



# Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER 2023

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## MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 12/12/2023 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 November GM minutes, the motion was moved, and seconded. The November minutes were approved by acclamation.](#)

## GAZETTE-LEADER CUP (Scott McCaffrey)

- Scott McCaffrey, Managing Editor of the Sun Gazette, presented Adam Henderson (CivFed Board Chair) with the GazetteLeader Cup for his effort in CivFed for the previous year. Scott also reiterated the other awardees described in the June 2023 General Membership meeting minutes.

## ARLINGTON COUNTY MANAGER (Mark Schwartz)

- County Manager, Mark Schwartz, came for a Q&A session with the CivFed. Six CivFed panelists came forward and discussed current county concerns with the manager. The panelists are identified below with a sampling of the topic areas discussed by the panelists and CivFed members during Q&A with the manager:
  - **Alex Sakes**, President, Penrose CA
    - Vacancy rate and metro/bus train
  - **Portia Clark**, President, Green Valley CA
    - Creative ways to support budget deficits (e.g., grants, park snack bars), youth initiatives, and ART busses
  - **Brian Harner**, Co-Chair, Planning & Zoning Committee



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- Office vacancy, vision for Arlington placemaking, bringing county staff back into the office, rental cost increases
- **Sandi Chesrown**, President, Waverly Hills CA
  - Langston Arts Community center, pickleball, new developments not protecting views
- **Matt Hall**, Co-Chair, Housing Committee
  - Diversity and displacement, money provided to 501c4s, FOIA, land swap supporting VHC mental health facility on Carlin Springs
- **Mark Greenwood**, Delegate, Highland Park-Overlee Knolls CA
  - County role in climate change, role of private development sector/Site Plan Review Committee (SPRC) and contribution to climate change issues, preservation of trees, studies on keeping older homes instead of tearing them down, code enforcement

## INTRODUCE RESOLUTION ON CIVFED 2024 VIRGINIA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES (John Ford)

- John introduced the draft CivFed resolution on Virginia legislative priorities, see [link](#).

## PRESENTATION BY VIRGINIA HOSPITAL CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Robin Adams)

- Robin provided the presentation at [link <getting from Adam>](#) which described VHC Health's evolving role of emergent/urgent care.

## VOTE ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE ARLINGTON CHORALE (John Ford)

- As described in the December newsletter, John introduced a resolution to admit Arlington Chorale into CivFed. [A motion was made, discussion was opened, and a vote was taken: 43 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain. The Arlington Chorale was approved for membership.](#)

## 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 12/19/2023