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Arlington County Civic Federation

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 6, 7:45 p.m.

Place: John T. Hazel Conference Center, Arlington Hospital
(1701 N. George Mason Dr.)

Program: Proposed County Zoning Ordinance Changes

Zoning Ordinance Changes Under Consideration

The County is considering making two zoning ordinance changes, and these proposed amendments will be the focus of the Federation's February 6 meeting.

The first amendment involves mostly technical changes designed to make ordinance provisions relating to building setback requirements (e.g., number of feet from the side property line) and accessory buildings (e.g., free-standing garages) easier for homeowners to understand. Currently, the bulk of homeowner applications for variances made to the Board of Zoning Appeals falls under these provisions.

The second amendment would create a new "unified residential development" category designed to allow flexibility in the siting of single family houses in areas of difficult terrain in order to save large trees, etc. This provision could be used only on sites large enough to accommodate three or more homes and most likely would be used for "infill" housing.

Most sites large enough to qualify for this proposed category are probably located north of Lee Highway.

The Federation's Planning and Zoning Committee, chaired by Bill Gearhart, will present this segment of the program. James Snyder, of the Arlington County Planning Staff, will provide an overview of the proposed amendments.

Chairman Gearhart's Committee will then present resolutions on the changes for delegate consideration.

There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion.

(Time allowance for this segment of the program is 1 hour.)

Note: In case of inclement weather on night of our meeting, phone 522-1506 or 528-2882 for information regarding meeting status.

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January Meeting Report

The eyes of Arlington were focused (both literally and figuratively) on the Federation's important January 2 meeting. Members of the Arlington County Board made their annual "state of the county" presentation to the delegates, and the two candidates vying for election to fill the vacant Board seat were on hand for the Federation's special Candidates Night.

In spite of heavy rain that evening, the Hazel Center was "packed to the rafters" with delegates and interested citizens, and Arlington Cable Television (ACT) videotaped the lively evening's entire proceedings for later telecast on ACT's Channel 33. (The final telecast is scheduled on January 26 at 9:00 a.m.)

- **Arlington Board Presentation--** Board Chairman **James Hunter**, Vice Chairman **Ellen Bozman**, and current Board members **Al Eisenberg** and **Paul Ferguson** discussed a broad range of topics including the business health of Arlington, public safety initiatives, future planning, the budget process, affordable housing, and environmental quality. The Board members also responded to questions from the floor.
- **Candidates Night--** The information-packed evening ended with a face-off between the two candidates for the January 30 Special Election to fill the County Board seat vacated by Mary Margaret Whipple upon her election to the

Virginia Senate. Both candidates, **Scott Stone**, Republican, and **Chris Zimmerman**, Democrat, gave brief presentations of their positions on various issues and fielded a number of questions from the floor.

~ In Memoriam ~

With sorrow, we note the deaths of two former longtime delegates to the Federation.

B. Alden Lillywhite, 90, died on December 30 at the Sleepy Hollow Nursing Home in Annandale. Mr. Lillywhite, who retired in 1970 from the U.S. Office of Education as associate commissioner of education, was a founder and chairman of the Citizens Committee for School Improvement in Arlington County and served as chairman of the Arlington Planning Commission. While a delegate for the Federation, Mr. Lillywhite received a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Service.

Reita Lyons MacIntyre, 88, died in August at a hospital in Boca Raton, Florida. After residing in Arlington for more than 50 years, Mrs. MacIntyre moved to Boca Raton in 1984. She was a past Chairman of the Federation's Executive Committee.

March Meeting: March 5, 1996

Program: Proposed County Budget/Tax Rates

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