



THE Civic Voice

ARLINGTON COUNTY CIVIC FEDERATION

Newsletter of the Arlington County Civic Federation

February 2012

Meeting Notice

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
7:30 p.m.
Hazel Auditorium
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 County Board program
- 8:40 Environmental Affairs program
- 9:10 Artisphere program
- 9:25 New Business
- 9:30 Adjourn

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Guest for Annual Banquet

Peter Katz is the planning director of for Arlington County, Virginia, and will be the Federation’s guest at the Annual Civic Federation Banquet, which will be held on Friday, April 13, 2012.

He played a significant role in shaping the New Urbanism movement, which The New York Times called “the most important phenomenon to emerge in American architecture in the post-Cold War era.” He served as the founding executive director of the Congress for the New Urbanism and is also author of The New Urbanism: Toward an Architecture of Community (McGraw-Hill, 1994).

Writings by Mr. Katz have been featured in magazines such as Planning, Architecture, Architectural Record, Landscape Architecture and Metropolitan Home and journals such as The Responsive Community and the Urban Land Institute’s forecast ULI on the Future. He is an associate member of The Citistates Group, a national network of speakers under the

leadership of syndicated columnist Neal Peirce. Mr. Katz was the founding president of the Form-Based Codes Institute (FBCI), a national alliance advancing a new approach to development regulation. He is a board member of FBCI and is an advisory board member of the National Charrette Institute.

Mr. Katz studied architecture and graphic design at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art in New York. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and the Royal Society of Arts (London) Honor Award upon graduation in 1976.

Specific information regarding the banquet will be available soon. Please stay tuned.

Executive Committee News

Jim Lantelme, Chair jim@civfed.org
Burt Bostwick, Vice-Chair burt@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on January 9, 2012, to discuss the December 6 general meeting. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on February 13, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs, and organize the January Civic Voice newsletter.

Federation Still Needs Secretary

The Civic Federation is still looking for a delegate or alternate to serve as Secretary. The Secretary is an important role in the Civic Federation. The Secretary works with the President and Chair of the Executive Committee to send out all meeting notices and communications, in addition to taking the meeting minutes. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, or have a name to suggest, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

Federation Still Needs Committee Chairs

The Civic Federation is still looking for Committee Chairs for the Legislation and Special

Events Committees. If you are interested in serving as chair of either of these committees, or have a name to suggest, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

Committee News

Housing

The next ACCF Housing Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, February 29 at the home of new committee member, Myla Riggs, (5309 Yorktown Blvd.) at 7:30 pm. We will begin discussions of funding for affordable housing in the County budget. We continue to discuss suggested improvements to the information on the County website regarding community code enforcement and inspection of single-family housing, and appealing citations.

If you have questions, please contact Kathryn Scruggs at Kathryn@civfed.org.

Revenues and Expenditures

The Revenues and Expenditures Committee will begin meeting to prepare the budget. All meetings will be held at the Walter Reed Community Center (conference room), 2909 16th St. S. Meetings will begin at 1 PM, and may go as long as 4 PM. The following meetings are scheduled:

- Sunday, 2/19
- Sunday, 2/26
- Sunday, 3/4
- Sunday, 3/11 (when other ACCF committees can bring recommendations for their committee's portfolio)
- Sunday, 3/18
- Sunday, 3/25
- Saturday, 3/31 (wrap-up and report review)

For the 3/11 meeting, committee chairs should notify Wayne Kubiki in advance that they will be attending. Committee Chairs should bring 10 copies of any recommendations, including any rationale for them and the committee vote on each item, to the meeting.

For consideration by R&E, any recommendations must result from formal consideration by the respective committees. If you have questions, please contact Wayne Kubicki at Wayne@civfed.org.

Meeting Program

County Board Program

The County Board will be our guests at the February 7th meeting of the Civic Federation. Members of the Board will give brief presentation. After opening remarks, the moderator will ask Board Members several prepared questions which have been submitted by the chairs of the Federation's committees. Following prepared questions, Federation delegates and alternate delegates may ask questions.

Delegates are reminded that questions may be up to thirty seconds in length and may not be position statements. No follow up questions will be allowed. In the interest of time and fairness, member delegates may only ask one question.

Health of Arlington Neighborhood Streams and What We Can Do

On February 7, the Environmental Affairs Committee will be presenting an overview of the conditions of Arlington's streams and what residents can do to improve the health of streams in their neighborhoods. Presenters will be Aileen Winquist, Watershed Outreach Program Manager, and Jeff Harn, Director of the Office of Sustainability and Environmental Management, both from the Arlington County Department of Environmental Services (DES). For the discussion period, they will be joined by Jen Carlson of the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The program will be 30 minutes in length.

Artisphere Program

Arlington Economic Development has created a new business plan for the Artisphere which took effect at the beginning of this year. Karen Vasquez, from Arlington Economic Development, will be our guest at the February meeting to give a brief presentation about the new business plan for the Artisphere and how it differs from the previous approach. Please note that this is a 15 minute informational program only and there will not be question

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business from the January 3, 2012, Civic Federation meeting is anticipated to come before the Civic Federation on February 7, 2012.

Other Information

County Board Open Door Mondays

The County Board, as part of its work on [PLACE](#) - Participation, Leadership and Civic Engagement - is launching [Open Door Mondays](#), providing an ongoing opportunity for community members to chat directly with a Board member about Arlington issues of concern to them.

These sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at locations around Arlington. The schedule is on at the following link:
<http://www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CountyBoard/page84546.aspx>.

Prepare for Winter

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management has prepared some tips to protect yourself and your home this winter. Please visit the following website to find more information:
<http://www.vaemergency.gov/readyvirginia/stayinformed/winter>

The Department wants to remind residents that you need a family emergency plan. If your family cannot return home because of severe weather or closed roads, you need to decide now on where you will meet to reunite. You also need an out-of-town relative or friend to be your family emergency contact. Learn more about **making a plan** for winter weather and all emergencies - and get a free family emergency plan worksheet - at www.ReadyVirginia.gov.

General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
February	County Board Members	Tuesday 7	Monday 13
March	School Board Members	Tuesday 6	Monday 12
April	Budget and Tax Rate	Tuesday 3	Monday 9
May	To be determined	Tuesday 1	Monday 7
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 5	Monday 11

Executive Committee meetings will be held on the Monday following the General Meeting. They will be held at 7:30pm at 4805 Wilson Blvd (Fire Station 2).

Civic Federation Committee Chairs

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 email the committee chair to sign up.

Committee	Chair(s)	Email Address
Executive	Chair Jim Lantelme; Vice Chair Burt Bostwick	jim@civfed.org ; burt@civfed.org
Airport	Steve Geiger	steveg@civfed.org
Awards	Elected by membership December 7, 2010	to be determined
Audit	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
Housing	Kathryn Scruggs	kathryn@civfed.org
Legislation	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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	michaelbeer@civfed.org
Special Events	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
Transportation	Jerry Auten	jerry@civfed.org