



# THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

The Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

May 2007

## ACCF General Meeting Notice

**NORMAL START TIME**  
**Tuesday, May 1, 2007, 7:30 PM**  
Hazel Conference Center  
Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington  
1701 North George Mason Drive

1. **7:30 pm** Pledge of Allegiance (formal start)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (April 3, 2007)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Nominating Committee Selection – (*See Page 1*)
6. Committee Announcements (upcoming meetings)
7. **7:45 – 9:15 pm – State Delegation Program** (*See Page 1 and 2*)
  - Delegate Statements (5 min each - 30 Min)
  - Specific Issue Discussion/Questions ( 30 min)
  - Other & General Questions (30 min)
8. **9:15 – 9:30 pm** New Business & Announcements
9. Adjournment

## Nominating Committee

At the May meeting we will entertain motions for and, select the five (5) members for the nominating committee. This committee will determine the slate of officers and Executive committee members for the ACCF election to be held at the June 5, 2007 meeting. Unfortunately, we should have done this at our April meeting because the results of the nominating committee's activities need to be published in the June Civic Voice (with a material submission deadline of May 17, 2007). None-the-less all delegates or alternates should consider "volunteering" for this important role which helps to shape the activities of the ACCF for the 2007/2008 year! Do not hesitate to contact any of the Current Officers or Executive Committee members indicating your interest. You do not have to be at the May meeting to be considered, but you must have agreed to serve in the selection of Nominating Committee members.

## State Delegation Program

The State Delegation Program is Always a favorite where we hear from our State Elected Representatives (Alphabetically):

Robert H. Brink – 48<sup>th</sup> House

Adam P. Ebbin – 49<sup>th</sup> House

Albert Eisenberg – 47<sup>th</sup> House

David Elgin – 45<sup>th</sup> House

Patricia S. Ticer – 30<sup>th</sup> Senate

Mary Margaret Whipple – 31<sup>st</sup> Senate

**Program Structure** – The Agenda shows, we will first hear from each Delegate on their areas of concern, focus and, accomplishments. The next section of the program will focus on discussion and questions from ACCF Delegates and Alternates on specific areas of significance (*see below*). Finally, the panel will entertain any other questions from ACCF Delegates or Alternates.

**Specific Issues** - The Legislative and Executive Committees discussed focusing on specific issues that are of interest to all Delegates and Alternates. While these have not been finalized at the time of publication – initial thoughts are two areas – the Transportation (projected 20 minutes) and Eminent Domain (projected 10 minutes) activities and legislation. Any questions will be limited during this period to those issue areas. Stay tuned – Issue areas and projected timing could change and will be put on the Web site and/or announced prior to that section of the program.

**Question Rules** - While we request that any questions be limited to no more than 30 seconds, for any desired "statements" the Civic Federation will follow our normal procedure as stated in the Standing Rules, Section 6, to wit:

*"During debate, no delegate or alternate delegate shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than once, until all others have had the opportunity to speak. No delegate or alternate delegate shall speak more than two (2) minutes consecutively"*

The Delegate panel's responses will not time limited for each question. Each panel participant might have information they desire to convey in response.



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**June Meeting:** Tuesday, June 5, 2007

**The Major Topic:** Environmental Committee Program,  
And - 2007/2008 Officer Elections  
And - Year end Wrap-up.

**April News deadline:** May 17, 2007

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## Tidbits

This section will bring you up to date on status of some “old” items. Also highlighted are new activities or actions considered or approved by the Executive Committee since the April meeting. In all cases, unless specifically noted, material has been posted to our Web site. Please refer to that resource for further details where noted:

- **Appointments** – None this period
- **Questions to the County Revisited** – The “unanswered” questions relating to the budget which were sent to the Board last month were answered via an April 10<sup>th</sup> letter and are posted on the ACCF Web site.
- **Meeting with County Board Chair** – Your President and Executive Committee Co-Chair met with the County Board Chair on April 10<sup>th</sup>. We highlighted outstanding resolutions and both all parties reaffirmed a commitment for continued Quarterly meetings.
- **Possible Summer Programs** – The Executive Committee has been discussing summer program “opportunities”. Any such programs are subject to the determination of new Officers selected in June. We anticipate there could be a July Program for all Committee Chairs. Among other items suggested for the Committee Chair meeting is “fixing” the future year (or two) general meeting program calendar. An August Program focusing on ACCF Outreach (in order to broaden participation) has also been suggested.

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## Committee Calendar

Please look on the ACCF Web page calendar for latest postings of committee meetings. Please note other events “of interest” are also posted to this Calendar. Many thanks to our Webmasters!

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## Help Wanted – Specific and Continued Open Invitation

This past month, our esteemed Public Services Committee Chair – Amy Levin resigned her position because of other pressing commitments. We are looking to fill that crucial role. There are always other positions that can open at any time. If you have any particular interest – Specifically in the Public Services Committee role or any other interest, keep us (Committee Chairs advised) - (*See Web site for Contact Information*).

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## Committee Chair & Representative Annual Reports

*By Executive Committee*

This is a “call” to all Committee Chairs and, any Delegate or Alternate who represents the Federation at any Arlington or other Jurisdiction Group, Committee, Commission, etc. This is the time of year for you to prepare your annual report. These short annual reports of the period (June 2006 through May 2007) should be submitted via email (Word or Adobe documents preferred) or in hard copy to the President prior to the June 5, 2007 meeting. Included should be all activities during that period and, if known, any planned future events. Committee Chairs should also provide current membership and others who served during the year.

The information will be posted on the ACCF Web site for all other Delegates or Alternates and, will be in used instead of verbal presentations at the June meeting. We are trying to use the June meeting for other “interesting” programs.