



Arlington County Civic Federation

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES, TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025

MEETING

- Arlington County Civic Federation, General Membership Meeting, 6/10/2025 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 a voting ballot.
- 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 25).

MINUTES APPROVAL (John Ford)

- A motion was made to approve the May General Membership (GM) [minutes](#), the motion was moved, and seconded. The May GM minutes were approved by acclamation.

PROGRAM:

ACCF was honored to welcome Arlington County government and civic leadership to discuss a range of topics including a vote on ACCF's Planning & Zoning Resolution, a vote on ACCF Officers & Directors for FY25-26, a briefing from Arlington County Police Chief Andy Penn, and several committee presentations detailing their accomplishments over the course of FY24-25. We included time for the audience to ask questions throughout, with membership involvement in the discussion a priority. Discussion topics included:

1. **Planning & Zoning (P&Z) Resolution second reading and vote** - Jack Spilsbury, Co-chair of the P&Z committee, led a second reading of the updated Resolution to Improve Planning and Zoning Policy & Processes.
 - a. Questions from the audience included:
 - i. How does the resolution recommend the County accounts for CA engagement & other stakeholders?
 - ii. Have you considered recommending the County incorporates SPRC votes?
 - iii. How do we ensure planning committees have a higher proportion of local residents participating?
 - iv. How are you defining transit corridors? How do you define adequate infrastructure/capacity?
 - v. How can we increase accountability with the county as they're making GLUP-related decisions?
 - b. A motion was made to approve the P&Z Resolution To Improve Planning & Zoning Policy and Processes, which was circulated in the May and June 2025 newsletters,

shared with member organizations, and updated based on ACCF Committee and member feedback. The motion was moved, and seconded. The vote to adopt the resolution was approved (58 Yea, 3 Nay, 4 Abstentions). The approved resolution can be found [here](#).

2. **Arlington Historical Society presentation on Virginia 250 Plans** - Peter Vaselopulos, President of the Arlington Historical Society (AHS), and Sean Denniston, Vice President of AHS, shared an overview of AHS's plans for commemorating America's 250th anniversary next year. You can review AHS's presentation [here](#). Questions included:
 - a. Are you working with the Black Heritage Museum?
 - b. Are you considering Native American history in your Virginia 250 planning?
3. **Briefing from Arlington County Police Chief Andy Penn** - Chief Penn discussed crime trends in Arlington County, including an increase in shoplifting in 2024. ACPD is collaborating with the DC Police Department in support of the Army parade this weekend. Sergeant Sarah Butzer from ACPD's community engagement team previewed quarterly community events and meetings. ACPD will be hosting community conversations on August 7th and 12th focused on pedestrian traffic and school safety. ACPD is also hosting several [summer kids programs and camps](#) that are already fully subscribed. Questions from the audience included:
 - a. How are you collaborating with ICE regarding their deportation activities?
 - b. How would you recommend we address rising graffiti in our neighborhood?
 - c. What were the leading causes of the rise in crime across the county?
 - d. How effective are the speed cameras installed near school zones this spring?
4. **ACCF Awards presentation** - John Ford announced winners of ACCF's 2025 community awards. Scott McCaffrey from ArlNow presented the Arlington.Now Cup award to Portia Clark. You can find all the award winners [here](#) and pictures of the event [here](#).
5. **Vote on ACCF FY25-26 Officers & Directors** - Jean Henceroth, Nominating Committee Chair, briefed the audience on the nominating and election process. You can review these rules [here](#). A vote was taken. Results below (officially validated after the meeting):
 - a. Officers
 - i. President - Nicholas Giacobbe - 100%
 - ii. Vice President - Jean Henceroth - 100%
 - iii. Secretary - Richard McNamara - 100%
 - iv. Treasurer - Benjamin Watts - 100%
 - b. Directors at Large
 - i. Allan Gajadhar - 93%
 - ii. David Schutz - 100%
 - iii. David Smith - 100%
 - iv. Jackie Snelling - 96%
 - v. John Ford - 96%
 - vi. John Snyder - 98%
 - vii. Matt Gloudeman - 100%
 - viii. Mike McMenamin - 100%
 - ix. Rod Haddox - 100%
6. **ACCF Committee Year-in-Review Presentations** - Six committees shared an overview of progress and key accomplishments throughout FY24-25. Committees that briefed include:

- a. [Schools](#)
- b. [Environmental Affairs](#)
- c. [Housing](#)
- d. [Public Services](#)
- e. Planning & Zoning
- f. Legislation

ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

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

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

Submitted by: Matt Gloudeman, ACCF Secretary 6/15/2025