

Arlington County Civic Federation

MEETING

Arlington County Civic Federation, Board of Directors Meeting, 2022-12-18 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Held virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation.

ATTENDEES

Quorum Members

- John Ford, President
- Ron Haddox, Vice President, Legislation
- David R Smith, Secretary
- Jim Todd, Treasurer
- Jackie Snelling, Board Chair
- Dave Schutz, Board Member
- Suzanne Sundburg, Board Member, Revenues and Expenditures
- Scott Miles, Board Member
- Mike McMenamin, Board Member, Public Safety
- Mary Glass, Board Member, Environmental Affairs

Additional

- Allen Norton
- Duke Banks

CALL TO ORDER (Jackie Snelling)

- Meeting called to order on 12/18 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 11/20 MINUTES (Jackie Snelling)

- Discussed and voted to approve the 11/20/2022 Board Meeting minutes. See minutes at: [Board of Directors Minutes - Arlington County Civic Federation \(civfed.org\)](https://www.civfed.org/minutes)
- **VOTE: Approved**
 - 8 - yes
 - 0 - no
 - 1 - abstain (non-officer)

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BOARD REPORT (Jackie Snelling)

- Discussed and voted to change the January 8 board meeting date to January 22
- **VOTE: Approved**
 - 9 – yes
 - 0 – no
 - 0 – abstain

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Environmental Affairs (Mary Glass)**
 - As a follow-on to the recommendations of the recent Collaborative (<https://www.civfed.org/newContent/2022-08/2022-08%20ACCF%20EnvAff%20TreeCanopy%20Phase%203%20Priorities.pdf>) for an updated tree canopy assessment, private citizens funded a new tree canopy assessment using 2021 data. The preliminary results show that the tree canopy coverage is 31%, shrubs 5%, permeable surfaces 21%, and impermeable surfaces 41%. The previous assessment reported by the County (<https://arlingtonva.s3.dualstack.us-east-1.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/01/Arlington-County-Tree-Canopy-Report-2016-.pdf>) done with 2016 data reported 41% tree canopy, 21% permeable and low-lying vegetation, and 37% impervious. The new assessment was performed by a nationally recognized organization experienced in the field. The imagery used was higher resolution than the 2016 data and included additional remote sensing using LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) to distinguish tree canopy from other vegetation. Additional information will be made available with the final statistics including information by neighborhood that could be useful to individual CA's.
 - Information on forthcoming Federal and State funding may make grants available to ACCF to pursue activities that support our members' tree canopy planning, planting, etc. This funding would include support for the performance and administration of the work.
 - The EA committee will address potential to increase charging stations for electric vehicles in Arlington
 - An EA representative continued participation in Arlington County Water Pollution Control Plant Solids Master Plan Biosolids Advisory Panel
- **Funding Committee (Mary Glass/Jim Todd)**
 - The committee continues to look at details for potential enhanced funding options, e.g. membership, donations, grants, etc.
 - Now the committee has consensus using the June picnic to raise funds – a likely source with a definite timeline
 - Working with Todd Truitt and committee – they will meet in January
 - Options include food and/or drink sales, sponsorships, auction, etc.
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- **Awards Committee (John Ford)**
 - We will vote on awards committee members at the February membership meeting. Want to re-invigorate process leveraged last year.

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- Committee timeline. Discussion on this topic centered around the idea that the committee is being stood up too early in the CivFed fiscal year cycle.
- **Subcommittee of Public Safety (Mike McMenamain)**
 - Plan to do a program on Crime in Arlington at the March GM meeting. Working logistics at January committee meeting (January 10th).
- **Other (Jackie Snelling)**
 - Working to reconstitute Planning and Zoning and Housing committees
 - Looking to establish a new 'member services' committee - which would include diversity and communications
 - Note: The President submits chair candidates, the Board approves the candidates

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (John Ford)

- The March public safety meeting includes legislative and public safety discussion. Appeal for an active collaboration.
- December General Membership meeting recap: We had a good lively exchange with the County Manager. Thanks for the questions raised.
- January 3rd meeting will be with the County Board in the County Board room. We will have an hour and quarter for the discussion. Meeting will be a hybrid meeting. There will be space allocated for 50 CivFed members.
- **Public's Trust Resolution Discussion**
 - The floor was opened up for feedback regarding the Public's Trust resolution. A discussion ensued between the resolution sponsors, officers, and other board members. Points raised are listed below:
 - Sponsors are open to continuing to get feedback, needed by January 18th
 - Still having discussions on use of the appendix
 - We have had contentious resolutions in the past where we had very active committees. In those cases, we created joint committees to review the resolution. In some cases it took 2-3 months to get the best thinking across all the groups. We were somewhat handicapped with this by not having robust committees during this resolution process.
 - Sponsors need to coordinate with the President and Secretary on how February meeting will be run
 - CivFed purpose is to advocate for its residents, and bring actionable complaints, not just shout about how something is being done the wrong way

TREASURER'S REPORT (Jim Todd)

- See Treasurer's report posted to <https://www.civfed.org/archives/finances/>

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- 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:

Motion: Approve November Minutes? APPROVED			
	In Room	Zoom	Total
Yes	23	19	42
No	0	0	0
Abstain	4	4	8

Motion: Commit to having an up/down vote on the Public's Trust resolution at the February Meeting, including amendments. - APPROVED			
	In Room	Zoom	Total
Yes	9	18	27
No	0	4	4
Abstain	1	1	2

OPEN FORUM

- January Newsletter
 - The Board agreed that given the early January 3rd General Membership meeting that we would send out a notice of the meeting on December 24th and then send the January Newsletter on December 28.
 - The newsletter article outline and assignments were reviewed.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. **David/Todd:** Put Picnic announcement into January newsletter
2. **John:** to identify a potential awards committee slate and then notify the board
3. **Mary:** was asked to share a link to the tree study when it is published
4. **Mary:** provide notification to the Board of the tree study resolution going through the Environmental Affairs committee now
5. **Adam:** Request for the Bylaws and Rules committee to discuss changes to the Awards timeline. Discussion on this topic centered around the idea that the committee is being stood up too early in the CivFed fiscal year cycle.
6. **Ron and Mike:** will hold an offline discussion regarding the crime program logistics (time to speak, etc)
7. **Board members:** to generate questions for the January 3rd meeting and send to John. Would like questions by December 28th.
8. **Jim/Duke:** to discuss Jim's engagement on the Public's Trust resolution
9. **Duke:** Determine who the POC will be going forward for the Public's Trust resolution
10. **Duke/Team:** provide questions for January 3rd County Board meeting

ADJOURN – 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Secretary 12/18/2022