the meeting.

Chair Intro: There will be an In-Person vs. Zoom meeting survey this summer. There is no WiFi at the Firehouse so we may have to find somewhere else for Board meetings. Allan: The WiFi at the Hospital is weak.

Approval of April minutes: The April minutes were not ready. Approval put off until June.

Officers Reports

President’s Report:

0:04:00

Every Member heard the abusive comments at last Tuesday’s membership meeting. The June meeting will be our Annual one when the elections for the new Board take place. The Diversity Resolution will be reviewed by the Diversity Committee. The Legislation Committee has also expressed interest in reviewing it. The Resolution on the External Consultants Report will be reviewed by the Public Services Committee. The Legislation Committee has expressed interest in it and the R&E Committee may also be interested. The R&E Resolution we passed last month was given to the County Board – they didn’t like it. Susan Sundburg wrote a rebuttal to their analysis.

Vice-President’s Report: None (the Vice-President was not able to attend)

Secretary’s Report:

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Dues/Contact Sheet/Organization Certification Status For Member Organizations:

Paid dues: 85 Contact Sheet: 45 Certification: 39 - NO CHANGE SINCE LAST MONTH
We have **85 Active** Organizations, **2 Inactive** Civic Associations and 8 Organizations will be let go
“Challenging Racism” has asked to join CivFed. They sent me a filled out Member Certification. I told them to fill out a Contact Sheet, provide a list of 20 members who live or work in Arlington and send a check to the Treasurer. They have not done so. Alistair Watson has been involved in this.

The County FOIA Office could not find any reference in their records of a MOU between CivFed and the

County concerning Civic Association name changes and boundary disputes. If there ever was a written agreement it has been lost.

Jesse: Was the final decision made on what people need to submit? I thought we had made changes about the addresses and things like that. Has that already been approved? Allen: The application requirements are already in the Bylaws

Treasurer's Report:

0:30:46

Little change since the April report. We have a balance of a little over \$21,260.84 which is pretty much what we had at the start of the year. I will be preparing a proposed budget for the new Board (it will be similar to the one for last year). I will also have a recommendation as to the best way we can encourage Organizations to submit their reports and annual dues rather than chasing them all year long as we have had to do for the last two years. And I will have everything in order to turn over to the new Treasurer by the end of June.

Allan: When are the Dues due? Burt: By December 31st (payment period starts on July 1st).

Committee Reports:

Nomination (Stef Pryor (Juliet Hiznay will join later)):

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Alistair: Have eight nominees, but still need several At-Large Directors and do not have a Treasurer. Have reached out to all the current officers and Board members and have sent emails to many Delegates and Alternates. Nominations were also requested in the newsletter at general meetings. We are concerned about the lack of interest. At our 3:00 meeting today we decided to send an email to Delegates and Alternates and ask again for a Treasurer and At-Large Directors.

Allan: You really need to focus on Treasurer. We can live with At-Large Director vacancies right now.

Burt: You really need a Treasurer. The names and signatures of the new Treasurer and President will have to be on the Signature card at Wells-Fargo by June 30th or the Civic Federation will not be able to pay its bills starting July 1st. I will be available to help them until the 30th, but not afterwards.

Diversity (Stacy Meyer):

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Stacy: Not much to report. We did get some emails with positive feedback on the presentation at last week's meeting. The Diversity Resolution does have some changes and a final version will be sent to Allan.

Alistair: The Glencarlyn CA has its own Diversity Committee and wants to meet with us.

Awards:

Allan: We completed a plan today.

Public Services:

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Stef Pryor: Concerning the Resolution requesting information on the External Consultants Report: The issue is not fraud, it is Breach of Contract for not meeting the Period of Performance.

Housing (John Vihstadt):

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John: As COVID has slacked off, we will restart meeting.

Allan: Have you discussed the situation at the Serrano Complex? John: Not yet, but we are following it closely.

Allan: Can we release a statement on it? John & Nicole: We need more fact-finding first.

Old Business:

0:45:58

June General Meeting:

Livability Panel: Allan, Stacy & Eric need to fine tune it

Awards

Elections

Juliet Hiznay: Legislation has put together a presentation on School Climate

John: We should have a presentation on the CIP

Juliet Hiznay: Who is going to run the election? Allan: I will set up the Poll, but am not going to run it.

Policies and Procedures – All to be Completed Before June.

New Member Policy:

Eric: Will be ready next month.

Logo:

Allan: Wait for new Board.

Improving CivFed's Impact On County Board:

Allan: Engagement has increased dramatically and I think it has paid off. We are getting their attention.

Fall Meeting – Which Day Of The Month?

Need a proposal for next month - Eric & Allan will put one together.

Stacy: We should write down all the conflicting meeting dates and find a least bad date for our meetings. Also, the Diversity committee has received many comments that people really like online meeting format. Participation is a lot easier.

New Business:

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July Board Meeting:

Will need a strategy for next year.

Nicole wants to have a strategy meeting (ODSM format).

Allen: Should have a regular Board meeting and a separate Strategy meeting.

Burt: Meeting needs to be focused.

The June Board meeting will be a **Virtual** one and will be held on Saturday, June 26th at 4:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

Video of the meeting is on Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/558549042/e339df73aa>