

2026 Committee Highlights

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- **Committees** - Core of our policy infrastructure and base for our advocacy and member support
- **Re-energizing** – July 2022 working together after Covid to recruit Board Members and Committee Chairs to re-build policy depth
- **10 Standing Committees** – 8 strongly established. We welcome new participants to sustain and expand 8 and leadership to renew 2 (Arts & Culture, Parks & Rec)
- **7 Support Committees** – Provide overarching organizational support including: audit, awards, banquet, bylaws, communications, membership, and nominating committees. Reaching out to new Board Members and all of you.

2026 Committee Trends



- **Pattern of 3 step development 1) Education, 2) Developing policy resolutions, 3) advocacy** the core of our policy infrastructure and base for our advocacy for specific implementation in County and neighborhoods
- **Policy Resolutions Impact** – greatly increases ACCF ability to provide agile timely direct support to neighborhood issues
- **Collaboration among committees** – increases scope of research and extent of advocacy through coordination, seeing more joint projects

Environmental Affairs

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- **Climate change and roles** of natural resources in mitigation
- **Development of Climate Action Plan** and Advisory Group
- **Support for legislation and zoning measures** to preserve trees on private and public lands
- ***Support Natural resources as method to mitigate** heat islands, flooding, health and wellbeing
- ***Track progress on the 2023 County Forest** and Natural Resources Plan
- * Coordination with other committees

Housing

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- **Affordable ownership development** engagement with County Board – developed a hypothetical church housing project to expand beyond current providers for moderate density ownership units not currently available in Arlington
- ***Understanding Arlington’s Legal Authorities for Land Use in New Housing Laws from Richmond** – April CivFed panel with Favola and Karantois on effects of state legislation on housing production of 3 new laws Faith in Housing, reduced off-street parking, and switching some housing project approval from the Board to the Zoning Administrator
- ***Case study of the process to redevelop Marriott Key Bridge into 1700 housing units**; relates to Housing resolution for **tracking housing needs**, the P&Z resolution to improve **site plan process**, including **community benefits process** and the recent audit recommendations
- **Briefing on Housing Commission by Joe Ventrone**, member and NRCA President

- ***Reviewed 2025, solicited recommendations, prepared 2026 legislative** resolution adopted in November 25 (note early cycle) included:
 - **Arlington authorization to make changes in the form of government** at a level of authorization comparable to other jurisdictions
 - **Authority for building codes to support climate action** for stormwater mitigation and preservation, management of urban trees
 - **Authority to put speed cameras** in any location in the county
- **Actively advocated for community discussion of the form of government** to be led by Board task group
- **Currently soliciting recommendations for 2027 – send them to Dave now**

Planning and Zoning

Comprehensive Plan, Site Plan +, Lot coverage



Brian Harner, Chair, and Comprehensive Plan plan.zone.chair@civfed.org ;

- **Advocacy including participation in Comprehensive Plan Focus group and in the ACCF work session with Board and, speaking, letters on Comprehensive Plan, Low Residential Study data, and letters on various specific site plans**
- ***Understanding development challenges** – Developed and moderated November CivFed panel with AED, BIDS, developers discussing the current environment for commercial real estate and new project development, to facilitate discussion on the requested process changes in the resoution

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- ***Resolution on lot coverage tonight, June 2026**
- **Upcoming - Review scheduled staff recommendations of the Low Residential Study and Comment**

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***Extensive Resolution to Improve Planning and Zoning Policy and Processes adopted** – adopted last June, this year has focused on follow up and implementation

- focus on transparency, community input, documentation and posting
- Call for direct discussion of the issues in the **Comprehensive Plan Update**, changes to the **site plan process**, recommendations for improving the guidance and process for determining **community benefits**
- ***Support for CA participation in the Audit on Community Benefits**
- ***Follow up on recommendations for Community Benefits** from the resolution and from the audit and develop more specific recommendations for the policy documentation and process
- Continued work with CAs going through GLUP and site plans with support coordinated to include peer to peer

Public Services

Stormwater, Public Safety, Health and Wellbeing



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- **Regular meetings with DES monitoring progress** on stormwater (resolution from 2022)
- **Facilitate periodic meetings between DES and civic associations** by watershed and regarding planning, including SPRC with stormwater factors

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- **Coordinate with the ACPD Community Outreach unit to promote participation**
- **Held briefing with Deputy Chief Dave Giroux**, to plan a forum for fall on models for collaboration to improve specific neighborhood safety concerns

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- ***Panel for April Membership meeting on intersection of wellbeing and justice system focusing on improving understanding and support services**
- **Next year focus on both wellbeing for seniors and for wellbeing children and youth**

Revenues and Expenditures

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- **Analysis of Impacts of Federal job cuts and federal grant cuts on local budget**
- **Reviewed and reported on FY 2025 closeout, the FY 2027 proposed budget and tax/fee increases, and the County Manager's FY 2027-2036 CIP**
- **Continuous notice of fiscal reports and written analyses shared with members through the Civic Voice**

Schools

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- **Coordinated school related questions for candidates, planned and moderated panel with Supt and School Board**
- **Resolution re APS CIP - “Preventing Crumbling School Buildings”** developed, revised and adopted in May; currently following up with School Board and will continue next year
- **Note new member of ACCPTAs** has provided significant member participation and energy particularly on the resolution along with continuing members from APE and other organizations

Transportation

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- **Presentation to the General Membership in October with Hui Wang Deputy Director – overview of how it works and how to access**
- **Work session focus on transportation in Feb ACCF workshop with the County Board, focus on coordination with VDOT and improving transparency of projects and timeline for needs identified in Vision Zero**
- ***Extensive Transportation Resolution adopted in April; and follow up advocacy letters sent to the Board and Manager**
- ***Continue with focus on tracking and advocacy for high priority projects with identified needs in corridors and neighborhoods and for GLUP and SPRC coordination and with VDOT**