



# THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

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## Meeting Notice

Tuesday, October 5, 2010  
7:30 p.m.  
Hazel Conference Center  
Virginia Hospital Center  
1701 N. George Mason Drive  
Arlington, VA 22205  
[www.civfed.org](http://www.civfed.org)

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## Agenda

- 7:30 Pledge of Allegiance  
Approve agenda  
Officer reports  
Member delegate announcements
- 7:40 Constitutional Questions and Bond  
Referenda Informational Program
- 8:25 Streets Element of the Arlington  
County Master Transportation Plan  
Informational Program
- 9:10 Unfinished Business
- Bylaws Committee Report
  - Public Services Committee Report
- 9:50 New Business
- 10:00 Adjourn

## Executive Committee

Mark Antell, Chair [mark@civfed.org](mailto:mark@civfed.org)  
Gary Barbee, Vice-Chair [gary@civfed.org](mailto:gary@civfed.org)

The Executive Committee met on September 13, 2010. In addition to planning the October newsletter and meeting agenda, the Executive Committee formed a work group to study the Civic Federation administrative budget and membership dues process.

The Executive Committee will meet on October 11, 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 November Civic Voice newsletter.

Special thanks and recognition to Larry Mayer and Peter Olivere for managing the logistics for Civic Federation participation in the Arlington County Fair.

# Agenda Details

## Constitutional Questions and Bond Referenda

Wayne Kubicki [wayne@civfed.org](mailto:wayne@civfed.org)

Peter Owen [peter@civfed.org](mailto:peter@civfed.org)

Peter Owen, chair of the Civic Federation Legislation Committee, will provide an informational overview of the Amendments to the Constitution of Virginia that will be on the November 2, 2010, General Election ballot. Wayne Kubicki, chair of the Civic Federation Revenues and Expenditures Committee, will provide an informational overview of the the Arlington County Bond Referenda that will be on the November 2, 2010, General Election ballot.

- 10 min. - Legislation Committee for Constitutional Questions
- 15 min. - Revenues & Expenditures Comm. for Bond Referenda
- 20 min. - Member delegate discussion on Constitutional Questions & Bond Referenda

## Streets Element of the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan

Jerry Auten [jerry@civfed.org](mailto:jerry@civfed.org)

Jerry Auten, chair of the Civic Federation Transportation Committee, will lead an informational program about the Streets Element of the Arlington County Master Transportation Plan. Arlington County professional staff will be guest speakers.

- 15 min. - Guest speaker presentation
- 10 min. - Transportation Committee prepared questions
- 20 min. - Member delegate discussion

# Committee News

## Airport

Steve Geiger [steveg@civfed.org](mailto:steveg@civfed.org)

On September 22, 2010, committee members participated in a Helicopter Community Forum sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments and hosted by Arlington County Board Member Mary Hynes. Committee members represented the position adopted by Civic Federation member delegates in January 2010 that asks for ways to reduce the noise impact of helicopters on residential areas ([www.civfed.org/resheli1001final.pdf](http://www.civfed.org/resheli1001final.pdf)).

## Bylaws

Jean Mostrom [703-532-0452](tel:703-532-0452)

Susan Zajac [sue@civfed.org](mailto:sue@civfed.org)

The Civic Federation Bylaws Committee met over the summer and will report to the Civic Federation with a recommendation that the Civic Federation amend Article VII Section 3 of its Bylaws (details on page 4).

## Community Relations

Sharon Rogers [sharon@civfed.org](mailto:sharon@civfed.org)

The committee is in the process of transferring Civic Federation documents from 1996 to 2010 to the Arlington County Central Library Virginia Room. Nearly complete Civic Federation records dating from 1928 are available in Record Group 14. Please contact Sharon Rogers ([sharon@civfed.org](mailto:sharon@civfed.org)) to find out how to contribute Civic Federation historical material that you may have.

Arlington candidates running in the November 2, 2010, General Election for U.S. House of Representatives, Arlington County School Board, and Arlington County Board participated in the Civic Federation Candidate Night Forum on September 7, 2010 (pictures below).



Ron Fisher (left), James Moran (center), and Patrick Murray (right) are Arlington candidates for U.S. Congress



Miriam Gennari (left) and Sally Baird (right) are candidates for the Arlington County School Board



Mark Kelly (left), Kevin Chisholm (center), and Christopher Zimmerman (right) are candidates for the Arlington County Board

Arlington Independent Media (<http://www.arlingtonmedia.org>) will broadcast footage from the Candidate Forum through October 3, 2010, on Comcast channel 69 and FIOS channel 38.

## Cultural Affairs

Barbara Oliver [barbara@civfed.org](mailto:barbara@civfed.org)

The committee met on September 15, 2010. The committee is studying services and funding for the Arlington County Public Library system.

The Arlington Arts website provides a centralized resource to find out information about theater, visual arts, music, dance, heritage arts, literary, film, and public art in Arlington ([www.arlingtonarts.org](http://www.arlingtonarts.org)).

## Environmental Affairs

Larry Finch [larryfinch@civfed.org](mailto:larryfinch@civfed.org)

The committee is studying the 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.

## Housing

Kathryn Scruggs [kathryn@civfed.org](mailto:kathryn@civfed.org)

The committee will meet on October 4, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. at 935 N. Liberty Street (Scruggs residence). Code and zoning enforcement and the impact of possible development on affordable housing along Columbia Pike and in Rosslyn will be discussed.

## Membership

Mileva Hartman [mileva@civfed.org](mailto:mileva@civfed.org)

The Civic Federation fiscal year runs July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011. Dues notices were sent out in July. Thank you to the organizations that promptly submitted payments. A handful of member organizations have not paid dues. Please contact Mileva Hartman at 703-841-9287 to arrange dues payment.

The committee is looking for a volunteer to help manage printing and mailing of the Civic Voice newsletter. Approximately 25 of the 600 Civic Federation member delegates receive the newsletter by mail.

## Planning and Zoning

Larry Mayer [larrymayer@civfed.org](mailto:larrymayer@civfed.org)  
Martha Moore [martha@civfed.org](mailto:martha@civfed.org)

The committee met on September 19, 2010, to plan its work for the coming year. The Arlington County ordinances that cover signs and noise were discussed.

The committee continues to study ways to transition from high density commercially zoned areas to low density residentially zoned areas. The question is should Arlington County create new planning guidelines and zoning options.

## Public Services

Sal D'Itri [sal@civfed.org](mailto:sal@civfed.org)

The committee is studying 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. Committee members met with Arlington County professional staff to ask several questions on September 20, 2010. An updated committee report will be presented when the motion is considered at the October 5, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.

## Schools

Michael Beer [michaelbeer@civfed.org](mailto:michaelbeer@civfed.org)  
Cecelia Espenosa [cecelia@civfed.org](mailto:cecelia@civfed.org)

The committee met on September 22, 2010. The committee is preparing Civic Federation meeting programs that include the Superintendent of Arlington Public Schools and Members of the Arlington County School Board as guest speakers.

## Special Events

Peter Olivere [peterolivere@civfed.org](mailto:peterolivere@civfed.org)

The committee coordinated Civic Federation participation in the Arlington County Fair and focused on helping residents finding out about the importance of participating in their community and how to get involved in their neighborhood.. Over 500 people placed a pin in the Civic Federation map to mark their home. pin the map. Thanks to Civic Federation member delegates Anna Medlen, Anya Gan, Barbara Olivere, Eileen Williams, Frank Emerson, Jeanette Bean, Joe Pelton, Larry Finch, Lily Mancilla, Marcia MacDonald, Mark Antell, Mary Cottrell, Randy Swart, Susan Zajac, and Tom Jonson who staffed the booth over four days.

## Transportation

Jerry Auten [jerry@civfed.org](mailto:jerry@civfed.org)

The committee met on September 20, 2010, to study LED street lighting and the draft Streets Element of the Arlington County 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 committee will present an informational program on the Streets Element at the October 5, 2010 Civic Federation meeting.

# Unfinished Business

## Bylaws Committee Report

Jean Mostrom [703-532-0452](tel:703-532-0452)

Susan Zajac [sue@civfed.org](mailto:sue@civfed.org)

In April a member suggested an addition to the Bylaws. The Bylaws Committee met and proposed an addition to Article VII Section 3 to the Federation at the May meeting for a vote in June. In June the proposal was discussed and referred back to the Bylaws Committee. The committee met during the summer.

As you know our Organization operates under the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised. Many of the questions that were brought up at the June meeting are covered by Robert's Rules or our own Bylaws. Therefore the addition recommended by our committee is kept simple. We did not change the wording of the current Bylaws on Committees. We added a sentence (shown in red below) which says that committee members have to vote on a report that is presented to the Federation.

*Article VII Committees, Section 3 Committee reports shall be in writing. **NEWLY PROPOSED LANGUAGE - Committee reports shall be presented to the Federation after the committee has met and the report voted on by the committee members. A copy of the report containing the names of all who attended the meeting which considered the subject of the report shall be given to the President and to the Secretary. The annual report shall contain the names of all committee members who served during the year.***

Thanks to all the members who offered help and suggestions.

Jean Mostrom and Susan Zajac

## LED Street Lighting Motion

Joe Pelton [joepelton@verizon.net](mailto:joepelton@verizon.net)

Sal D'Itri [sal@civfed.org](mailto:sal@civfed.org)

On October 5, 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. The motion was heard at the September 7, 2010, Civic Federation meeting with further consideration postponed until the October 5, 2010, Civic Federation meeting.

*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.*