



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2023

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 10/10/2023 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
- Hybrid meeting held in-person at the VHC Hazel Auditorium and virtually via Zoom, called via email invitation, web notification, and Facebook post.

ATTENDANCE

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

CALL TO ORDER (John Ford)

- Called to order at 7:00 p.m. with quorum met with 1/10th of member delegates (required 26)
- Moment of silence in honor of our Country, Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES APPROVAL (John Ford)

- [A motion was made to approve the September minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The September minutes were approved: 21 yea, 0 nays, 2 abstain.](#)

ARLINGTON'S VISION FOR 2040 AND BEYOND: STARTING THE CONVERSATION (Jackie Snelling)

- Jackie Snelling led a conversation regarding the vision for Arlington in 2040 and beyond. The conversation was introduced by Jackie with an initial exercise to get the delegates to think about our common objectives. Jackie reviewed a prepared list gather from pre-meeting inputs and solicited the audience for additional objectives. Objectives included things such as: tree canopy, affordable housing, safe multimodal transportation, dependable power supply.
- The conversation then shifted to presentations in the following areas listed below. For each topic, speaker's presentations were followed by additions from members in the audience.
- **Visions**
 - Peter Rousselot discussed additions to Comprehensive Plan, public facilities plan and acquisitions, impact and fiscal analysis.
 - Portia Clark discussed embracing diversity, the neighborhood, and honesty in engagement & understanding past and future.
 - Nicole Merlene Toulouse discussed the millennial generation, transit. public facilities, education, housing ownership.



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- Bryan Coleman discussed the 'vision of the day in my life in 2040' equity, housing, schools, transportation, green space.
- Kathleen McSweeney discussed creating a complete community engaged, connected, healthy, economically stable, welcomed.
- Alisa Cowen discussed recommitting to the success of metro rail transit-oriented development and sustaining metro ridership.
- **Data**
 - Jonathan Huntley gave an overview of using data to evaluate progress toward a vision of Arlington.
 - Wells Harrell provided a view of envisioning Arlington's Future with Data.
- **Approaches**
 - Stacey L. Meyer discussed Special GLUP, inclusion of impacted neighborhoods, honesty and openness.
 - Jim Lantelme discussed land use planning tools and impact analyses.
 - Jonathan Ware discussed planning accountability. tools for improving community engagement.
 - Joan McIntyre discussed Climate crisis and mitigating carbon, heat, stormwater with nature-based strategies.
 - Brian Sigriz discussed the importance of neighborhood focus, equity, and inclusion of those not active in county organizations.
 - Chirstopher Concepcion discussed focusing our community on youth engagement and well-being.
- The meeting presentation can be found at: [presentation link](#).
- See video link below.

CONSIDERATION AND VOTE ON NEW MEMBER APPLICATION: UNITED LATIN AMERICAN CITIZENS, ARLINGTON GENERAL COUNCIL #4613 (LULAC) (John Ford)

- John introduced Christopher Concepcion, President of LULAC, who provided a summary overview of the LULAC organization.
- John introduced a resolution regarding the LULAC membership:

WHEREAS the League of United Latin American Citizens, Arlington General Council 4613 (LULAC) has requested membership within the Arlington County Civic Federation.

WHEREAS the ACCF Membership Committee has reviewed the LULAC membership request and has validated that the organization meets ACCF rules established by the bylaws, including that the organization has at least 20 members, that their demonstrated primary objective and principal work is consistent with the goals and purposes defined by the ACCF bylaws;

WHEREAS the ACCF Board has reviewed and recommends the Membership application;



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the General Membership of ACCF hereby approves the application of LULAC for membership in the ACCF.

- A motion was moved and seconded to approve the resolution regarding the LULAC #4613 membership, discussion was opened, and a vote was called and LULAC #4613 was approved as a new member: 43 yea, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

ACTIONS

- None

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and approved by acclamation.

Meeting Video Link: [Arlington Cty Civic Fed \[ACCF\] \(vimeo.com\)](#)

Submitted by: David R. Smith, Secretary 10/18/2023