



THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

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Meeting Notice

Tuesday, April 6, 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
Member delegate announcements
- 7:40 Elect Nominating Committee
- 7:50 Member delegate consideration of budget program special rule
- 8:00 Budget and tax rate program
- 9:40 Unfinished Business
- 9:45 New Business
- 9:50 Adjourn

Please note that the reports from the Revenues and Expenditures and Schools committees will be available before the general meeting and will be distributed by email to all Civic Federation member delegates when they are available.

Executive Committee

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Civic Federation delegates will consider a special rule for the April 6, 2010, budget and tax rate program (details on page two).

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee may separate up to three items from its budget and tax rate report to be put to Civic Federation member delegates for separate ballot votes (details on page two).

Sal D'Itri (Arlington Forest) is the new chair of the Public Services Committee.

Member delegates should let the Executive Committee know issues on which they would like to see future Civic Federation programs.

The Executive Committee will meet on April 12, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at Carlin Hall (5711 4th Street, South) to plan future Civic Federation general meeting programs.

Meeting Program

Special Rule

Executive Committee

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Civic Federation member delegates will hear reports from the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee about their studies of the budgets proposed by the Acting County Manager and Superintendent. The reports will be combined for discussion and consideration by Civic Federation member delegates. Following past precedent and due to the complexity and length of the budget proposals, the combined report will be put to Civic Federation member delegates for an up or down vote to adopt the report as a Civic Federation resolution. Additionally, the Revenues and Expenditures Committee may separate up to three items for separate member delegate discussion and ballot vote.

Budget and Tax Rate Report

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The Revenues and Expenditures and Schools committees will present reports of their studies of the fiscal year 2011 budget.

The Arlington County and Arlington Public Schools proposed budgets are listed here (<http://tinyurl.com/County-Proposed>) and (<http://tinyurl.com/Schools-Proposed>).

There will be three sections:

- 25 Minutes - Reports from the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee (*reports are anticipated to be available online by April 4th* www.civfed.org).
- 45 Minutes - Member delegate discussion and vote to adopt the combined committee reports as a Civic Federation resolution.
- 30 Minutes - Separate discussion and ballot vote on up to three budget items determined by the Revenues and Expenditures Committee.

Committee News

Community Relations

Sharon Rogers sharon@civfed.org

According to the bylaws of the Civic Federation a Nominating Committee of five member delegates will be elected at the April 6, 2010, general meeting. It will be the duty of this committee to nominate at least one candidate for each office and at least five members to serve on the Executive Committee. The nominees for office and for the Executive Committee will be Civic Federation delegates or alternate delegates. The Nominating Committee will submit its report in writing to all the member delegates through the newsletter, or by other appropriate means, and will report at the June 1, 2010, general meeting, where member delegates will elect officers and members of the Executive Committee.

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee met with Civic Federation committee chairs, as shown in the picture below, on March 14, 2010, about the committee's study of the fiscal year 2011 Arlington County budget.



The committee's report will be heard, discussed, and considered by Civic Federation member delegates at the April 6, 2010, general meeting. Both the Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee reports will be available before the meeting at (www.civfed.org).

Cultural Affairs

Terry Prell terri@civfed.org

The Acting Arlington County Manager's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget would have an impact on the availability of Library services. It would reduce Central Library by one hour each day of the week and four hours on Sunday and reduce every branch library by one full service day per week except for Glencarlyn and Cherrydale, which were reduced in the last budget cycle.

- Interdepartmental coordination
- Recent process and punitive changes
- How inquiries are initiated and handled
- Tracking progress
- Neighborhood impact
- Statistics and metrics
- Challenges and obstacles

Environmental Affairs

Larry Finch larryfinch@civfed.org

The committee will meet on Wednesday, March 31, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in room CC3 at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (4301 Wilson Boulevard) to discuss the health of Arlington's streams. This meeting was originally scheduled for February but was postponed because of snow. Discussion topics will include stream pollution and erosion, why Arlington has these problems, and what can be done to reduce their effects. The committee will review measures being undertaken by the County and also steps residents can take on their own property. Aileen Winquist, an environmental planner with Arlington County, will be the guest speaker. Guest participants are welcome but should contact chair Larry Finch (larryfinch@civfed.org) to RSVP.

Housing

Kathryn Scruggs kathryn@civfed.org

The committee is working with the Civic Federation Planning and Zoning and Public Services committees to present a program at the May 4, 2010, Civic Federation meeting about housing and code enforcement. The program will include guest speakers who are senior staff from the Arlington County departments of Community Planning, Housing and Development; Fire; and Police. The program will cover:

- Code enforcement organizational structure

Membership

Mileva Hartman mileva@civfed.org

At the March 2, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting, two membership applications were accepted. Welcome aboard Buyers and Renters Arlington Voice (BRAVO) and Penrose Neighborhood Association.

Penrose is a returning member, formerly known as Central Arlington Civic Association. The neighborhood's boundaries are Arlington Boulevard, Washington Boulevard, Columbia Pike and Walter Reed Drive. Stefanie Pryor is the president.

BRAVO is a countywide organization. Its mission is to advance and defend the rights and interests of Arlington's tenants. Susan Korfanty is the executive director.

Civic Federation membership applications are studied by the Membership Committee to insure eligibility and are reported to Civic Federation member delegates for consideration.

Public Services

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The committee will meet on April 20, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at Fire Station 2 - Ballston Fire Station in the meeting room (4805 Wilson Boulevard, Wilson Boulevard and George Mason Drive). The goal is to get committee members together to provide updates on areas the committee covers and to have an opportunity to discuss ideas and goals for the year.

The Acting Arlington County Manager's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget would eliminate a heavy rescue unit from the Fire Department (12 employees) and reduce community policing from the Police Department (11 employees).

Revenues and Expenditures

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The committee is working with the Civic Federation Schools Committee to prepare a meeting program about the fiscal year 2011 to 2016 Capital Improvement Program (<http://tinyurl.com/Arlington-CIP>).

Schools

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Members of the Arlington County School Board were guest speakers at the March 2, 2010, Civic Federation meeting (www.civfed.org/presapsboard10-03.pdf).



Special Events

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We hope to see many of you at the annual Civic Federation Banquet and Award Ceremony on Friday, April 16, 2010, at the Rosslyn Holiday Inn. Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know other members of the Civic Federation.

Aneesh Chopra had been scheduled to be the guest speaker, but he will be unable to participate due to an unexpected schedule conflict. The Executive Committee will announce a guest speaker shortly.

Civic Federation member delegates should have received their banquet invitation in the mail. Cost was reduced this year to \$35.00 per guest. Community members not on the mailing list are welcome to attend the banquet and should use this form (www.civfed.org/baninvvite10.pdf) to RSVP. If you have any questions contact Peter Olivere on peterolivere@civfed.org.

Transportation

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The Streets Element of the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan is expected to be ready for public review by the end of April, consideration by advisory commissions and committees in May, and release on the web site and a public workshop in June. The Arlington County Board could then consider adoption of the Streets Element (<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/EnvironmentalServices/dot/planning/mplan/mtp/images/file57969.pdf>).

Unfinished Business

No motions to consider resolutions are under consideration to be brought before Civic Federation member delegates.