



Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

April 2011

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, April 5, 2011
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 Call meeting to order
Pledge of Allegiance
Adopt agenda
Officer reports
Member delegate announcements
- 7:40 Elect Civic Federation 2011
Nominating Committee
- 7:50 Consider Adoption of Special Rule for
Budget and Tax Rate program
- 8:10 Budget and Tax Rate program
- 9:40 Unfinished Business - Consider motion
to amend boundary of Fairlington
Citizens Association
- 9:55 New Business
- 10:00 Adjourn

Executive Committee

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The Executive Committee will meet on April 11, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Boulevard (Fire Department Station 2 in Ballston) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs, and organize the May Civic Voice newsletter.

Civic Federation member delegates will consider a special rule for the April 5, 2011, budget and tax rate program (details page 2).

The Executive Committee has asked the Civic Federation Environmental Affairs Committee and Planning and Zoning Committee to prepare and lead informational programs at the May 3, 2011, Civic Federation meeting.

Civic Federation member delegates postponed consideration of the Community Benefits Information motion at the March, 1, 2011, Civic Federation meeting.

Agenda Details

Election of Civic Federation Nominating Committee

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According to the Bylaws of the Civic Federation a Nominating Committee of five member delegates will be elected at the April 5, 2011, 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 7, 2011, general meeting, where member delegates will elect officers and members of the Executive Committee.

Special Rule for Budget and Tax Rate program

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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 County Manager and Superintendent. The reports will be combined for discussion by Civic Federation member delegates but voted on separately. Following past precedent and due to the complexity and length of the budget proposals, the separate reports will not be subject to motions to amend and after discussion will be put to Civic Federation member delegates for two up or down votes to adopt the reports as a Civic Federation resolution. Additionally, the committees may provide separate items for member delegate discussion and vote.

A member delegates vote is anticipated after hearing and discussing the special rule.

Budget and Tax Rate Program

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The Civic Federation Revenues and Expenditures Committee and Schools Committee will present reports of their studies of the fiscal year 2012 budget.

Several member delegates votes are anticipated after hearing and discussing the reports.

In addition to the printed reports available at the April 5th Civic Federation meeting, the reports will be sent by email to Civic Federation member delegates a few days before the April 5th meeting as soon as the reports are complete.

The Arlington County Manager and Arlington Public Schools Superintendent proposed 2012 budgets are listed here:

- <http://tinyurl.com/Arlington-Manager-Budget>
- <http://tinyurl.com/APS-Supertendent-Budget>

Committee News

Community Relations

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Thank you Michael Beer and Cecelia Espenosa, Chairs of the Civic Federation Schools Committee, for leading the March 1, 2011, Civic Federation Arlington County School Board Members program. Sally Baird, Board Member, Libby Garvey, Board Chair, James Lander, Board Member, Abby Rapheal, Board Vice Chair, and Emma Violand-Sanchez, Board Member, participated as guest speakers.



The School Board presentation is on the Civic Federation website ([presentation](#)).

The Civic Federation Schools Committee prepared questions and Civic Federation member delegates representing 12 member organizations asked questions and provided comments to the School Board Members.

Special appreciation and recognition to the School Board Members for their work with the Civic Federation.

Environmental Affairs

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The committee is preparing to lead an informational program at the May 3, 2011, Civic Federation meeting about the work of the Arlington County Community Energy and Sustainability Task Force (<http://tinyurl.com/Arlington-CES>). The Task Force is charged with recommending 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 non-profit sector and individuals to meet those goals.

Housing

Kathryn Scruggs kathryn@civfed.org

The committee will meet on March 28, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at 935 N. Liberty Street (Scruggs residence). The committee will discuss ways the Civic Federation could study and consider the housing issues brought before our community as a result of re-development along Columbia Pike and other areas of Arlington.

Membership

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The committee continues its work to make the list of neighborhood presidents fully accurate and up to date (<http://tinyurl.com/Neighborhood-Presidents>). Please double check.

Planning and Zoning

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The committee is preparing to lead an informational program at the May 3, 2011, Civic Federation meeting about the Arlington County sign ordinance and the plan to update it (<http://tinyurl.com/SignOrdinancePlan>).

The committee presented an interim report on neighborhood edge re-development at the March 1, 2011, Civic Federation meeting (www.civfed.org/presedgeredevel1103.pdf).

Community leaders should know the following about each property in their neighborhood civic association:

- The General Land Use Plan category - as this may represent how the property will be developed in the future;
- The Zoning - keeping in mind that you can't tell the Zoning by looking at what is there now, as a single-family house may be on a site with apartment or commercial zoning;
- Property ownership - so you can see if properties have been consolidated;
- Any special plans that apply, such as Sector Plans and Neighborhood Conservation Plans;
- Any areas that staff considers to be unplanned;
- Where the GLUP and Zoning conflict - which may or may not be important;
- Historic property designations;
- Approved but unbuilt Site Plans; and
- Areas designated as transfer of density receiving sites.

When a re-development project is proposed, it may be helpful to understand property encumbrances such as:

- Sidewalk and road easements; and
- Conservation or water easements (these are hard to determine except on a property-by-property basis by researching Circuit Court records).

Public Services

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Civic Federation officers attended a ceremony in recognition of the Arlington County Fire Department on March 24, 2011. United States Army Major General Karl Horst presented a Pentagon stone to the Arlington County Fire Department in commemoration of dedication and service during rescue and recovery efforts related to the events of September 11, 2001.



A Pentagon stone was returned to Arlington as a gift of gratitude.

Civic Federation president Mike Kerley noted the appreciation of Civic Federation member delegates for the tireless bravery and professionalism with which members of the Arlington County Fire Department distinguish themselves in our community.

Revenues and Expenditures

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The committee's comprehensive study of the 2012 Arlington County budget is almost complete with two remaining meetings coming up: March 27th at 1:00 p.m., and April 2nd at 1:00 p.m. The location for both meetings will be 2909 16th Street South (Walter Reed Community Center) in the conference room). The committee will discuss its conclusions and recommendations with Civic Federation member delegates at the April 5, 2011, Civic Federation budget and tax rate program.

Schools

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The committee has nearly completed its comprehensive study of the 2012 Arlington Public Schools budget and will discuss its conclusions and recommendations with Civic Federation member delegates at the April 5, 2011, Civic Federation budget and tax rate program.

Special Events

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Paul Ferguson, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Arlington County and the City of Falls Church, will be the honored guest speaker at the Civic Federation Banquet and Awards Ceremony. The banquet will be held on April 8, 2011, at 1900 N. Fort Myer Drive (Rosslyn Holiday Inn). Seating is limited so please RSVP quickly with a deadline of April 1, 2011. Cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m followed by dinner at 7:30.

The Sun Gazette Cup will be awarded to the delegate, alternate, or committee who has made the greatest contribution to the Civic Federation and civic endeavor in Arlington. Certificates of Appreciation will be awarded in recognition of exceptional contributions.

The invitation to RSVP is additionally on the website (www.civfed.org/2011banqinv.pdf).

Unfinished Business

Ed Hilz (Fairlington) introduced a motion to amend the boundary of the Fairlington Citizens Association at the March 1, 2011, Civic Federation meeting. At the April 5, 2011, Civic Federation meeting, member delegates will discuss and consider the motion after hearing a report from the Civic Federation Executive Committee on the matter. A member delegate vote is anticipated after discussing the matter.

The motion for resolution, as introduced by Mr. Hilz and referred to the Executive Committee, is listed below:

Due to administrative error, one section of the current boundary of the Fairlington Citizens Association is incorrectly drawn and mistakenly includes residents that do not live in Fairlington.

The Bylaws of the Fairlington Citizens Association state that membership is limited

to Fairlington residents and that its purpose is to unite the influence and endeavors of those residents.

Article II-Purpose, Section 1 states, "The purpose of this organization shall be to unite the influence and endeavors of the Fairlington community by promoting, through purposeful and constructive cooperation, activities to make Arlington, and specifically Fairlington, a better community in which to live."

Article III-Membership, Section 1 states, "Any resident and/or owner of Fairlington who is interested in the objectives of this organization shall be eligible for membership."

Accordingly, the Executive Board of the Fairlington Citizens Association requests that the boundary of the Fairlington Citizens Association be amended as indicated on the attached map (see below).

