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Meeting Notice

Tuesday, September 4, 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 Candidate Night Program

9:50 Unfinished Business

Resolution Regarding Site Planning of Arlington Public School Facilities

10:00 New Business

10:05 Adjourn

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Executive Committee News

Jim Lantelme, Chair jim@civfed.org
Terri Prell, Vice-Chair terri@civfed.org

The Executive Committee met on June 11, 2012, to elect the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee, and Jim Lantelme and Terri Prell were elected to these positions respectively. The Executive Committee planned the agenda for the September 4, 2012, meeting general meeting and discussed the agenda for future meetings (www.civfed.org/officers.htm).

The Executive Committee will meet on September 9, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. at 4805 Wilson Blvd, Arlington VA 22203 (Fire Station 2) to coordinate committee work, plan future meeting programs.

Committee News

Rep Needed for Traffic Calming Committee

The Federation is looking for a representative to serve on the County's Traffic Calming Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, or have a name to suggest, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org.

Work on New Website

The Federation is beginning the conversation about updating the Federation's website. This will be a long process and we would like your input. If you would like to participate in the discussion or would like to volunteer your time with this effort, please contact James Schroll at james@civfed.org. Additionally, if you would like to suggest websites that you feel work well, please send those ideas to James.

Meeting Program

Candidate Night Forum

The Federation will host its annual Candidate Night Forum at the September 4, 2012, Membership Meeting. The rules governing the Candidate Forum may be found on the fourth page of the newsletter. The following individuals have been invited to participate:

U.S. Congress
Jason Howell
Jim Moran
Patrick Murray
Janet Murphy

Arlington County Board
Audrey Clement
Libby Garvey
Matt Wavro

Arlington County School Board
Noah Simon
Emma Violand-Sanchez

Unfinished Business

The unfinished business before the Federation is consideration of the following resolution introduced by Peter Olivere, from the Glencarlyn Civic Association, the text of which is listed below.

Resolution Regarding Site Planning Of Arlington Public School Facilities

WHEREAS the Arlington County Civic Federation both recognizes that the number of students in the Arlington Public Schools (APS) are rapidly increasing and supports the need to build additions and schools on tight timelines to address the critical overcrowding;

WHEREAS the Arlington County School Board has submitted a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for FY 2013-2022 which includes the construction of two new elementary schools and major additions on several others by 2016;

WHEREAS the November 2012 bond referendum will include funding which is intended to support the construction of one new elementary school and the design of a second as well as funds for major additions on others;

WHEREAS the construction of new or major expansion of existing schools have the potential to severely impact the surrounding neighborhood and to a lesser extent the community at large;

WHEREAS the consideration of the specific effects on neighborhoods was not a significant factor during the Capacity Planning Process, which became the basis for the School CIP;

WHEREAS the County Board intends to use the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) during the entire site review process as a means to ensure that community concerns are identified and addressed; and

WHEREAS the County Board has indicated its intent to have the information from the PFRC on these issues available before the end of the conceptual design stage for the County Board to decide whether the issues have been adequately addressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTY BOARD:

- recognize that construction of new or major expansion of existing schools can have significant impact on the surrounding neighborhood and the community at large;
- in its capacity as the approver of the final site plan, takes an active role during the conceptual design phase to ensure that community concerns are adequately addressed in a timely manner;
- reaffirms its commitment to reject plans which do not adequately address those issues.

Alternate proposed last bullet from Glencarlyn - "needs to reaffirm its commitment that it will reject plans which do not adequately address those issues, whether or not an alternative location for a new school or expansion has been identified".

Comments Accompanying the Revised Resolution Regarding Site Planning Of Arlington Public School Facilities

The Glencarlyn Citizens' Association (GCA) had initially submitted a resolution to the ACCF in June 2012 because of the concern of the impact of the construction of a third building on the Kenmore / Carlin Springs site. A major concern is that Carlin Springs Road from Columbia Pike to north of Arlington Blvd is frequently a traffic nightmare in large part because there are currently three schools (Kenmore / Carlin Springs and Campbell Elementary) within 1/3 mile. Adding another choice school of 600 students will make it much worse. In addition to traffic there are other issues including additional required parking and the loss of substantial recreation space, which is used by numerous groups from across the County. This is a substantially revised Arlington-wide resolution reflecting actions of the County and School Boards which have occurred since June. It reflects the joint position of the ACCF Schools committee, with only one difference, that is the language of the last bullet under the "Be It Resolved" where Glencarlyn would prefer a stronger statement (see alternate language at the bottom of the resolution).

Community Impact - A County-wide Issue

Construction of new or a major expansion of existing schools have the potential to severely impact the surrounding neighborhood and to a lesser extent the community at large. The School Board was for the most part limited to existing APS properties for new APS facilities because of the extremely high cost of property and limited options for property offered by the County. Although the School Board committed at the beginning of the Capacity Planning process to include Neighborhood Resources as a criterion in the site selection process, that factor played a very limited role. The focus of the School Board has been on the seats needed for students and not impact on the neighborhood. The School Board had intended to defer any serious discussion on neighborhood impact until the design process for a building was well underway.

County Board Involvement

Recognizing the importance of considering community concerns early, the County Board inserted itself into the conceptual design (first) phase as part of the special use permit process. In March, the County Manager presented a framework at the joint County and School Board work session. The process includes the review of each proposed site, evaluation of its impacts on the community and discussion of potential mitigations by the Public Facilities Review Committee (PFRC) with public hearings for those nearby to have appropriate opportunities to be involved.

At the follow-up July 24 work session, the County Board made it very clear that they expected to have the PFRC report to them the issues of concern of the community and how APS plans would address them. This would occur during the design's conceptual (first) phase, before any significant design monies are spent on the project. The County Board repeatedly stressed the importance of transportation (including traffic management) and siting as two of the more critical elements. The County Board further indicated that they intend to make decisions on whether the community-wide issues are adequately addressed before the Schools begin work on the next phase of design.

Purpose of the Resolution

The intent of the resolution is for the Civic Federation to state a position that we fully support what the County Board has indicated they plan to do (describe above) and that we expect the County Board to hold firm on that

position for the numerous schools construction projects planned over the next few years. This resolution is not intended to be used to obstruct the urgently needed construction of new additions and schools in Arlington County.

Other News

Emergency Preparedness Month Activities

The Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC) would like to promote their activities in September as part of National Preparedness Month and specifically invite Civic Federation representation and civic association participation in a community exercise and forum,

Arlington Prepares Together, to be conducted September 27 from 7-9 pm and "shelter in place" facilitator training to be held Thursday September 6 from 7-9 pm.

Exercise Forum:

The forum is the central event of Arlington Preparedness Week -- September 23-29th. The forum will bring together civic leaders, government officials and the public to walk-through a potential scenario and discuss what the community should do during a major emergency event affecting Arlington County. Civic Associations, community leaders and the public are invited to join government officials from police, fire, public health, aging, and other departments in a moderated discussion about how the Arlington community would respond to a particular emergency event.

Facilitator training:

In conjunction with the exercise, we will also be offering training on September 6 7:00 pm, 2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Rooms C & D for 25 participants on facilitating community organization discussions about shelter in place planning. This is a great opportunity for community leaders to get trained in leading discussion re planning for their neighborhood or organizations in the event of the need to shelter in place. This is the same training that is being provided to businesses and schools throughout the National Capital Region. The facilitator training is limited to 25 people and we'd like to include several Civic Federation participants from committees or member organizations. RSVP's for the training should go to Debbie Powers

dpowers@arlingtonva.us or [703-228-3314](tel:703-228-3314). If you have additional questions, please contact Jackie Snelling at jts3147@verizon.net.

New Vote ID Law In Effect This Fall

There have been recent changes made to Virginia's voter identification laws. **Virginia voters are reminded that state law requires all voters to provide an acceptable form of identification (ID) at the polls.** Voters arriving to the polls without ID will be required to vote a provisional ballot and will have until noon on the Friday after the election to deliver a copy of identification to their locality's electoral board in order for their provisional ballot to be counted.

Please see below in "**Provisional Ballot Process for Voters Who Arrive Without Identification**" for more information on how the provisional ballot process will work for those arriving to the polls without ID.

Virginia's ID requirements also apply to absentee voters who vote in-person. Please see below in "**Special Federal ID Requirements for Certain First Time Voters**" for other potential special cases for first-time voters.

Acceptable forms of identification include the following:

- Virginia voter identification card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Military ID
- Any Federal, Virginia state or local government-issued ID
- Employer issued photo ID card
- Concealed handgun permit
- Valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter
- Social Security card (*please see below as the social security card does not satisfy special federal ID requirements)

A voter who does not bring an acceptable ID to the polls will be offered a provisional ballot. A voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of physical disability or an inability to read or write, if he so requests, may also be assisted in completing this ballot. Please find more information at

http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter_Information/Voter_ID_Requirements_in_Virginia.html

Candidate Night Forum Rules

1. This document details the rules for the Arlington County Civic Federation Candidate Night Forum that will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, September 4, 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 November 6, 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.

4. 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. Candidates who are unopposed will only be allowed to make a statement and will not have an opportunity to answer delegate questions, nor will they be allowed to offer closing remarks. Candidate responses to audience questions will be made from the table, not the podium. Closing remarks will be allowed. Candidates may use notes.

5. 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 (1.5 min per response)	Candidate Closing (min)	Total (min)
1	2.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	2
2	2.0	(up to eight questions) 4	8	2.0	35.5
3	2.0	(up to six questions) 3	6 responses	2.0	42
4	2.0	(up to five questions) 2.5	5 responses	2.0	46

6. 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.

7. Audience questions from Civic Federation delegates and alternate delegates will be entertained through a drawing system.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. Questions may be up to thirty-seconds long and may not be position statements. Follow-up questions are not allowed.

11. The Civic Federation's rules will be observed at all times.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. Please acknowledge your intention to participate and acceptance of these rules by signing and returning this document to Civic Federation President James Schroll at james@civfed.org by the deadlines listed below.

General and Executive Committee Meeting Dates

Month	Primary Program Topic	General Meeting	Executive Committee Meeting
September	Candidate Night Forum	Tuesday 4	Sunday 9
October	Bond Program	Tuesday 2	Sunday 14
November	To be determined	Tuesday 13	Sunday 18
December	To be determined	Tuesday 4	Sunday 9
January	Legislative Program	Tuesday 8	Sunday 13
February	County Board Program	Tuesday 5	Sunday 10
March	School Board Program	Tuesday 5	Sunday 10
April	R&E and Schools Committees Budget Program	Tuesday 2	Sunday 7
May	To be determined	Tuesday 7	Sunday 12
June	To be determined & Civic Federation election	Tuesday 4	Sunday 9

Executive Committee meetings will be held on the Sunday 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 Terri Prell	jim@civfed.org ; terri@civfed.org
Airport	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	steveg@civfed.org
Awards	Elected by membership December 7, 2011	to be determined
Audit		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	Stan Karson, Larry Finch, Mark Antell, Gerry Auten, and Jim Pebley.	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	<i>Chair(s) needed</i>	to be determined
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