



THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

September 2010

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, September 7, 2010
7:30 p.m.

Hazel Conference Center
Virginia Hospital Center
1701 N. George Mason Drive
Arlington, VA 22205

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Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance
Approve agenda
Officer reports
Member delegate announcements
Recognize committee chairs
- 7:40 Candidate Night program
- 9:20 Unfinished Business - LED
street lighting motion
- 9:40 New Business
- 9:45 Adjourn

I am honored to welcome back the member delegates of the Civic Federation's 62 neighborhood associations and 20 community organizations to the ninety-fifth year of the Arlington County Civic Federation. The Civic Federation promotes Arlington's welfare in a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, and nonpolitical manner.

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Executive Committee

Mark Antell, Chair mark@civfed.org
Gary Barbee, Vice-Chair gary@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on June 7, 2010. Mark Antell and Gary Barbee were elected Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. Mr. Antell, Mr. Barbee, Burt Bostwick, Larry Finch, and Amy Levin plus officers Mike Kerley, Peter Olivere, Terri Prell, and Eileen Williams serve on the Executive Committee (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may sign up to be selected to ask a question during Candidate Night by signing up in the lobby from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Questions will be entertained through a drawing system.

The Executive Committee will meet on September 13, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at 1800 N. Oak Street (Archstone in Rosslyn) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs, and organize the October Civic Voice newsletter.

Civic Federation Primary Topics, General Meeting Dates, and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
September	Candidate Night	Tuesday 7	Monday 13
October	To be determined	Tuesday 5	Monday 11
November	To be determined	Tuesday 9	Thursday 11
December	County Manager and APS Superintendent	Tuesday 7	Monday 13
January	State Legislator Delegation	Tuesday 4	Monday 10
February	County Board Members	Tuesday 1	Monday 7
March	School Board Members	Tuesday 1	Monday 7
April	Budget and Tax Rate	Tuesday 5	Monday 11
May	To be determined	Tuesday 3	Monday 9
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 7	Monday 13

General meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. and go to approximately 9:30 p.m and will be held at the Hazel Conference Center, Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 N. George Mason Drive. Executive Committee meetings will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at 1800 N. Oak Street, Archstone in Rosslyn.

Civic Federation Committee Chairs

The Civic Federation has four new and sixteen returning committee chairs taking on leadership roles. Civic Federation committees study community-wide policy issues in their jurisdiction and report to the Civic Federation's member organization delegates. All Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates should serve on a committee. If you are not already serving on a committee, please review the jurisdictions (www.civfed.org/committe.htm) and sign up at the September 7, 2010, general meeting. Sign up forms will be available.

Executive	Mark Antell and Gary Barbee	mark@civfed.org , gary@civfed.org
Airport	Steve Geiger	steveg@civfed.org
Awards	Elected by membership December 7, 2010	to be determined
Audit	Anna Medlen and Peter Olivere	anna@civfed.org , peterolivere@civfed.org
Bylaws	Jean Mostrom	703-532-0452
Community Relations	Sharon Rogers	sharon@civfed.org
Cultural Affairs	Barbara Olivere	barbara@civfed.org
Emergency Preparedness	Jackie Snelling	jackie@civfed.org
Environmental Affairs	Larry Finch	larryfinch@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	Peter Owen	peterowen@civfed.org
Membership	Mileva Hartman	mileva@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	Elected by membership April 5, 2011	to be determined
Parks and Recreation	Jay Wind	jay@civfed.org
Planning and Zoning	Martha Moore and Larry Mayer	martha@civfed.org , larrymayer@civfed.org
Public Services	Sal D'Itri	sal@civfed.org
Revenues and Expenditures	Wayne Kubicki	wayne@civfed.org
Schools	Michael Beer and Cecelia Espenosa	michaelbeer@civfed.org ; cecelia@civfed.org
Special Events	Peter Olivere	peterolivere@civfed.org
Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org

Candidate Night Program Rules and Format

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1. This document details the rules for the Arlington County Civic Federation candidate night forum that will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at the Hazel Auditorium, Virginia Hospital Center, 1701 North George Mason Drive, Arlington, Virginia.
2. Candidates running in the November 2, 2010, General Election for the following offices are eligible to participate in the forum:
 - Member, U.S. House of Representatives - 8th District of Virginia
 - Member, Arlington, Virginia School Board
 - Member, Arlington, Virginia County Board
3. Each office will be a distinct panel of candidates.
4. When their panel is called, candidates will take their places at the table. Substitute speakers are not permitted. If a candidate does not participate, the panel will go on.
5. Candidates may make opening statements from the podium. Speaking order will be determined by a drawing at the start of each panel. Candidates will have an opportunity to field questions from the audience. Closing remarks will be allowed for contested races. Candidates may use notes.
6. The candidate panels and time per panel will be organized as shown in the table below:

Office	Candidate	Candidate Open (min)	Member Delegate Questions (0.5 min per question)	Candidate Responses (1.5 min per response)	Candidate Closing (min)
U.S. House 8th District	Fisher	3	4 questions to panel	6	1
	Moran	3		6	1
	Murray	3		6	1
School Board Member	Baird	3	4 questions to panel	6	1
	Gennari	3		6	1
	Hudson Johnson	3		6	1
County Board Member	Chisholm	3	4 questions to panel	6	1
	Kelly	3		6	1
	Zimmerman	3		6	1

7. The order of answering questions will rotate. Candidates will be informed by cue card when time is short and has run out.
8. Audience questions from Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates will be entertained through a drawing system.

9. Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may register to have their name drawn by signing up in the lobby starting at 7:00 p.m. Delegates and alternate delegates may register to ask a question for multiple panels. In order for more delegates and alternate delegates to have an opportunity to ask a question, the forum moderator will give first priority to delegates and alternate delegates who have not yet had a turn.
10. The forum moderator will draw a delegate or alternate delegate name and then call on them to ask their question. Questions may be directed to one or more candidates.
11. Questions may be up to thirty-seconds long and may not be position statements. Follow-up questions are not allowed.
12. The Civic Federation's rules will be observed at all times.
13. The forum is a nonpartisan event and takes place on the property of the Virginia Hospital Center. Customary rules apply. Cell phone use in patient care areas is restricted.
14. Literature may be distributed only in the conference center lobby from 7:00 P.M. until 9:30 p.m. Signs, banners, demonstrations and electronic presentations are not allowed on the property including outside the building and in the lobby, hallway, and auditorium.
15. Candidates please acknowledge your intention to participate and acceptance of these rules by signing and returning this document to Civic Federation Vice President Terri Prell at terri@civfed.org (*note that all nine candidates have already signed and return the form*).

Committee News

Community Relations

Sharon Rogers sharon@civfed.org

Civic Federation annual committee reports for June 2009 to June 2010 are listed in the announcements section of the Civic Federation website (www.civfed.org).

The Arlington County Commission on Aging, in partnership with the Arlington County Long-Term Care Commission, has launched a Facebook page (<http://tinyurl.com/ACoA-Facebook>). The page is a comprehensive source of aging resources.

The Capital Improvement Program presentations from the June 1, 2010, Civic Federation meeting are on the Civic Federation website (www.civfed.org/prescipac1006.pdf) and (www.civfed.org/prescipaps1006.pdf).

Cultural Affairs

Barbara Olivere barbara@civfed.org

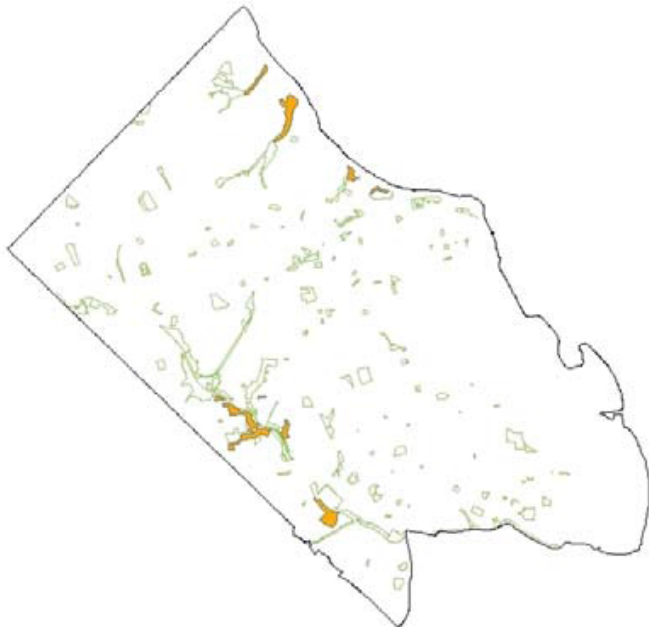
The committee will meet on September 15, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at 5711 4th Street, South (Carlin Hall Community Center) to plan its work for the coming year. The committee plans to study funding and service levels for the Arlington County Public Library system.

Environmental Affairs

Larry Finch larryfinch@civfed.org

The committee is studying the draft Arlington County Natural Resources Management Plan (<http://tinyurl.com/Natural-Resources-Mngt-Plan>).

The plan, which was called for in the 2005 Public Spaces Master Plan, defines natural resource problems and recommends policies and actions to preserve Arlington's documented natural resources for future generations.



The plan will identify areas for agency cooperation and redundancy reductions, will leverage current efforts, and will emphasize the importance of managing natural resources as a unified system.

911 Scholarships

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On June 7, 2010, Christopher Butler, Michael Devine, Ryan Dolinger, Matthew Kilby, and Kierstin Moses, children of Arlington County public safety professionals, were awarded Arlington Community Foundation scholarship assistance supported by the Civic Federation. The Civic Federation 911 Higher Education Scholarship Fund was established in 2001 to recognize achievement of the children of Arlington County's dedicated uniformed public safety and emergency communication professionals. Further information about the importance of the fund and the donation form are available here (<http://www.civfed.org/fundpage.pdf>).



911 Scholarships chair Jim Pebley recognizing Kierstin Moses

Public Services

Sal D'Itri sal@civfed.org

The committee met on August 3, 2010, to study the LED street lighting motion that Joe Pelton (Chain Bridge Forest) introduced at the June 1, 2010, Civic Federation meeting. The committee took up the matter under the *public utilities* portion of its jurisdiction. The committee received significant input from the Civic Federation's Environmental Affairs and Revenues and Expenditures committees. The committee continues to collect and analyze further information on the issue and is preparing a report on the status of its work that will be heard by Civic Federation member delegates when the motion is considered at the September 7, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.

Schools

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Cecelia Espenosa cecelia@civfed.org

The committee will meet on September 22, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at 1644 N. McKinley Road (Westover Library) in the meeting room. The agenda includes planning the committee's work for the coming year.

Special Events

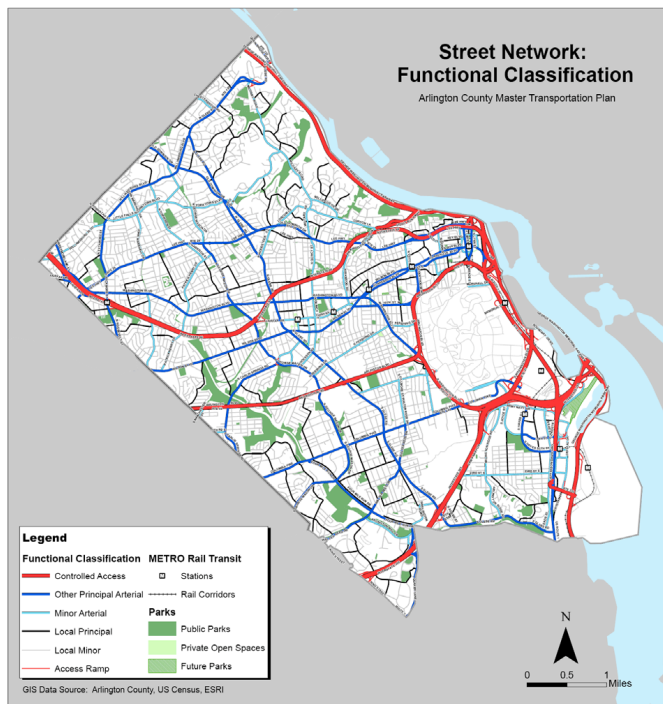
Peter Olivere peterolivere@civfed.org

The committee will coordinate Civic Federation participation in the Arlington County Fair starting on August 18, 2010. Twenty Civic Federation member delegate volunteers are scheduled to work over four days to help residents find out about the importance of participating in their community and how to get involved in their neighborhood.

Transportation

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The committee is studying the draft Arlington County Streets Element of the Master Transportation Plan (<http://tinyurl.com/MTP-Streets>). The purpose of the plan is to provide a framework for addressing and managing street uses in Arlington through 2030.



The plan does not propose the acquisition of substantial new right-of-way or road-widening efforts. Rather, it seeks to use existing rights-of-way more efficiently through greater usage of group-riding, public transit and non-motorized transport,

more-effective management of existing street capacity, and more-effective integration and balancing of travel modes. These principles provide the underlying framework for the plan. If not managed effectively, the increased demand on Arlington's transportation system, from anticipated local and regional growth in population and jobs, will exceed the existing or future capacity of the street system and overall transportation network.

Unfinished Business

LED Street Lighting Motion

On September 7, 2010, Civic Federation member delegates will hear, discuss, and consider an LED street lighting motion that Joe Pelton (Chair Bridge Forest) introduced on June 1, 2010:

Whereas, converting the County's street lights to LED units would result in substantial savings in energy consumption;

Whereas, the much longer life and extended warranties for LED street lights would significantly reduce maintenance and service costs;

Whereas, conversion to LED street lighting would significantly reduce the emission of greenhouse gases; and

Whereas, modern "dark sky" LED units are better focused and produce less light pollution yet preserve illumination comparable to current lighting systems.

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Arlington County Civic Federation urges the County, as part of the Community Energy and Sustainability (CES) effort, to examine the feasibility of accelerating conversion of Arlington's street lights to LED units. This process could concentrate first on street lights owned by the County, followed by conversion of those owned by Dominion Virginia Power. The goal would be to convert all Arlington street lights in a few years rather than a few decades.