Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

May 2010

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, May 4, 2010
7:30 p.m.
Hazel Conference Center
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N. George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22205
www.civfed.org

Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance
 Approve agenda
 Officer reports
 Member delegate announcements
- 7:40 Housing and Code Enforcement Program
- 20 Minutes Presentation
- 20 Minutes Committee guestions
- 20 Minutes Member delegate questions
- 8:40 Cultural Center Program
- 15 Minutes Presentation
- 15 Minutes Member delegate questions
- 9:10 Unfinished Business
- 9:15 New Business
- 9:20 Adjourn

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Executive Committee

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

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 May 10, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at 1800 N. Oak Street (Gallery at Rosslyn) to plan future Civic Federation general meeting programs.

Special recognition to the members of the Banquet Committee: Mileva Hartman, Ed Hilz, Stan Karson, Anna Medlen, Pete Olivere, Jean Mostrom, Mary Van Fossen, and Eileen Williams. Thank you for your work to put on the Banquet and Awards Ceremony. It was a wonderful event.

Special recognition and thanks to Martha Moore for leading the Awards Committee.

Meeting Program

Housing and Code Enforcement

Kathryn Scruggs <u>kathryn@civfed.org</u> Sal D'Itri <u>sal@civfed.org</u> Larry Mayer <u>larrymayer@civfed.org</u> Martha Moore <u>martha@civfed.org</u>

The Civic Federation Housing Committee, Planning and Zoning Committee, and Public Services Committee will present a program with guest speakers Benjamin Barksdale, Chief Fire Marshal, Arlington County Fire Department; Susan Bell, Director, Arlington County Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development; and Dan Murray, Deputy Chief, Arlington County Police Department. The program will cover:

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

Cultural Center (Artisphere)

Terri Prell terri@civfed.org

The Civic Federation Cultural Affairs
Committee will present a program about the progress and status of the Cultural Center (Artisphere) with guest speakers Norma Kaplan, Division Chief, Arlington County Cultural Affairs, and John Seal, Chair, Arlington County Commission for the Arts. The program will cover the progress and status of the Cultural Center (Artisphere) and economic impact of arts in Arlington.

Committee News

Community Relations

Sharon Rogers sharon@civfed.org

Arlington neighborhood presidents may apply to be considered for an Arlington County Board Member walking tour in their neighborhood. The tours provide residents a forum to highlight their communities and discuss areas that affect quality of life. Applications are due by May 5, 2010 (http://tinyurl.com/Board-Walking-Tour).

On April 16, 2010, Civic Federation member delegates and guests gathered for the Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Vivek Kundra, Federal Chief Information Officer, was the guest speaker, and Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fisette proclaimed April 2010, as the 94th Anniversary of the Civic Federation.



Stan Karson awarded Sun Gazette Cup

Civic Federation delegate Stan Karson (Radnor/Ft. Myer Heights) was awarded the Sun Gazette Cup in recognition of a great contribution to the Civic Federation and civic endeavor in Arlington in recent years (www.civfed.org/award10sunkarson.pdf).

Mark Antell (North Rosslyn Civic Association), Barbara Donnellan (Acting

County Manager), Wayne Kubicki (Arlington County Taxpayers Association), Sharon Rogers (Woodmont Civic Association), and Kathryn Scruggs (Alliance for Housing Solutions) were awarded Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of exceptional contributions to the Civic Federation during the past year.

Cultural Affairs

Terry Prell terri@civfed.org

The Committee met on April 20, 2010, to plan the May 4, 2010, Cultural Center general meeting program and to discuss the situation of the arts program at Lubber Run Amphitheater.

Environmental Affairs

Larry Finch larryfinch@civfed.org

The committee will meet on Thursday, May 6, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in room CC3 at 4301 Wilson Boulevard (National Rurual Electric Cooperative Association) to hear a presentation by Shahid Abbas, Intelligent Transportation System and Traffic Signals Manager for Arlington County. The discussion will focus on the environmental advantages, cost savings, and other benefits of LED technology. Guest participants are welcome but should contact chair Larry Finch (larryfinch@civfed.org) to RSVP.

Housing

Kathryn Scruggs kathryn@civfed.org

The Committee is coordinating the Housing and Code Enforcement program that will take place at the May 4, 2010, general meeting.

Membership

Mileva Hartman mileva@civfed.org

With the goal of expanding community participation, here are the Top 10 reasons to become a Civic Federation delegate from your neighborhood.

Top 10 Reasons to Become a Civic Federation Delegate From Your Neighborhood:

- 10. Get to know Arlington leaders,
- 9. Nonpartisan and nonprofit organization,
- 8. Be a part of the solution,
- 7. 62 neighborhoods from across Arlington,
- 6. Objective outlook on issues,
- 5. 94 years of history,
- 4. Stay ahead of the policy curve,
- 3. Welcome seat at the table,
- Your participation counts, and the number one reason to become a Civic Federation delegate from your neighborhood is it is even
- 1. More fun than Facebook.

Parks and Recreation

Jay Wind jay@civfed.org

Committee members will attend two Arlington County Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources meetings about creating a Land Acquisition and Preservation Policy. The purpose of creating the policy is to establish goals, criteria, and strategies for the acquisition and preservation of public space for purposes of public recreation, natural resources protection, and environmental sustainability. The first meeting is May, 3, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at 2909 16th Street South (Walter Reed Community Center) in the large conference room, and the second meeting is May 6, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at 3033 Wilson Boulevard in conference room 7E.

Public Services

Sal D'Itri sal@civfed.org

On May 11, 2010, committee members will participate in an Arlington County memorial ceremony to honor County law enforcement officers who have sacrificed their lives in service to our community.

The committee met on April 20, 2010. Committee members provided updates on areas the committee covers and discussed ideas and goals for the coming year.

Revenues and Expenditures

Wayne Kubicki wayne@civfed.org

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). The program will be presented at the June 1, 2010, Civic Federation general meeting.

Schools

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The committee is working with the Civic Federation Revenues and Expenditures Committee to prepare the Capital Improvement Program meeting program.

Special Events

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Terri Prell recognizing Mark Antell



Mark Antell recognizing Barbara Donnellan



Mark Antell recognizing Wayne Kubicki



Mark Antell recognizing Sharon Rogers

Unfinished Business

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