



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

Minutes
May 18, 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 7:01 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 managed member and guest attendance for the meeting. The Zoom Polling feature was used for voting. The President will check the record after the meeting to see if anyone voted that was not authorized to do so.

Member Attendance: Alistair Watson kept roll as the Members and Guests entered the meeting. There were 85 Total Attendees with 70 Members and 15 Guests. There were representative from 48 Organizations. 18 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: American Association of University Women, Aurora Highlands CA, Ballston Virginia-Square CA, Bluemont CA, Boulevard Manor CA, Buckingham Community CA, Columbia Heights CA, Douglas Park CA, Glencarlyn CA, League of Women Voters, Maywood CA, NAACP #7047, Old Glebe CA, Shirlington Dogs II, Tara-Leeway Heights CA, Waverly Hills CA, Westover Village CA and Yorktown 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.

The Treasurer’s report for April was in the May Newsletter. The Minutes for the April 20th Membership Meetings were submitted. The Zoom Polling feature was used for voting.

The vote was: **46** For, **0** Against and **5** Abstained.

The April Minutes were **Approved**.

Nomination Committee: Juliet Hiznay (Chair) gave a status report. Right now we have more At-Large Director seats open than we have nominees. At this time there is no nominee for Treasurer, but there are for the other three Officers. Submit Nominations by June 12th. The vote will be at the June 15th membership Meeting.

Combined Presentation:

APS Superintendant: Dr. Francisco Duran & APS School Board Chair: Monique O’Grady 0:08:15
(APS Vice Chair Barbara Kanninen, Board Members Cristina Diaz-Torres, Reid Goldstein and David Priddy helped answer the questions)

Lois Koontz gave the pre-submitted questions

0:26:17

What are the near-term and long-term pandemic affects? Are there incremental costs due to Covid accommodations? Have you given any thought to any options to accelerate building before we see the inflation, construction costs and interest costs rise as is being predicted? What are your views on possibly requiring a Covid vaccine for students?

Michael Beer moderated questions from the floor

1:02:51

What is the status of recruiting substitute teachers and will their compensations also be increased similar to the other staff members? Could you please explain a little bit about what you're doing to prepare the schools for non-Covid related emergencies? Why are you talking entirely about the CIP and strategic goals and not mentioning at all the 29,000 kids who lost a year of education? What more could possibly be done at this point to help incentivize teachers for Summer school? Is it true that lots of kids are unaccounted for in the switch to virtual school, and if so, are they going to come back? Given the issues raised by a previous speaker, how can communications be improved with concerned parents?

Diversity Committee Presentation

1:23:05

Alistair Watson (Chair) and Alicia Jones McLeod (Challenging Racism) gave a Presentation on Diversity. Alistair made a **Motion** that the Diversity Resolution be Approved. David Hughes (Bluemont) seconded it.

Old Business:

1:50:05

Amendment to Section 2.03 of the Bylaws:

This Bylaws amendment to Section 2.03 was introduced by Adam Henderson (Douglas Park) in April. It provides clarification of Member Organization procedures when a Association becomes 'dormant' by reason of inactivity. It was **Moved** and Seconded last month. A 2/3rds majority is needed to approve bylaws amendments. The vote was: **41** For, **0** Against and **5** Abstained. The amendment was **Approved**.

New Business:

1:54:48

Awards Committee: Election of Members (Five needed)

Allan listed the nominees: Stacy Meyer (Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks), Alistair Watson (Aurora Highlands), Dave Schutz (Ashton Heights), Allan Gajadhar (Cherrydale) and Ron Haddox (Columbia Heights). The vote to elect **all five** was: **42** For, **0** Against and **2** Abstained
Stacy Meyer, Alistair Watson, Dave Schutz, Allan Gajadhar and Ron Haddox were elected to serve on the Awards Committee.

Public Services Committee Draft Police Practices Group Resolution:

Michael McMenamin (Maywood) introduced the PPG Resolution and made a **Motion** that that it be Approved. John Vihstadt (Tara-Leeway) seconded it.

May Board of Directors Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the May Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:00 PM on May 23rd. It will be a **Virtual** meeting.

June 2021 Membership Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the June 15th, 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 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

Video of the meeting is on Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/552228264>

Approved Amendment to ACCF Section 2.03

(changes to 2.03(b) are in Red, Section 2.03(c) is new)

Section 2.03(b)

If a Member Organization (other than a recognized Civic or Citizens Association) does not comply with the requirements in this Section 2.03, or otherwise meet the requirements set forth in Section 2.01, the Board of Directors shall disqualify the organization as a Member Organization, and remove its Voting Members and Alternate Members from Membership. Such Voting Members and Alternate Members shall cease to be Members and lose all rights and privileges associated with Membership under these Bylaws and the Act, including voting and participation rights. If at any time a Member Organization (other than a recognized Civic or Citizens Association) is disqualified pursuant to this Section 2.03, it must reapply under Section 2.01 to regain Membership Organization status.

Section 2.03(c)

If a recognized Civic or Citizens Association does not comply with the requirements in this Section 2.03, or otherwise meet the requirements set forth in Section 2.01, the Board of Directors shall suspend the Civic or Citizens Association as a Member Organization, and remove its Voting Members and Alternate Members from Membership. Such Voting Members and Alternate Members shall cease to be Members and lose all rights and privileges associated with Membership under these Bylaws and the Act, including voting and participation rights. If at any time a recognized Civic or Citizens Association is suspended pursuant to this Section 2.03, it may regain Membership Organization status upon fulfillment of the obligations noted in Section 2.03(a).