



ACCF General Meeting Notice

NORMAL START TIME
Tuesday, February 5, 2008, 7:30 PM
Hazel Conference Center
Virginia Hospital Center – Arlington
1701 North George Mason Drive

1. **7:30pm** - Pledge of Allegiance (formal start of meeting)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes (January 8, 2007)
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Committee Announcements (upcoming meetings only)
6. Special Rules for County Board Program
7. **7:40 – 9:00 pm** - Arlington County Board Program
 - County Board Presentations - Including response to ACCF submitted questions (30 minutes) – (See Page 1 and continuation on Page 2)
 - Questions and Answers of County Board (40 minutes) (See Special Rules – Page 1)
 - County Board Concluding Remarks (10 minutes)
8. **9:00 – 9:25 pm** - Resolution on Accessory Dwellings - Jointly by Housing Planning and Zoning committee (25 Minutes) (See Page 2)
9. 9:25 – 9:30 pm - New Business & Other Announcements
10. Adjournment

County Board Q & A Rules

By Executive Committee

The Executive Committee decided on question and answer “rules” for the Arlington County Board program. It was felt that these rules worked well for the APS program and therefore should also apply for the County Board program. The rules will be in effect during the planned 40 minute questions and answer period set forth in the agenda. The purpose of these rules is to maximize participation by the delegates and alternates. These “rules” are as follows:

1. Participation – Only Delegates or Alternates will be permitted to ask questions of the Arlington County Board at the January 2nd meeting.

2. Questions will be limited to a maximum of 30 seconds only. Delegates or Alternates should minimize comments and make sure they pose a “single” question. Compound and follow-up questions by the same individual will not be allowed.
3. The County Board response(s) to any individual question will be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.

Timing will be rigidly enforced – the moderator will cut-off either questions or responses exceeding the timeframes set forth above.

County Board Posed Questions

By Executive Committee

As part of the invitation to the Arlington County Board, the Executive Committee submitted five (5) topic areas and related key issues. The “Topic” areas followed by the related issues as submitted to the Board in January are as follows:

1. **Revenues and Expenditures** – Fiscal position always a concern. Address where possible:
 - **Maintaining a balanced and sustainable budget** – tax rates and fees (guidance to the Manager)
 - **Revenue sources** – current and future projected outlook
 - **Real Estate** - valuations and rates
 - **Debt** - capacity and areas of focus
 - **Federal, State and Other** - outlook
 - **Dedicated Fees versus General Funding** (philosophy on why some versus others - e.g. Stormwater, seniors, FreshAIRE, fitness)
 - **Long term financial picture** – Increased costs of future obligations (e.g. OPEB)
 - **Program or area funding changes** – Areas to increase, reduce, eliminate or, defer.
2. **Development** – concern with both “magnitude” and extent, especially impacts on neighborhoods:
 - **Impact** – scale and character of the community, appropriate density, traffic congestion and noise spillover – adjacent and distant
 - **Infrastructure** - sufficiency for transportation, water, sewage, electric power and other
 - **Transportation** – trolley funding versus other (e.g. bridges, maintenance), MTP
 - **Other issues** – TDR's (purposes and where used); Accessory Dwellings (next steps).

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March Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2008

The Major Topic: Public Services Program

March News deadline: February 16, 2008

(County Board Posed questions – Continued)

3. **Policy and Plans** – Comment on policies/plans such as:
 - **Capital Improvement program policies/strategies** – funding availability for *both* County and APS programs (including new approaches to public review process and plan development)
 - **Public Safety** - Priorities for public safety programs
 - **Housing** – affordable housing status: strategies, plans and, funding
 - **Infrastructure maintenance and improvements** – streets, stormwater, role of NCAC
 - **Public facilities** – projected projects and possible deferrals (realistic assessment, – e.g. North Tract, other parkland, cultural facilities)
 - **Other** – new “concepts” or initiatives (such as snow removal, a recent ACCF resolution)
4. **Specific Board Programs** – comment on Board programs and initiatives not included above:
 - **“Personal” Health** – such as “Fit Arlington”, smoking bans, trans-fat limitations
 - **Diversity Programs** – what it does and does not include
 - **Other** – Car-Free diet (applicability to areas with limited transit alternatives)
5. **County and Board “Process”** – appreciated are comments on:
 - **“Public” Process** –reduced time and/or opportunity for citizen and civic association input for staff and Board decisions. Are we losing the “Arlington Way”?
 - **“Notices”** - desired longer review times for Board meeting materials; particularly last minute items (i.e. reports published subsequent to release of initial agenda)
 - **Advisory Commissions and Other Groups** – value or impediments for Staff and/or Board decisions

Civic Federation – How can the ACCF be most effective for the County in general and, the Board in particular?

Tidbits

New activities or actions, considered or approved, by the Executive Committee since the January meeting are itemized. Unless specifically noted, material has been posted to our Web site.

1. **Increased Electronic Communication** – Clipboards for Email address will continue to be available at every general meeting OR, better yet send it to us!
2. **TDR’s** – We testified supporting ACCF’s November 2006 resolution during Planning and Board hearings on this key development option’s proposed Policy Documents.

Banquet – Remember the ACCF Banquet is March 28, 2008 at the Hyatt Arlington. Stay tuned for detailed particulars!

Cultural Affairs Committee

The Cultural Affairs Committee has been revitalized! Much in the Arlington arts community has continued to thrive and grow. In the last month there was news of the Newseum space becoming available to arts groups for the next ten years and the introduction of poetry on buses! Members are invited to get acquainted with both arts and library events and news. Refer to the Cultural Affairs Committee section on the ACCF website for some interesting links. Plan to make space on your calendar in 2008 for some of the many local offerings!"

Joint Committee Resolution on Accessory Dwellings

At the January meeting a “draft” resolution on Accessory Dwellings (ADs) was introduced. Since that time, the Housing Committee continues to work with the Planning and Zoning Committee on parameters and language for a joint committee resolution. Check the ACCF Website for latest information and the revised proposed Resolution prior to our meeting.