

# Arlington County Civic Federation

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## **MEETING**

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 2022-12-13 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Hybrid meeting held in-person at the VHC Hazel Auditorium and virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation.

## **ATTENDANCE**

- In-Person: Member delegates checked in and were provided blue voting cards
- Zoom: Member delegates registered in-advance, and were recorded via the Zoom record

## **CALL TO ORDER (John Ford)**

- Called to order at 7 p.m. with quorum met with 1/10th of member delegates (required 24 had 40+)
- John welcomed Mark Schwartz, Arlington County Manager
- John led the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence

## **Discussion With Mark Schwartz (John Ford)**

- John led Q&A with Mark Schwartz
- Questions covered: budget forecast, remote work impact on commercial office space, information access, County notification process, tax burden, factors impacting budget plan, community engagement, Missing Middle, commercial property taxation, representative engagement, information requests, light pollution, integration of the Arts, transportation planning, development bonus density, and many other topics.
- Video Links:
  - Video Recording: <https://vimeo.com/781131444>
  - Facebook: <https://fb.watch/hH9Bp4abKe/>



**APPROVE NOVEMBER MINUTES (John Ford)**

- November 2022 Membership meeting minutes were voted on for approval **VOTE: Approved**

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

**NEW BUSINESS (John Ford)**

- Annual Picnic (Todd Truitt - Schools Committee chair)
  - Reminder: 1<sup>st</sup> annual picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup> at Lyon Park community center. Looking for volunteers, see newsletter.
  - There is a nationwide substitute teacher shortage. Requested members consider becoming a substitute teacher.
  
- Restore the Public’s Trust in Arlington County Government (John Ford)
  - John offered praise to those that worked on the ‘Restore Public’s Trust’ resolution, indicated his commitment to a full review of the resolution in February, and noted the diversity of opinion on the resolution. John then opened the floor to questions.
  - Duke Banks **raised a Motion:** “To vote on the Restore resolution, substantially as is, at the February meeting.”
  - A lengthy discussion amongst members ensued, with varying concerns raised by members:
    - A vote on the resolution was delayed 3-4 times
    - Concern raised about whether the resolution was vetted through CivFed committees. John Ford provided input that the committees were requested to review however some of the committees, notably Planning/Zoning and Housing are not fully operational.
    - Resolution is very verbose
    - Duke indicated that we will be voting on the resolution and not the appendix

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- o Adam Henderson **raised a Motion**, offered as a substitute to Duke’s resolution, “Commit to having an up/down vote on the Public's Trust resolution at the February Meeting, including amendments”. **VOTE: Approved**

**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
<b>Yes</b>	9	18	27
<b>No</b>	0	4	4
<b>Abstain</b>	1	1	2

**ACTIONS**

- None

**ADJOURNMENT** – 9:30p.m.

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Secretary 12/13/2022