

Arlington County Civic Federation

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

Minutes

June 15, 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. BOD Chair Eric Cassel was Co-Host. 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 86 Total Attendees with 77 Members and 9 Guests. There were representative from 45 Organizations. 21 Organizations had two or more delegates and/or alternates present: American Association of University Women, Arlington Forest CA, ATAG, Ashton Heights CA, Aurora Highlands CA, Ballston Virginia-Square CA, Barcroft School & CL, Bluemont CA, Buckingham Community CA, Columbia Heights CA, Crystal City CA, Douglas Park CA, Friends of Aurora Highlands Park, Glencarlyn CA, League of Women Voters, Maywood CA, NAACP #7047, Penrose NA, Tara-Leeway Heights CA, Waverly Hills CA and Yorktown CA.

The Treasurer’s report for May was in the June Newsletter. The Minutes for the May 18th Membership Meetings were submitted. The Zoom Polling feature was used for voting.

The vote was: **34 For, 0 Against and 9 Abstained.**

The May Minutes were **Approved.**

Awards & End of Year Activities: President Gajadhar presented a Certificate For Exemplary Public Service to:

Michael Beer (Maywood)
Burt Bostwick (Old Glebe)
Employees of the Virginia Hospital Center
The Legislation Committee

Scott McCaffrey presented the Sun Gazette Cup to Tina Worden (Shirlington Dogs II).

Intro Candidates/Elections: Stef Pryor (Penrose) explained that there was no “Slate”. All Candidates were Self-Nominated. Zoom Polling was used for the voting.

The Election for Secretary was contested. Alistair Watson (Aurora Highlands) vs. Allen Norton (Bluemont). A vote was held. Alistair Watson received **41** votes & Allen Norton received **22** votes. (there were 3 abstentions)

Alistair Watson will be Secretary for the 2021-2022 Year.

The other Candidates were then presented and voted on.

	For	Against	Abstain	Won
President: Allan Gajadhar (Cherrydale)	58	2	3	Yes
Vice-President: Nicole Merlene (NORML)	60	0	5	Yes
Treasurer: Stacy Meyer (FOAHP)	58	3	3	Yes

At-Large Directors:

	For	Against	Abstain	Won
Nadia A. Conyers: (NAACP #7047)	52			Yes
Chris Wimbush: (Crystal City)	53			Yes
Mona Steffen: (Rivercrest)	53			Yes
Julia Tanner: (Ashton Heights)	52			Yes
Mary Glass: (ATAG)	52			Yes
Eric Cassel: (Crystal City)	52			Yes

There is one At-Large Director position open. It will be filled by a Special Election.

Legislative Affairs: Educational Program on School Climate - Cancelled at last moment.

CIP Panel: Richard Stephenson, Budget Director Arlington DMF, Jason Friess, Karin Talley 0:47:38
 John Vihstadt (Tara-Leeway) introduced the panelists and moderated questions after they had made their presentation.

What has been cut, dropped or put off in this Interim CIP? It builds a Western entrance to the Ballton Metro and a new entrance to the Crystal City Metro – Can we afford both? If the Metro decides to lower fares and expand service what will that mean for Arlington County’s contribution? Why are there no funds for parkland or open space acquisition? How are we preparing County Government IT to withstand Ransomware attacks? Many more questions were it the Chat.

Livability 22202 Committee: Matt Mattauszek (22202 Development Staff) 1:34:00
 Eric Cassel (Crystal City) introduced the panelist and moderated questions after he had presented the County Livability 22202 Development Plan.

Is there anything going on in the Hotel front in greater Crystal City? Does the County see any opportunities to convert the old office buildings there to residential or school use? Can you provide any insight into what is expected out of the PC Planning Study? Will the development have FLEXIBLE retail and other uses? How is the County accounting for the massive influx of people - and what is the process for community approval of an overall updated masterplan? Many more questions were it the Chat.

Old Business:

The Draft Police Practices Group Resolution of the Public Services Committee was taken up. Stef Pryor Explained – in depth – the purpose of it. At the May meeting a **Motion** was made to approve it and there was a second. Only discussion and voting remain. Much discussion ensued. David Hughes (Bluemont) Called the Question. Mike Cantwell seconded it. After determining that there were no objections to the question being Called, a vote was held on the PPG Resolution approval **Motion**.

The vote was: **40** For, **2** Against and **2** Abstained.

The PPG Resolution was **Approved**.

New Business:

Chris Wimbush (Crystal City), Chair of the TIGER Task Force gave a report: Everything is going well.

Chairs are needed for the Schools and R&E Committees.

There will be an Audit of our books this Summer (Required by the By-Laws)

June Board of Directors Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the June Board of Directors Meeting would be held at 6:00 PM on June 26th. It will be a **Virtual** meeting.

September 2021 Membership Meeting: President Gajadhar announced that the September 14th, 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 9:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted by Allen Norton

Video of the meeting is on Vimeo at: <https://vimeo.com/563748439>