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Meeting Notice

Tuesday, March 6, 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 School Board program
- 8:30 County Board Special Election Forum
- 9:00 Environmental Affairs program
- 9:30 Unfinished Business
 - Resolution amending the boundaries of the Arlington Ridge Civic Association (10 minutes)
 - Resolution from the Environment Affairs Committee supporting the County's efforts to improve and enhance stormwater management (5 minutes)
- 9:45 New Business
- 9:50 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 February 13, 2012, to discuss the December 6 general meeting. (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on March 12, 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 someone to serve as Secretary. 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. It is not a requirement that you be a delegate or alternate delegate to serve in this capacity. If you are interested in serving in this position, 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

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, 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 Kubicki 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.

The Environmental Affairs Committee will present a program on energy efficiency in Arlington. Mr. Richard Dooley, who leads the energy efficiency program for Arlington County, will give a report on the status of the plan including the exciting capabilities of district energy projects, energy signage for Arlington's buildings, and other aspects of the ambitious effort to make Arlington more energy efficient and cleaner as well.

The program will be 30 minutes in length.

Meeting Program

School Board Program

The School 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 prepared by the Schools Committee. 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. This is a 50 minute program.

County Board Special Election Forum

The Civic Federation will host a candidate forum for the Special Election for the vacant County Board seat at our March 6 meeting. The program will be roughly 30 minutes long and will contain questions from member delegates. Please see the rules on page 6 which will govern the forum.

Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates may register to have their name drawn by signing up in the lobby 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.

Energy Efficiency Program

Unfinished Business

The Federation will consider a resolution amending the boundaries of the Arlington Ridge Civic Association to encompass the Forest Hills Community Association. Please see the language below:

Arlington Ridge Civic Association (ARCA) requests a modification to its boundary to include the Forest Hills Community Association (FHCA).

FHCA is currently shown as a standalone association. For at least the last five years, residents of FHCA have participated with ARCA on development initiatives and other projects. The ARCA bi-monthly newsletter is distributed to all 130 townhomes and these residents were also included in the 2010 ARCA Neighborhood Conservation Plan survey.

On 26 Jan 2012 ARCA received confirmation from FHCA President that they would like to be included in ARCA (Attachment 1). Accordingly, the Executive Board of ARCA, in concert with the FHCA, moves that the boundary of ARCA be amended to include the property currently encompassed by Forest Hill Community Association (Figure 1). Figure 2 reflects the modified ARCA boundary.

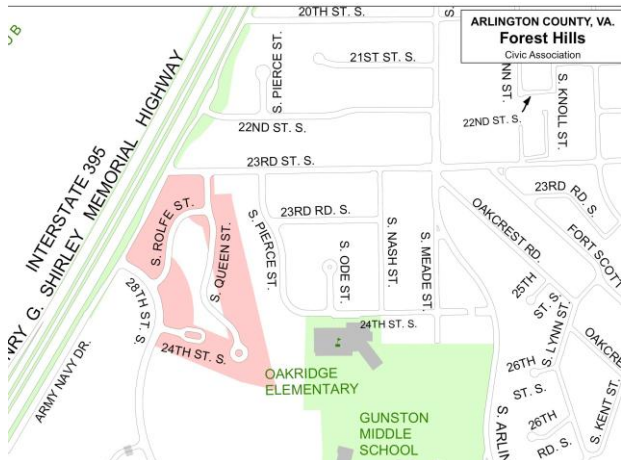


Figure 1 Forest Hills Community Assoc. (currently)



Figure 2 ARCA Boundary Modification (Proposed)

The Federation will also consider a resolution from the Environment Affairs Committee supporting the County's efforts to improve and

enhance stormwater management and the implementation of an updated stormwater ordinance, master plan and outreach to citizens.

Please see the language of resolution below:

Whereas, Arlington County is implementing the Virginia Stormwater Management Program within its jurisdiction to preserve the general health, safety and welfare of Arlington residents and to protect the quality and quantity of local and state waters from the potential harm of unmanaged stormwater; and

Whereas, Arlington County has, in furtherance of those goals, devoted substantial program and financial resources to improve stormwater management and protect and preserve the quality of Arlington streams; and

Whereas, despite these efforts, the urban nature of Arlington's land use and drainage continues to present substantial challenges to effective stormwater management; and

Whereas, compliance with increasingly stringent federal, state, and local laws and regulations will make stormwater management even more challenging in the decades to come;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Civic Federation supports and endorses the Arlington County's efforts to improve and enhance stormwater management and compliance; and

Be it further resolved that the Civic Federation supports increased stormwater assessment and monitoring, as necessary, to ensure compliance with stormwater requirements and to improve and enhance stormwater management; and

Be it further resolved that the Civic Federation supports the development and implementation of a new stormwater ordinance by Arlington County as soon as possible and at the latest by the July 1, 2014 implementation date of the 2011 Virginia stormwater regulations, as required by those regulations; and

Be it further resolved that the Civic Federation supports the County's efforts to continue and enhance its outreach, education, and technical assistance to Arlington residents to promote sensible water use and reduce

stormwater runoff, including its efforts to develop innovative programs to improve stormwater management, including water conservation projects, waterwise landscaping, stream restoration, rain barrels, and other measures; and

Be it further resolved that the Civic Federation urges Arlington County to complete its ongoing work to update, with full Civic Federation and citizen participation, its Stormwater Master Plan (1996) and Watershed Management Plan (2001) to renew its commitment to best practices in stormwater management and to develop a comprehensive approach to pollution reduction in Arlington streams.

Long Bridge Park

There have been many changes to Long Bridge Park. Please check out the Long Branch Park bi-monthly newsletter by clicking the following link to learn more:

http://www.longbridgepark.org/FoLBP_Newsletter1%28Jan2012%29.pdf

Other Information

County Board Launches PLACE

The County Board has launched PLACE – Participation, Leadership and Civic Engagement – an initiative that builds on Arlington's valued tradition of civic engagement known as “the Arlington Way.” The goal of PLACE is to expand Arlington’s civic conversation by identifying and linking the many organizations that serve the community and strengthening the relationships between these organizations, the people they serve and County government. The Arlington Civic Federation is partnering with the County Board on this initiative.

To achieve this goal, we ask for your input and active participation to ensure the continued success of building our great community together. As part of this effort, you will have an opportunity to put your organization or group on Arlington’s civic map.

We’re asking you, and leaders like you across our community, to bring your energy, best thinking, commitment and passion for Arlington to one 90-minute session during the **PLACE kick-off events which will be held on March 15 at 6pm and March 17 at 9:00 a.m. Both kick-off events will be held at the Artisphere.** Find out more about PLACE at <http://arlingtonplace.us/>.

Rules for County Board Special Election Forum

1. This document details the rules for the Arlington County Civic Federation County Board Special Election night forum that will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 6, 2012, at the Hazel Auditorium at the Virginia Hospital Center.
2. Candidates that will appear on the ballot for County Board Special Election, which will be held on March 27, 2012, are eligible to participate in the forum.
3. 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. Candidate responses to audience questions will be made from the table, not the podium. Closing remarks will be allowed. Candidates may use notes.
6. The candidate panels and time per panel will be organized as shown in the table below:

Number of candidates in a panel	Candidate Open (min)	Member Delegate Questions (0.5 min per question)	Candidate Responses (1 min per response)	Candidate Closing (min)	Total (min)
3	2.0	(up to five questions) 2.5	5	2.0	29.5

7. The order of answering questions will rotate. Candidates will be informed by cue card when time is short and has run out. Time limits will be strictly enforced.
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 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. No applause, cheering, jeering, or other verbal reply will be allowed by audience members in response to candidate statements. Applause for all participants will be held to the end of each candidate night. Cell phones must be turned off for the duration of the forum.
14. Literature may be distributed only in the conference center lobby from 6:45 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. 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 by the deadlines listed below.

General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
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, 2011	to be determined
Audit	Robert Atkins	to be determined
Bylaws	Jean Mostrom	703-532-0452
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Environmental Affairs	Joe Pelton	joepelton@civfed.org
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Legislation	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
Membership	Mileva Hartman	mileva@civfed.org
911 Scholarships	Jim Pebley	jim@civfed.org
Nominating	To be elected by membership April 3, 2012	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
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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