



THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

February 2010

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, February 2, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Hazel Conference Center
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N. George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22205
www.civfed.org

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Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Approve Agenda
Officer Reports
Membership Committee Report
Member Delegate Announcements
- 7:40 Arlington County Board Program:
- Board Member Opening Remarks (25 minutes)
 - Civic Federation Committee Prepared Questions (35 minutes)
 - Civic Federation Delegate Questions (35 minutes) (drawing system)
- 9:15 New Business
- 9:25 Adjourn

Executive Committee

Mark Antell, Chair mark@civfed.org
Terri Prell, Vice-Chair terri@civfed.org

Civic Federation delegates will be selected to ask questions at the February 2, 2010, County Board program through a drawing system. Delegates may register to be selected to ask a question by signing up in the lobby from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Committee will meet on Monday, February 8, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at Carlin Hall (5711 4th Street South) to plan future Civic Federation general meeting programs.

Meeting Program

Members of the Arlington County Board

Portia Clark portia@civfed.org

Terri Prell terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee and Public Services Committee will present a program with guest speakers from the Arlington County Board:

- Barbara Favola, Member
- Jay Fiset, Chairman
- Mary Hynes, Member
- Walter Tejada, Member
- Christopher Zimmerman, Vice-Chairman

The program will be organized in three sections:

1. Opening remarks where the guest speakers will each have five minutes to make their remarks.
2. Questions prepared by the Civic Federation's Environmental Affairs, Housing, Planning and Zoning, Public Services, Revenues and Expenditures, and Transportation committees. The guest speakers will have up to four minutes to jointly respond to each question.
3. Questions from Civic Federation member delegates. The guest speakers will have up to three minutes to jointly respond to each question. Questions should be limited to thirty seconds and may not be position statements. Civic Federation delegates will be selected to ask questions through a drawing system. Civic Federation delegates may register to be selected by signing up in the lobby from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Committee News

Awards

Stan Karson stan@civfed.org

The committee will meet on January 26, 2010. Members of the committee, Portia Clark, Stan Karson, Martha Moore, Randy Swart, and Tim Wise, will consider candidates for the Civic Federation's Sun Gazette Cup and Certificates of Appreciation.

Community Relations

Sharon Rogers sharon@civfed.org

Sign up for the Arlington Neighborhood News Exchange (ANNE), a service for neighborhood newsletter editors to swap articles (www.civfed.org/anne.htm).

Environmental Affairs

Larry Finch larryfinch@civfed.org

On January 1, 2010, the Arlington County Board appointed Civic Federation delegate Larry Finch (Friends of Arlington Parks) to serve on the Arlington County Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force. Mr. Finch chairs the Civic Federation's Environmental Affairs Committee. The task force will consider countywide goals for long-term, mid-term and short-term reduction of greenhouse gas emissions as well as key strategies and actions to be taken by government, the private sector, the nonprofit sector and individuals to meet those goals (<http://tinyurl.com/ces-charter>).

Starting in February, the Environmental Affairs Committee will investigate the state of Arlington's streams, including stream pollution, erosion of streams from stormwater runoff, implications of erosion for water quality and aquatic life, measures for reducing runoff into streams, and stream restoration as a tool for improving the stream stability and water quality.

Housing

Kathryn Scruggs kathryn@civfed.org

The committee will meet on January 25, 2010 at 7:30 p.m. at 935 N. Liberty Street (Scruggs residence - 703-536-9148). The agenda includes housing related code enforcement issues, transparency related to the mission, management reporting, metrics of Arlington County's code enforcement efforts, and initial planning of a possible future Civic Federation program that would include senior staff from the Arlington County Code Enforcement and Zoning departments.

Membership

Mileva Hartman mileva@civfed.org

The committee is working to remind presidents of Civic Federation member organizations that they may have eight Civic Federation representatives (four delegates and four alternate delegates). The role of a Civic Federation member delegate is to represent their member organization before our community.

Parks and Recreation

Jay Wind jay@civfed.org

The committee has made a nomination for the Bill Thomas Park Service Award. The award is given to acknowledge outstanding service in support of parks, recreation and natural areas of Arlington County (www.arlingtonva.us/departments/parksrecreation/documents/file73417.pdf).

Revenues and Expenditures

Wayne Kubicki wayne@civfed.org

The committee will study the soon-to-be-released County Manager's proposed 2011 budget. The committee's report will be presented at the April 6 Civic Federation general meeting. The committee's 2010 report is listed here (www.civfed.org/budgFY10reptcomb.pdf).

Schools

Cecelia Espenosa cecelia@civfed.org

The committee is preparing to host Members of the Arlington County School Board as guest speakers at the March 2, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting.

The committee will study the soon-to-be-released Superintendent's proposed 2011 budget. The committee's report will be presented at the April 6 Civic Federation general meeting. The committee's 2010 report is listed here (www.civfed.org/budgFY10reptcomb.pdf).

Special Events

Peter Olivere peterolivere@civfed.org

The Civic Federation banquet will be held on April 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive. The Executive Committee is considering key note speakers. Contact Mr. Olivere if you would like to help prepare and manage the event.

Transportation

Jerry Auten jerry@civfed.org

The committee is looking for a Civic Federation member delegate to represent the committee at a January 27, 2010, briefing and workshop about an updated Arlington County Transit Development Plan. The meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at 2300 Wilson Boulevard (Navy League) in the first floor conference room. The Transit Development Plan will be a comprehensive six-year plan that will guide the growth of transit and para-transit services.

Unfinished Business

No motions are under consideration to be brought before member delegates of the Civic Federation.