

# Arlington County Civic Federation

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## MEETING

Arlington County Civic Federation, Board of Directors Meeting, 2022-11-20 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Held virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation.

## ATTENDEES

### Quorum Members

- John Ford, President
- Ron Haddox, Vice President
- David R Smith, Secretary
- Jim Todd, Treasurer
- Jackie Snelling, Board Chair
- Dave Schutz, Board Member
- Suzanne Sundburg, Board Member
- Todd Truitt, Board Member
- Scott Miles, Board Member
- Mike McMenamin, Board Member

### Additional

- Allen Norton
- Stef Prior
- JD Spain
- Adam Henderson
- Tina Worden
- Nicole Merlene
- Eric Berkey

## CALL TO ORDER (Jackie Snelling)

- Meeting called to order on 10/16 at 4:04 p.m. by the Board Chair, Jackie Snelling, Quorum of Directors (50% or more required) was established with 77% of Directors present (10 of 13).

## VOTE TO APPROVE 10/16 MINUTES (Jackie Snelling)

- Discussed and voted to approve the 10/16/2022 Board Meeting minutes. See minutes at: [Board of Directors Minutes - Arlington County Civic Federation \(civfed.org\)](#)
- **VOTE: Approved 100% of officers present**
  - 10 - yes
  - 0 - no
  - 1 - abstain (non-officer)

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (John Ford)

### • Resolution to Restore the Public's Confidence in Arlington County Governance

(<https://www.civfed.org/archives/resolutions/>)

- John requested input from the Board regarding the resolution and the go-forward plan. A paraphrased summary of inputs received from 10-12 board members and guests is below:
  - Some requests were made by NAACP members to leave CivFed because of the resolution appendix (perceived negativity and due to callout of individuals).
  - The current resolution appendix is divisive in nature.
  - The appendix was based on information reported by Arlington citizens.
  - Believe action on the resolution should be deferred as the community doesn't have enough bandwidth to handle this resolution plus TiGER and Missing Middle.
  - The resolution is clear, has been revised many times.
  - Was presented months ago, submitted online. Authors have incorporated feedback.
  - The resolution appendix could be well served by significant editing. Believe current form/content will turn off reviewers.
  - Believe 'perception is reality' and we should take advantage of review input from the NAACP and work to improve the document.
  - Hearing strong views from public officials on certain topics is concerning because they are supposed to be non-partisan.
  - Concerned with postponing the resolution and the possibility of the resolution being tabled.
  - Would like to have a direct conversation with Mark Schwartz on the issues raised by the resolution.
  - Believe the resolution 'fits the bill' and should go to a vote.
  - We've dealt in the past with multiple issues being discussed in parallel. The loss of the 'Arlington Way' is a huge issue.
  - People in the community don't know what the 'Arlington Way' is.
  - The mission of CivFed is to influence policy. Agree with the document but concerned with the 100-page appendix of commentary. A better approach would be to show how other jurisdictions are doing these kinds of things
  - Cannot vote for a resolution that just says we're not doing the right thing.
  - If the issues in the appendix can be addressed, then we'll go a long way towards solving our problems.
  - We had the original resolution unveiled in September; it has been altered twice to support input. Have not received input from organizations.
  - Have an offer to help with re-writing and the NAACP has offered to provide direct input.
  - We could convert the appendix to a report.
- John indicated that we've made a point to ensure that adequate time is provided at membership meetings for key issues (example: Candidates night, Missing Middle, and TiGER) in the past. We have the County Manager attending in December, and there will not be adequate time for the Public Confidence resolution/vote. John indicated that he believed this

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is an important resolution and he wanted to give it the time it needed and therefore proposed holding further discussion and vote until the February general membership meeting.

- There was a motion to VOTE on support for the president's recommendation for scheduling the Public's Confidence resolution discussion and vote for the February General Membership meeting.
  - **VOTE: Approved 100 (60%)**
    - 6 yes
    - 3 no
    - 1 abstain
- **October Membership Meeting Recap** - no discussion, time was yielded
- **November Membership Meeting Follow-up (Jackie Snelling)**
  - Discussed a follow-up letter to the Arlington delegation on TiGER and request for additional support. The current delegation (added after the meeting for clarification) is:
    - Delegate Elizabeth Bennett-Parker
    - Delegate Alfonso Lopez
    - Delegate Patrick Hope
    - Delegate Rip Sullivan
    - Senator Barbara Favola
    - Senator Adam Ebbin
    - Senator Janet Howell
  - The President normally sends resolution to affected parties, including the delegation
  - TiGER committee to advise John on content of letter
- **December Membership Meeting Plan (John Ford)**
  - The Manager is coming in December at his request. We hope to get high quality questions from the Board for the meeting.
  - There will be a Q&A session at the meeting which will be a good opportunity to ask questions and make our views felt, some of which could touch on the Public's Confidence resolution.
  - The deadline for questions will be December 2nd.

## TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim Todd)

- See Treasurer's report posted to <https://www.civfed.org/archives/finances/>
- Discussed adding some content to the December newsletter regarding the Funding Resource Development committee

## SECRETARY'S REPORT (David R. Smith)

- General Membership Vote re-cap (includes validated Zoom delegates):
  - **Meeting Minutes - APPROVED**
    - Yes: 11 in room + 34 on zoom = 45



- No: = 0
- Abstain: = 6

- **TIGER - APPROVED**

- Yes: 16 in room + 37 on zoom = 53
- No: = 2 in room + 16 on zoom = 18
- Abstain: = 6

- **Annual Certification**

- The Certification period ended on Oct 31st
- Thank you to the following 80 members who completed certification. We have 230 delegates. Per our bylaws this means that we need 10% or 23 members present to form a quorum at our General Membership meetings. Certified members are listed in the table below.

1. Alcova Heights Citizens Association	42. Forest Glen Civic Association
2. Alliance for Housing Solutions	43. Foxcroft Heights Civic Association
3. American Association of University Women, Arlington Branch	44. Friends of Aurora Highlands Parks
4. Arlington East Falls Church Civic Association	45. Gaslight Square Condominium Association
5. Arlington Forest Citizens Association	46. GlebeWood Civic Association
6. Arlington Gay and Lesbian Alliance	47. Glencarlyn Civic Association
7. Arlington Heights Civic Association	48. Green Valley Civic Association
8. Arlington Historical Society	49. Gulf Branch Civic Association
9. Arlington House Chapter - Daughters of the American Revolution	50. Highland Park – Overlee Knolls Civic Association
10. Arlington Little League	51. John M Langston Citizens Association
11. Arlington Mill Civic Association	52. League of Women Voters of Arlington & Alexandria
12. Arlington Parents for Education (APE)	53. Leeway Overlee Civic Association
13. Arlington Ridge Civic Association	54. Lyon Park Civic Association
14. Arlington Rotary Club	55. Lyon Village Citizens Association
15. Arlington Tree Action Group [ATAG]	56. Madison Manor Civic Association
16. Arlington View Civic Association	57. Maywood Community Association
17. Arlingtonwood Civic Association	58. NAACP - Arlington Branch #7047-B
18. Ashton Heights Civic Association	59. National Active and Retired Federal Employees Chapter 7, Arlington
19. Aurora Highlands Civic Association	60. North Highlands Citizens Association
20. Ballston-Virginia Square Civic Association	61. North Rosslyn Civic Association
21. Barcroft School and Civic League	62. North Rosslyn Civic Association
22. Bellevue Forest Citizens Association	63. NoVa Norml
23. Black Oak Cluster Community Association	64. Old Dominion Citizens Association
24. Bluemont Civic Association	65. Old Glebe Civic Association
25. Boulevard Manor Civic Association	66. Penrose Neighborhood Association
26. Buckingham Community Civic Association	67. Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights Civic Association
27. Cathcart Springs HOA	68. Rivercrest Civic Association

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28.Chain Bridge Forest Civic Association	69.Rock Spring Civic Association
29.Cherrydale Citizens Association	70.Shirlington Civic Association
30.Clarendon-Courthouse Civic Association	71.Shirlington Dogs II
31.Colonial Village I, II, and III	72.Spout Run Homeowners Association
32.Columbia Forest Civic Association (paid dues, need additional cert data)	73.Spout Run Terrace Condominium Association
33.Columbia Heights Civic Association	74.Tara-Leeway Heights Civic Association
34.Columbia Pike Partnership	75.Waverly Hills Civic Association
35.Crystal City Civic Association	76.Waycroft-Woodlawn Civic Association
36.Dominion Hills Civic Association (paid dues, need additional cert data)	77.Westover Village Civic Association
37.Donaldson Run Civic Association	78.Williamsburg Civic Association
38.Douglas Park Civic Association	79.Woman's Club of Arlington
39.Dover-Crystal Citizens Association	80.Woodmont Civic Association
40.Encore Stage & Studio	81.Yorktown Civic Association
41.Fairlington Citizens Association	

- **Call for Property**
  - Requesting notification of any CivFed property which you may have in your possession

**BOARD REPORT (Jackie Snelling)**

- **Member Requirement:** A vote was taken to repeal a resolution submitted at the October board meeting which requested a temporary waiver of the 20-member requirement. The By-laws Committee indicated that the request would require changing the bylaws and recommended against the resolution.
  - **VOTE: Approved to repeal by 90% of officers present**
    - 9 yes
    - 0 no
    - 1 abstain
- **Newsletter**
  - The December Newsletter inputs file has been posted to the Google share; 250-word limit please
  - Key dates: Nov 28 – deadline for inputs; Dec 3 – newsletter published
  - Draft Outline:
    1. Meeting Agenda/Link (David)
    2. Presidents Message (John)
    3. Voting Rules (Jackie)
    4. TiGER Resolution Outbrief (Allan)
    5. Public Engagement Resolution (John? Stef?)
    6. ACCF Picnic Picnic ‘chair’ (Todd)
    7. Fundraising Committee (Mary)
    8. Committee Reports (TBR)



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9. Certification & Dues (David)
  10. Please Donate to the Arlington County Civic Federation (already written)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- No reports

**OPEN FORUM**

- There was a question on how the Public’s Confidence resolution would be handled. Response from John Ford was that he’d discuss our plan for the resolution at the December meeting, with February dedicated to the resolution.
- JD Spain thanked Jackie for the meeting and indicated that the NAACP looked forward to working with CivFed going forward.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Smith to send out newsletter assignment considerations
- Board Members requested to send questions for the meeting with the Arlington County Manager to John Ford by December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**ADJOURN** – 5:49 p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Secretary 11/20/2022